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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 31st
January

First Reading:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm 70

Second Reading:
1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Gospel
Luke 4:21-30

FR. TOM WRITES

THANKS, THEOPHILUS



Knowledge and opinion are the twin sources of our conversation. The latter usually has the far larger role. Opinions about sport, politics, style, relationships, health, faith and morals permeate drinking sessions, coffee mornings, tea breaks and chat shows. Accurate knowledge is often absent especially when the topic is religion or the Church. Sometimes it is hard to distinguish the core truth in the midst of all the stories going the rounds.

This is nothing new where religion is concerned. Within a short time of the death of Jesus a wealthy Greek, Theophilus, found himself in that position. Determined to find out the full truth about Jesus and with money to spare, he commissioned Luke to write an orderly and reliable account of the life and times of Jesus. The result is St. Luke's gospel which will be read on most Sundays throughout this year.

It is more than a source of information. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The knowledge is there to be mined. The purpose is not only to inform but to convince, to mould a lifestyle in response to the awesome story it contains. What is needed is the willingness to read, to study, to explore, to appreciate the wonder of Jesus as the saviour of all peoples. The sweep of the story goes from conception to Calvary and beyond. The Sunday snippets are enriched when one has read the whole story again and again especially during the year of its use in Sunday Mass. Then, one understands Luke's portrayal of Jesus as table companion of public sinners and society's rejects, as challenger to greatness of spirit and harbinger of the great pardons. Each of us has inherited a rich legacy from Theophilus's money, Luke's gospel.

Do not settle for the weekly excerpts. Read the full gospel.

Fr. Tom

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friend or neighbour

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

At the request of Bishop John Buckley, a second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend as an expression of practical and spiritual support for our brothers and sisters who are suffering so much devastation and loss.

This collection will be given to Trócaire who have contacts on the island of Haiti and will arrange for its immediate disbursement.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Remember the 25th (Monday) is our Parish Prayer Day.

Some have expressed a wish to do 2 x ½ hours and of course that's fine, God doesn't count time!

Nor does God mind WHERE we pray!

Please return your form for enrolment.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of **LIZ MURPHY**, Wilton Avenue, who died recently. May her soul rest in peace.

From Justin Kilcullen, director of Trócaire

'I'd like to thank parishioners who have so generously donated to Trócaire's appeal to help those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti a week ago. During an emergency such as this, 100 per cent of money donated to Trocaire is spent on our response.

Trócaire is a member of Caritas Internationalis, the international network of 162 Catholic relief agencies based in Rome. Trócaire is working in Haiti through their network of parishes giving us direct access to devastated communities in Port-au-prince. Within days of the earthquake Trócaire's partners were providing the equipment, electricity and staff for two operating theatres in the main Catholic hospital in Port au Prince. Our partner Caritas Haiti runs over 200 hospitals and medical centres, all staffed by local people.

Funds donated to Trócaire will be channelled through this network for greatest speed and impact. Trócaire's support to the people of Haiti will continue long-term once the relief efforts are over.' www.trocaire.org

NOTICE BOARD

Bishopstown Knit a Thon

Get involved. Knit a square or do just one row of knitting. Organized by Bishopstown Library. Wool and needles supplied. Begins on Tuesday 26th January and continues every day until the lifelong learning festival in March. Further enquiries to 4924950

A Nostalgic Trip in the Barrack Street Area

Presented by Liam Ó hUigín, at the South Parish Historical Society's monthly meeting on Wednesday 3rd February at 7.45pm in St. John's College, Sawmill Street. All welcome. Non members €2.

Adult Education Evening Classes Spring 2010

Enrolments now being taken in Bishopstown Community School for ALL classes commencing week beginning 1st February. Leaving Cert Oral Irish, Leaving Cert Oral French and Leaving Cert Art Portfolio, and Courses including sewing, cookery, computers and dance. Also *Plot to Plate* - learn to grow your own herbs, fruit and vegetables in just 10 weeks. Contact the school as soon as possible on 4869310.

Bereavement Support Group

At the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton, beginning on Wednesday 3rd February at 8.00pm. room 10. Open to all people recently or long-term bereaved. Further information from Margaret 4544429 or Kathleen 4544262.

Life is short but there is always enough time for courtesy.

WEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

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Your words are spi - it, Lord, and they are life.

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