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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR PARISH PRIESTS WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 20th
June

First Reading
Zech 12:10-11,13:1

Psalm 62

Secnd Reading
3:26-29

Gospel
Lk 9:18-24

IN THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY

The Cross only makes sense for the Resurrection, and the Resurrection only makes sense by the Cross. There is no winter that does not announce a spring; there is no spring that is not born of winter. Day and night form the same circle. It is with the stigmata of His Passion that the Risen Christ stands upright in the light of His glory.

On Friday over six hundred and fifty pilgrims, including 113 invalids, set out for the Shrine of Lourdes on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. They carried with them the Cross of sickness, pain and sorrow; recession and the dark gloom of unemployment. The peace and tranquillity of the Shrine of Lourdes would offer new hope for a brighter future. Their faith in Our Lady of Lourdes, the Mother of God, would turn the darkness of sorrow into the bright light of a new resurrection.

Stepping on to the plane which takes you to Lourdes, be for the first time or the twentieth time, is setting off on a journey from which nobody returns without feeling transformed by grace, the outlook awakened to the colours of a new dawn, and the heart inhabited with new emotions. I am always in a state of rediscovery; I am impressed, over and over again, by the great solidarity which dwells in this place; by the loving gestures which are exchanged, by all sorts of little "miracles" of love which I notice or glimpse in passing, wherever we walk, wherever we are, by the tide of the young and the not so young who spend several days transporting the sick, helping, listening and enabling everyone not to feel alone. And then, above all, there are "the bearers of light": our sick sisters and brothers. I am always so moved by all that they give us without realising it. They are heroes who don't know it, because we don't tell them. I met them in Lourdes, these "bearers of light" who make our world more human, the torchbearers on our life's pathways with their invisible lanterns who lead us, unknowingly, to what is best for us.

To all these light bearers, at home and at Lourdes, I want to say a sincere thank you, with deep gratitude and tenderness.

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Bulletins to Homes

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

Calling Young People

Want to meet 60,000 young people who live their Catholic FAITH? Well why not join us on our trip to Youth Festival Medjugorje 31st July to 7th of August 2010. Day flights ex Cork Airport. It is a time for young people between the ages of 18 to 35 to meet and share their Faith with other young people. Flights, bus transfers, youth fest. programme, meals and board all included. Group of 30 with 15 places left. For information please contact Dave tel: 085 7167904, Tim tel: 087 9922 322

Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork Branch)

Saturday Club, from 2pm until 4pm on Saturday 19th June at Bessboro Day Care Centre. An afternoon of music - with 7th HEAVEN - Barbers Shop. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All welcome. For further information contact 4972504

Garden Fete at St Finbarr's Hospital

On Saturday 26th June, The Friends of the Residents of St Finbarr's Hospital are holding their annual Garden Fete in the hospital grounds on the Douglas Road between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. In addition to the stalls there will be musical entertainment including the Mayfield Brass Band and dancing all afternoon.

Colebrook Montessori School

As we are closing our school in June, we would like to celebrate our 21 years of service by having a reunion of everyone connected to the school. It will take place on Saturday 19th June from 11.00 to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

*Here's to all the little things,
The "done-and-then-forgotten" things,
Those "oh-it's-simply-nothing" things
That make life worth the fight.*

STUDENTS' PRAYER

Lord, I am really stressed. I need to turn this stress over to you. Help me feel confident going into the exams and relax a bit so I can concentrate.

Please never let me panic or get nervous, just let me be at ease and give my very best. Please never let me guess nor rely on pure luck.

I pray for your guidance that as I think, I may find the right solutions; I may be able to correctly answer the questions; I may solve those difficult problems and, as I write, I may not be distracted but be more concentrated and not be in a hurry, or take the exams too lightly.

I ask, Lord, for your welcome calm when I walk out of the exam hall afterwards.

Lord, thank you for all the blessings you have placed in my life. Thank you for being here in this time when I feel a bit overwhelmed. Thank you for always being there and allowing me to rely on you. Amen.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Despite many counter-attractions, an estimated 25,000 people attended the annual procession on Sunday last. Now in its 64th year the procession continues to inspire a strengthening of faith to all who attend this public expression of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Noel O'Sullivan in his sermon touched on the difficulties being experienced by families and, indeed, the Church today. He stated that the Church consists of two elements - the human and divine. As we know, the human can often fail, as recent events show. A deeper and prayerful trust - a relationship with Jesus that is strong and filled with hope can help us overcome every difficulty.

The large contingent from the Polish and Indian communities walking were greeted with applause at Daunt's Square. Also applauded were the group of Dominican students who are studying for the priesthood.

Helped by the choir from the North Cathedral, the beautiful voice of Mary Hegarty singing the *Panis Angelicus* soared into the heavens as the assembled thousands knelt for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was a moment to reflect and pray for the countless people, sadly no longer with us, who attended this procession in times past. May they rest in peace.

Arthur O'Callaghan

WEEKEND PSALM

Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

