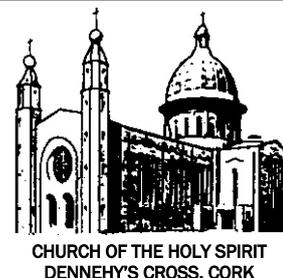


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The Most Holy Trinity

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th
June

First Reading
Ex 24:3-8

Psalms 115

Second Reading
Heb 9:11-15

Gospel
Mk 14:12-16,22-26

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OUR DUTY AND OUR JOY

THANKS BE TO GOD



At the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge our need of God's mercy and then we are ready to listen to God's Word. Or are we?

Do I believe that the scripture readings have a meaning and a message for my life now and tomorrow? Perhaps they are merely a ritual curtain raiser to the real action later in the Eucharistic prayer. They are much more. They are a gift of God to each of us, reminding us of God's goodness to his people over the centuries, strengthening our faith and hope, alerting us to God's ongoing plan for us and his invitations to be enriched by responding to his call to each of us, individually and together.

But do I really heed Him? Do I listen? To listen, we must still the inner chatter. Like the butterflies in sunshine flit from one attractive flower to another, our antennae flit from one tasty distraction to another. Coming to listen to God's Word needs a different kind of listening. It needs faith to believe that God is communicating with me now and in turn, it strengthens faith. Such attentive listening demands a readiness, a prioritising of the heart as well as the head, a realisation that this precious moment comes but once. Over time, God's Word lays layers of faith and hope upon which the secure happiness of being loved blossoms. Such is the power of the Word. Having listened to it, we can truly say, "Thanks be to God."

Fr. Tom Clancy

Corpus Christi Procession

The annual procession will take place next Sunday 14th June, leaving from the Cathedral at 3.00pm arriving at Daunt's Square 3.40pm (approx).

Preacher will be Monsignor Leonard O'Brien.

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Cork Sympathy for Air Crash Girl

The Air France accident on Monday last, on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, has brought pain and sadness to many a home across the globe. Three young Irish female doctors were among the passengers and crew all of whom were lost on that fatal flight. Naturally, our thoughts and prayers go out to their families, parents, relatives and friends.

There is widespread sympathy here in Cork and in Ballineaspig parish where young Doctor Jane Deasy lived for some time. Her family owned the Glengarriff Hotel before moving to Dublin. She spent her primary school days in St. Catherine's. Jane was one of three young Irish doctors in their twenties who lost their lives in the tragic accident. Her father Joe Deasy is a respected consultant surgeon based in Beaumont hospital. Her grandfather Aidan Deasy was originally from Glengarriff. He moved to the City where he opened the Glengarriff Hotel on Orchard Road.

The late Dr. Jane carried with her all the loving traits of her father who, during his student days at U.C.C. never missed his weekly rounds of distributing Meals to the old in the north side of the city. As a medical student, his work for the poor and needy was exceptional. He even sent his wife from Dublin to represent him at the funeral of one these residents of Gurrabraher when he could not attend in person.

Dr. Deasy was due to take up a position at the Royal Victoria hospital in Dublin on July 1st

The sympathy of all Ballineaspig parishioners is extended to her parents and two sisters, Alison and Caragh. God bless them and be with them at this difficult time.

FR. ALAN NEVILLE MSC

On Friday 29th May, Alan Neville was ordained to the priesthood at the Sacred Heart Church by Most Reverend Dr John Buckley DD, Bishop of Cork. The Provincial of the Irish Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Fr Patrick Courtney, concelebrated the Ordination Mass - a wonderful occasion in this the centenary year of the Sacred Heart missionaries in Ireland.

Alan began his association with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart early in life as an altar server at the Sacred Heart Church. After completing a social science degree at UCC and a Masters degree in youth and community work, he began his formation in the MSC parish in Killinarden, Dublin, studying Philosophy at Milltown Park Institute. He spent his novitiate year in South Africa where he joined fellow novices from across the African continent. After further theology studies in Dublin, Alan had a two year missionary assignment in Caracas, Venezuela, which is a Region of the Irish MSC Province. For the last two years Alan has been coordinating youth ministry in the MSC parish of St Albans, Hertfordshire (England). Ad multos annos.

A SMILE, FOR GOD'S SAKE



Noah was probably the first great financier. He wisely floated his stock while everyone was being liquidated.

Bible Corner



SUNSHINE AND MORE

This week's sunshine has lifted all our hearts, hopefully. It is wonderful to allow oneself to be touched by the wonder of nature beginning a new cycle of life. Trees have budded, flowers are revealing fresh new colours, broods are hatched. On all sides new life is bursting forth evoking praise of the Creator for His Creation. It is so good to be alive. It is right that we should give Him thanks and praise.

But there is more to the Creator than His Creation. There is the character, the inner life, the uniqueness of the one true God. It is so much beyond our understanding that we could never even glimpse it on our own, but Jesus opened up for us a way to share in that life of God. Jesus tells us of the Father, Son and Spirit, a Trinity of love with one God.

Like all mysteries, it can never be fully understood but we can alert ourselves to the gift of a deepening appreciation of its wonder through faith.

Trinity Sunday is a day when we acknowledge the core of our faith and thank God for the awesomeness of His being which he shares with us now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Sacred Heart Novena

11th to 19th June, daily 10.00 and 8.00pm, Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 19th Day of special devotion 10.00 to 12 midnight. Novena lead by Frs. Pat Courtney and Charles Sweeney, MSC.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Mobile phone lessons for beginners every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 noon between 3rd June and 16th July. To reserve a place contact Roger Coughlan 086 3866975 or Michael O'Connor 087 2734887.

Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 10th June from 3.00 to 4.30pm. at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All welcome. Contact No. 4972504.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

*Dear God I place my trust in you as I prepare for my exams.
May my mind be calm, my body rested and my spirit inspired.
Give me peace and assurance that I will do the best I can.
Keep me serene.*

May I be honest so to give a true account of what I have learned.

In the end, may any disappointment be borne with grace and dignity and any joy accompanied with humility.

May I know that I am a child of God and always live according to this truth.

May Mary, the mother of Jesus and my mother, protect and guide me in all my life choices.