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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 27th
June

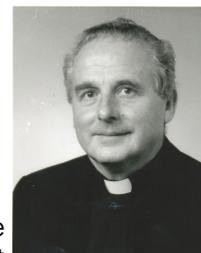
First Reading
1 Kg 19-16,19-21

Psalms 15

Second Reading
Gal 5:1,13-18

Gospel
Lk 9:52-62

SUMMERTIME



Summer is already lifting our spirits. Sunshine seems to ease many burdens and lifts many a heart. Summer can bring great changes in routine not only for the children but for all of us. This week may be a good time to think about how summer will affect the key areas of our lives, our families, our friends and our faith.

Families may well be moulded by how they spend the unstructured summer time. Many families are bonded together for decades by memories of summer experiences shared in love, excitement, kindness, discovery and care. Such experiences are treasures to be carved out and enjoyed. They can be so easily destroyed by self-centredness.

While family is fundamental, all of us would be impoverished without friends. These weeks may offer the opportunity of renewing contacts and enjoying the gift that true friendship is. Like all previous living things, friendship must be nurtured by thoughtfulness and shared experiences. Some people have not the self confidence or alertness to reach out. Risk it and treasure the gift.

It is through family and friends that we experience and grow in loving relationships that open us up to the relationship with our God. This relationship is unique. God comes to us in a myriad of ways that are special to each of us. We need to make space in our lives, minds and hearts to be aware of his presence. On these beautiful long evenings, the context is perfect for that prayer of thanks to God for all his gifts. We must not neglect it.

Fr. Tom

P.S.

NEIGHBOUR ALERT: Holiday time can be a very anxious time for the elderly, the sick and the housebound. In summer time, some of their regular support networks may creak. The usual kind neighbour who gives a lift to Mass or to shopping may be away at weekends. Home helps must have holidays, too. The friends who drop in just for a chat or to bring the *Echo* may have other family commitments. Keeping the meals-on-wheels service on the road must be increasingly difficult over these weeks. Overall, there are new reasons to be alert to our neighbours' needs. Do not wait to be asked. Just offer. As the Bórd Gáis ad. says "Do not assume that somebody else will". Nobody may.

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NOTICE BOARD

Peter's Pence

The annual collection will take place next weekend at all Masses.

St. Josemaria Escriva

Mass to celebrate feast day will be celebrated on Saturday 26th June at 12noon in the church of The Real Presence, Curraheen. Confessions will be heard from 11.30am.

Bishopstown Community School

Now enrolling for September 2010. Established in 1979 we excel in fostering both academic excellence and student character in a climate of care and respect, with a wide curriculum taught to Honours Leaving Certificate, and offering subjects such as Art, Business, Chemistry, Engineering, Home Economics, Music, Technical Graphics and Wood Technology. Classes are kept small. Some places available in 1st year for September 2010 and places may become available in other classes. Please contact Mary Scriven at 4544311 for any other information.

Youth 2000

Clonmacnois Youth Festival: 12th - 18th August welcomes 16 to 35 year olds to a donation-only festival where young people will be treated to inspiring talks, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, great music, multimedia presentations, confessions and a healing service. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends. All food and accommodation provided. Free buses. More details www.youth2000.ie

The garden of Miriam Cotter and Richard Kavanagh, Cedar Lodge, 1 The Farm, Curraheen Rd., Bishopstown is opening to the public on Sat. June 26th from 12 to 6 pm in aid of Marymount Hospice. It will be signposted from the Greyhound Stadium.

Thank You

A special thank you to the people of the parish who generously contributed €4,160 to the Franciscan Missioners of Mary last weekend.

The best things in life are nearest: breath in our nostrils, light in our eyes, flowers at our feet, duties at our hands, the path of right just before us.

Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things in life.



FARRANLEA AREA OPEN-AIR MASS

In the picturesque setting of *The Green*, the residents of the Farranlea area gathered for the annual celebration of their open-air Mass. The rain, which had by then cleared was replaced by the singing of the birds.

Welcoming all present, Fr. Tom Clancy spoke of the importance of neighbours and friends coming together as a worshipping community. "The three important factors which shape us as a people and community are - family, friends and faith. All three help sustain and strengthen us on life's pilgrimage. The most precious gift we possess is the Eucharist which nourishes us with food for this life and the next."

Three newly Confirmed parishioners - Sean Murphy, Tessa Daly and Olan Davin read the Prayers of the Faithful. These reflected the needs of the sick, housebound, those sitting exams and residents who had passed away during the past year.

At the Offertory of the Mass, the bread and wine were brought to the altar by four of our First Holy Communicants - Zara Careen, Louise Kubiamka, Aoibhín Lucey and Jamie O'Donovan. The congregational singing was led by Mary McDonogh. Bernard Murphy, Chairman of the Residents Association thanked Fr. Clancy for all his help and support.

Patsy Curtin and her helpers supervised the serving of a wonderful selection of food and refreshments enjoyed by all. A special word of thanks to John Houlihan for help in making the evening a success.

Arthur O'Callaghan

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Sr. Colette Marie** who has been elected Mother Abbess of the Poor Clare Community on College Road. We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and direct her in every way.

We pray too for Mother Miriam who has just completed her term of office as Abbess.

WEEKEND PSALM

Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

