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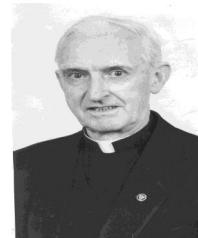
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

11th April 2010

Second Sunday of Easter

No.1035

THE DEAN WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 18th
April

First Reading: Acts
5:27,32,40-41

Psalms 29

Second Reading:
Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

STRENGTH FROM THE RESURRECTION

Circus stunt men can perform wonderful feats in the course of their work. One such was a gentleman by the name of Charlie Maher. He pushed a wheelbarrow on a wire across a 200 feet gorge before a huge crowd of spectators. You could hear your heart beating in the silence during the push. On his arrival at the far end a huge cheer went up from the crowd - a relief for themselves as much as acclamation for Charlie. A young man rushed up to the artist, shook his hand saying, "You really can do anything". "Do you believe this?" said Charlie. "Yes, I really do" said the young man. "Very well then", said Charlie addressing the crowd. "I will take the wheelbarrow back across the gorge now with this young man sitting in it." When he looked around of course the young man was nowhere to be seen.

Our faith in the Resurrection on a bright sunny Easter Sunday morning when everything is right in the world is one thing. The demands on our faith in darker days is quite another thing. The reality of a marriage break-up, a job lost, debts mounting, can bring serious pressures. What then? Faith in the Resurrection is not a magical cure-all. But it does give us a new perspective, and courage to face life as it is, to confront the pain of serious illness, perhaps personal failure, or loss of a loved one.

Faith is about saying - I believe in the sun even when it's not shining - I believe in love when everything in the world is dark and I am alone - I believe in God even when he is silent.

The Apostles went into hiding after the awful events of Good Friday. We can lose heart when life goes against us too. The Risen Christ empowers us to face reality, and the hand that life deals us. He is a reassuring presence, a quiet strength - a secure harbour out of which we can learn to face life in all its difficulties - even if we may not accept an offer of a spin in a wheelbarrow - on a wire.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

A final appeal to parishioners to return your Trócaire boxes this weekend, if you have not already done so.

Trócaire has expressed sincere thanks for the generous support it has received so far this year. This support will allow the agency to continue its work with the world's poorest people.

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of the Bulletin
home
or give it to a
friend or neighbour

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of the following who died recently:

Christy Buckley, School Avenue, Glasheen Road

Louise Bennett, late of Woodlawn, Model Farm Road

Anne Murphy, Lima Lawn, Magazine Road

May their souls rest in peace.

A sincere thank-you to our priests and all who worked so hard to make the Easter Ceremonies, Keeping Watch in the Crypt, and Watch and Pray so meaningful. A special thank-you to the children who participated in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

Also, a word of appreciation to those who assembled our Easter Garden and donated plants for it, as well as those who subscribed for the altar flowers which were arranged so beautifully.

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting Monday 11th at 8.15pm in Parish Office.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Presented by Sr. Bridget Dunne at the Sacred Heart Community Centre beginning on Monday 19th April at 8.00pm. For further information please contact Sr. Bridget on 4251100.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 14th April, 3.00-4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All are welcome. Tel. 4972504.

Enable Ireland annual church gate collection will take place on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th April.

Recessionary Times: New Ethical Questions?

What does Christian theology have to say in the current discussions around Ireland's future in the light of economic recession? What values should be promoted in finding a way forward? Cork Theology Forum presents Rev. Dr. Johnston McMaster, an ordained Methodist Minister at a meeting in Rochestown Park Hotel, on Saturday 24th April from 10.00 to 12.45pm and will include questions, small group discussion and feedback. Registration fee €15 (includes coffee break). Bookings and queries to Derek Johnson at 4533865 or Anne Francis at 087-2282134. website: corktheologyforum.org

Divine Mercy Sunday

At St. Augustine's Church. 2.00pm. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Talk on Reconciliation and Confessions. 3.00pm Prayer and Chaplet. 3.15pm Talk on St. Faustina's Diary, 3.30pm Rosary and 4.00pm Mass.

Centenary Lecture on Aloys Fleischmann

On Tuesday 13th April at 1.10pm in the Stack Theatre, CIT Cork School of Music, by Dr. Ita Beausang entitled *The Search for Identity*. The lecture will consider the dichotomy of Prof. Fleischmann's life and work, his German birth and parentage, his Irish/German education and subsequent identification with the development of music in Ireland.

Sum of money found near the Sacred Heart Altar in the church. Please contact the parish office at 4344452.

Choral Concert 2010 at Church of the Real Presence on Sunday 18th April at 8.00pm in aid of Bishopstown Scouts bus fund and Special Olympics. Tickets €15.

Evening on Promoting Vocations in our Parish

Open Invitation to all parishes to a Resource Evening on Promoting Vocations.

Venue: The Way of the Cross Church, Togher.

Speaker: Joseph Merrick, St Joseph's Young Priest's Society and Bishop John Buckley.

Date: Wednesday, April 14th at 8pm.

All Welcome.

REMINDER !

Completed Easter Crosswords due in by Sunday 18th April

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Patrick Killeen

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WEEKEND
PSALM



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end
(Or)... Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia.