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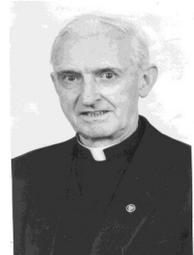
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No.1026

THE DEAN WRITES:



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 7th
February

First Reading
Is 6:1-8

Psalms 137

Second Reading
1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel
Lk 5:1-11

FORGIVENESS - HEALING HURT

Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Not quite. Tomorrow is the feast of St. Brigid. And Spring is in the air.

Next Sunday will have its own theme song. But this Sunday a word about healing and forgiveness. We all need it - and plenty of it. The trouble is we can be quite miserly in the way we give it. Read this little parable.

Mary was sitting with her parents around the fire. The T.V. in the corner - nobody was paying much attention to it. She had tried unsuccessfully to bring up the subject that worried her, and failed time after time. Anyhow, she blurted it out this time. She would be getting married sooner than expected, and they would be grandparents shortly afterwards. Her mother let her knitting fall out of her hands, and said nothing. Her father just sat there, and said nothing. Mary was in floods of tears. She said she was sorry - she didn't mean it this way. She desperately needed somebody to put their arms around her and just give her a hug. But nobody did. Her father left the kitchen, never said a word. Her mother went to make a cup of tea - and eventually got her speech back. Days passed and preparations for Mary's wedding got under way. She desperately wanted her father to be present and walk her up the aisle. He said somebody would need to stay at home and mind the house, and he would do this. In due course a little boy was born. They begged him to be sponsor to his first grandchild. He maintained his deadly silence. He broke their hearts.

"Lord, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Lord said: "It is more blessed thing to give rather than to receive."

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O thou that art the light (2001) - Gabriel Jackson

O thou that art the light of the minds that know thee, the life of the souls that love thee, and the strength of the wills that serve thee: help us to know thee that truly love thee, and so to love thee that we might fully serve thee, whom to serve is perfect freedom, Amen, Amen. (St Augustine of Hippo)

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We offer our sincere sympathy to
Clare Donnelly Murphy, Rossbrook, on the death of her mother, Noreen.
The Murray Family, Wilton Gardens, on the death of their mother, Nell.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Vatican news agency has just released the names of the thirty-seven pastoral workers who died by violence during 2009.

Included in the list is Fr. Jerry Roche from Limerick who was murdered at his Mission House in Kenya. In total thirty priests, two seminarians, two sisters and three lay people died violently. This was the highest number of deaths recorded in any year during the past decade.

Paying tribute to those who died, the news agency stated : 'By their generous and unconditional response to the great cause of the gospel, they have not hesitated to put their lives at risk every day in so many contexts - to offer hope of a better tomorrow. Their witness in trying to free many from the degradation and vicious circle of crime will not be in vain.'

During the 'Year of the Priest' we remember in our prayers all those dedicated to preaching the gospel.

Arthur O'Callaghan

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to our Christmas and January collections. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Our usual monthly collection will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February at all Masses.

Blessing of Throats

Next Wednesday 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will take place before and after Masses at 9.00 and 10.00am.

St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

WEEKEND PSALM

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C Patrick Killeen

M L D T L S M

My lips will tell of your help.



TOO FAMILIAR

Pity Christ. He had just made the front page of the Capernaum Examiner. At least, his name was on everyone's lips as a miracle worker and as a great preacher. He went back home to Nazareth. The locals would accept his miracles but not his preaching. Wasn't he one of their own? How could he have anything important to say to them? Didn't they know as much as he? Sure, his parents weren't educated either!! They could not hear because they know Christ so long.

Has your husband or wife been trying to tell you something important and you have not heard because you know him or her so long? It is amazing how the truth can come to us. It comes through a child, a parent, a friend, a neighbour, a colleague on the job. Truth comes from God. God's messenger may be so ordinary and so well known that we ignore his message unwittingly. To hear the truth, to listen to it, to take it to heart can be difficult, but it is an essential step on the road to happiness and to God. Listen to the gospel this weekend.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 5th February is the first Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting next Thursday 4th in the Parish Office at 3.00pm.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Annual collection at Masses next weekend.

Lay Dominicans

The Bishopstown Chapter invites you to a One Day Retreat in Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte on Saturday 13th February at 9.45pm. Cost €30, meals included.

All Night vigil of Reparation and Adoration at South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street, on the First Friday of the month - 5th February. Rosary starts at 10.00pm, First Friday Mass at 10.30pm, First Saturday Mass at 6.00am. *"Could you not watch one hour with me".*

Art Sale in aid of Haiti earthquake appeal at S.M.A. Hall Wilton on Sunday 31st 10.00 to 6.00pm.