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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday of Easter

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 3rd
May

First Reading
Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 117

Second Reading
1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

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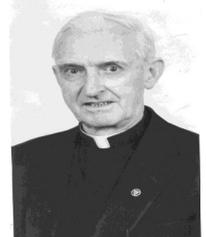
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THE DEAN WRITES

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD



I was talking to a friend during the week. He took a trip to Youghal on Easter Sunday with his wife and children. As he pulled up on the Front Strand he thought to himself what a beautiful, bright, healthy day - so off they went for a long walk in the clean fresh air. They returned about an hour later and he noticed that the gentleman parked right behind him had never moved and was still reading the Sunday Tribune since his arrival.

He wondered to himself why he didn't stay at home and read his paper in the comfort of his sitting-room rather than travel thirty miles and return to Cork without leaving his car or even opening the window. They went into Clancys for a bottle of coke, met a few friends, and returned to Cork. Driving through Castlemartyr here's his friend exiting the new hotel. He hadn't spent long there either.

There is a spirit of restlessness in many people's lives - a vague feeling of dissatisfaction and things we thought important don't seem to matter that much anymore. People find themselves saying - I have a job, I am happily married, I have a much better house than the one I was reared in, life should be wonderful - then why am I not happy and contented?

St. Augustine knew the feeling many centuries ago when he wrote: "My heart is restless, Lord, until it rests in you." This feeling of restlessness need not frighten or depress us. It's God's way of getting our attention, knocking at the door of our hearts and whispering "Be still and know that I am God."

We need to find a quiet space in our lives to reflect and talk with the Lord about the things that really matter. Some find a time for meditative prayer a great help. Try it. And perhaps join our small group at the Parish Office on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm until you get the hang of it.

Pastoral Council

The term of office of the present Pastoral Council expires next month. If you'd like to hear about what the current PC has achieved during its 3 years in office, if you'd like to suggest what the next PC could do, or if you'd like the opportunity to vote for someone to represent you on the next Pastoral Council, come to the parish meeting in the Crypt on **Monday 27th April at 8.00pm.**

We would love to see a good turn out at the meeting. All who attend our church or are involved in the life of our parish, whether they live within the parish or outside it, are welcome.

Please come along! And please consider coming forward for election yourself, or nominating someone who would be happy to represent you.

Rest in Peace

ROY DEVINE, Kenley Heights, died peacefully in Marymount on 19th April in the loving care of his family, supported by the sensitive and dedicated attention of the wonderful staff. A native of Watercourse Road, Roy grew up in Ballinlough before setting up home and family with Helen in this parish. Over the years he became known in many homes here as the gentle, gracious, competent, friendly telephone man. These qualities blossomed and were nurtured in his own home with his wife and children as Roy was above all a family man. He treasured the gifts of family, faith and friends. After his retirement from Telecom, Roy took great interest in all aspects of life at Muskerry Golf Club as an officer and a member of social committees. His voice, developed by membership of the Cork Male Voice Choir, enriched many social occasions including Cork G.A.A. celebrations. The huge and widely representative gathering at his funeral showed the bonds of friendship that marked Roy's life. We offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Helen, children Peter, Cathal and Leona, son-in-law Raf, daughter-in-law Nagai, his brothers, and sisters. Fé choimirce Mhuire go raib sé.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

CON O'DRISCOLL, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his brother, Andy.

TOM DEERING, Bishops court Avenue, on the death of his brother, David.

KATE O'CONNOR, Kenley Road, on the death of her brother, Tommy O'Keeffe.

JUST A THOUGHT

Stop! Just a moment, okay?

Jesus said "I will be with you always."

'ALWAYS'. right? So, he is with us in every single moment. He promised! If you are looking for someone who really cares about you, how you are, how difficult your life may be right now, then, stop, just for a moment. And cherish Jesus' presence, his peace, his love - a moment, whenever.



ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

Following our Award of Science Excellence last year St. Catherine's will hold a **Science Exhibition** on Monday 27th April from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All welcome. Children from Senior Infants to 6th will display some of the experiments they have done during the year.

Congratulations to **Sarah O'Brien**, 3rd Class, who won Gold at the All-Ireland Gymnastics event last week-end!

Keep up to date with school events on www.stcathns.com

NOTICE BOARD

Next Friday 1st May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society monthly collection at Masses next weekend.

Four Night Introduction to the Old Testament presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC, Emeritus Professor of Old Testament, 8.00-9.30pm on Thursday 7th/14th/21st/28th May in Brú Columbanus, Wilton. Cost €20 (€10 seniors/students). Bookings and information from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan at 4357765 or email are@corkandross.org. All are welcome.

Presentation Sisters are celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the death of **Nano Nagle**. A Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at St Finbarr's South Parish Church 3.00pm on today the 26th. Chief Concelebrant: Bishop Buckley. All are welcome. Past Pupils urged to attend.

Suas Education Development Programme, Calcutta

On Thursday 30th April, Mary and Áine Murphy will host a coffee morning at 6 Kenley Drive from 11.00 to 3.00pm. Áine will work as a volunteer in Sabuj Shangha this summer to help improve living conditions of railway children in the slums. Participation fee has already been paid so funds raised at the coffee morning will go directly to the programme. All welcome.

May Fair - May Bank Holiday Weekend.

Bric-a-brac/cakes/charity sale in aid of *Cois Tine - A Justice project of the S.M.A. Fathers* on May 2nd 11am - 8pm and May 3rd 9.30am - 3pm at S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton.

OUR FATHER

The Christian faith shares with the two other monotheistic faiths (Judaism and Islam) the belief that there is but one God, the Creator of heaven and earth. We, of course, believe that whilst God is one, God is also three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Trinity is a central and foundational truth of the revelation of our faith. Furthermore, we approach God differently to followers of Islam and Judaism. We approach him with confidence and affection. This is the way Jesus taught us to approach God in the wonderful prayer that we know as the Our Father.

We address God as 'Father', as 'Abba' in Hebrew - this was unthinkable, even abhorrent, for a faithful Jew in Jesus' day and still is today. We call God 'Our Father' because he is our father in heaven. Our heavenly father should not be approached irreverently or nonchalantly but in a sense of profound wonder and reverence. We are privileged to know God our creator as a father who loves and cares for us.

"Heavenly Father, hear our prayer,
and keep us in your loving care."

- Arthur O'Callaghan