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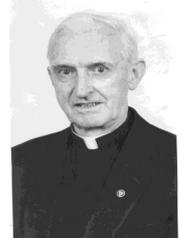
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

23rd November, 2008

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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## THE DEAN WRITES



### God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
30th November

First Reading  
Is. 63: 16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Psalm 79

Second Reading  
1 Cor 1::3-9

Gospel  
Mk 13: 33-37

### "THE CORE OF CHRISTIANITY - A LOVE STORY BETWEEN GOD AND HUMANITY"

Last week we buried Sr. Marie-Celine of the Poor Clare Monastery. This good lady was born and reared within a stone's throw of the Poor Clare Convent on College Road. She attended school in the usual way and then aged eighteen she entered Medical School at UCC – a rather unusual course for a young girl at the time. To the great joy of her parents and family she graduated at the end of her six years in college. Then, to the surprise of everybody she joined the Poor Clare Sisters shortly afterwards (1943). There she spent the remaining sixty-five years of her life happy and fulfilled. As we left the cemetery on the day of her burial a lady showed me a photograph taken on the day Marie-Celine entered the convent. As was the custom of the time she was elegantly dressed in a full bridal outfit, and two 'little angels' carrying her train. It was one of these 'little angels' who showed me the picture.

The whole incident recalled a statement by our present Pope Benedict. It reads: "The core of Christianity is a love story between God and humanity. If we could understand this in the language of today everything else would follow." Another famous theologian of our generation – Karl Rahner – gave a different slant to the same idea. "The believers of tomorrow will be mystics or they will not be believers at all." Does this mean we must all go off to Mount Melleray or the Poor Clares to have any hope of Heaven? Of course not. But it does mean that Faith in the future will need to be more mature if it is to survive in a more complex culture and environment. And we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making right choices in our everyday experiences of life and work – and so attain the happiness and fulfilment which is the paradox of the Poor Clare way of life.

To the outside it's so restricted and austere, and yet they are so happy and cheerful. And it's true.

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### CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE CONTINUES EACH WEEKEND

Thank you to all who are helping to build a Clinic in our twin parish in Turkwel. Thanks to your generosity so far we have reached over €5,000 of our €30,000 target. The sale of the Christmas Gift cards continues after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday's Masses.

This weekend we have a special offer! The Examination Trolleys which were €15 are now on sale for €10.

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## Rest in Peace

**Angela Walsh**, Wilton Avenue, died on 13<sup>th</sup> November at Cork University Hospital – just over the wall from her home. Angela was born and reared on Southern Road in Cork City. She married her late husband Bill at St. Finbarr's South Church some fifty years ago. Unfortunately Bill died at a comparatively young age and left Angela to guide and care for her three children, which she did with great dedication and affection. When they had all finished their third level education Angela unselfishly applied her skills to preparing meals for meals-on-wheels at Wilton Park House. We extend the sympathy of our communities to her family, Joe, Marie and Tim, her sister Carmel, her brother Dr. Sean and her numerous grandchildren and extended family. They can remember Angela with love and with pride. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

**Betty O'Brien**, Bishops court Lawn, on the death of her mother, Nora C Walsh, Rathduff.

**Kevin Kenneally**, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of his father, John (Jack).

## ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On 11<sup>th</sup> November across Europe and beyond many nations held remembrance ceremonies commemorating the millions killed during the First World War. In the Church of the Holy Spirit we gathered as a faith community remembering our parishioners who had died during the past twelve months showing support and solidarity with those bereaved.

From the beginning the Church has honoured the dead by offering up prayers and above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that cleansed by God's grace and mercy they may enjoy for all eternity the beatific vision of God.

During the Mass, concelebrated by Mgr. O'Callaghan, Dean O'Connor and Fr. Clancy the names of the forty four parishioners who had died were read. A member of each family brought a lighted candle and placed it on the shrine showing the inscribed names of their loved ones. Afterwards other members of the congregation were invited to do likewise for the families who had suffered bereavement. The ceremony was a comforting and joyful experience and much appreciated.

In conclusion, Mgr. O'Callaghan thanked those present and all who helped with the arrangements for the ceremony.

He extended an invitation to all to join himself, the Dean and Fr. Tom for a cup of tea and a chat in the crypt.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect your copy of the new rota at altar rails.

### The Infancy Narrative of Matthew

Presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC, Professor of Biblical Studies at the Sacred Heart Centre, Western Road, Tuesdays 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will be ample time after the talks for open discussion. Registration Fee €20 (€10 senior citizens/ students).

### Christmas Open House

At DJ Murphy's Bride Park Cottage, Killumney, Thursday/Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00-10.00pm and Sat/Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 12.00 – 8.00pm in aid of Marymount Hospice and Bandon Community Hospital. Adm. €10. Refreshment will be served. Queries to 023 42260.

### Gala Christmas Demonstration

By Therese Collins, at the Kingsley Hotel on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm sharp. €10 adm. supporting the Alzheimers Society and Cork Simon community.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Have you a problem with food? Always on a diet? Taking laxatives? Fasting? Binges? Never thin enough? Can't stop eating? Maybe we can help. You, your friends or family are invited to an open public meeting at the Metropole Hotel on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. For further information please contact 086-3526467. This is a non profit organisation.

### Free Health Awareness Exhibition

Workshops and lectures on Diabetes, asthma, sight, heart health, at the Rochestown Park Hotel on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 12 noon to 5.00pm. Contact 4274229.

Looking ahead.....

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Vigil Mass on Sunday at 6.15pm

Monday Masses at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm.

### Bulletins to the Homes

weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas collection.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. No family gift Mass this year. Cash donations instead please.

### Advent Carol Service

7.00pm. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Reconciliation Service

Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5.00pm.

### Children's Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>) at 6.15pm.