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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 17th
October

First Reading
Ex 17:8-13

Psalm 12

Second Reading
2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Gospel
Lk 18:1-8

ONE'S OWN PLACE



The swallows seem to be gone. As they headed south, the last of them probably hitched a ride on the strong winds from the north in late September. Surprisingly, a few house martens still remain, probably building up their resources for their hazardous journey to sunnier climes. As they go, they know that the nests they leave behind will, for the most part, be there to welcome them back next Spring. In between, as the weather deteriorates and temperatures drop, many of these nests will provide safe homes to other birds. Six or seven little wrens have been known to pack themselves in a vacant swallow's nest in the depth of winter to keep each other warm and survive. In the world of nature, no accommodation is ignored in time of need.

This week, the Simon Community has been highlighting the problem of homelessness throughout our country. The recession is increasing the needs and lessening the resources. Is it not amazing that between unsold apartments and ghost estates we cannot devise some way to improve the lot of those in substandard accommodation and those who are homeless? Maybe, I am for the birds!!

As the temperature drop reminds us to check for draughts and improve our insulation, we might also check our surplus resources of time, clothes, money or food so as to enable Simon, Threshold, Vincent de Paul and other messengers of love to care for my brothers and sisters in need.

Do not postpone the good deed. With the swallows gone, winter cannot be far behind.

Fr. Tom

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Farranlea Park.

It was a particular pleasure for me to attend the hope-giving Jubilee Mass on 25th September. I have been able to appreciate your beautiful Church from its beginnings, owing to the fact that members of my family came to live in Farranlea Park in 1949.

I was very inspired by the music at the Mass. All those who sang and played, so ably directed by Mr. Killeen, demonstrated the high standard that is sought after in Church music. In my opinion, Mr Killeen's compositions contributed greatly to the whole occasion.

As someone who, in the past, has been involved in Church music in the Anglican tradition, I am aware of all the effort and commitment involved.

*Yours sincerely,
Elaine Gordon*

Book Review

Last Sunday's gospel and the Dean's apt homily reminded me of a book I read a few years ago that I'd highly recommend. Lest anyone stops here, not wanting to read a homily, I should stress that it's not the type of book one usually associates with church! **St. Agnes' Stand** by **Thomas Eidson** (not Edison!) is a big little book of 175 pages set in the Wild West in the late 19th century. It tells the story of an outlaw, a group of nuns trying to shepherd some children across unfriendly terrain and an ambush by a band of Native Americans. Eidson's sparse style of writing will keep you on the edge of your seat and you'll probably read it in one sitting, it is such a compelling tale. Not for the squeamish perhaps, the descriptive power of the writer's style ensures that we are immersed from page one and we can easily picture every rock in the desert and almost physically feel the heat and pain he describes. The book was first published in the 1990s and is readily available on www.amazon.co.uk if not in local bookshops.

Margaret McCarthy

Bulletins to Homes

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

Lectio Divina has resumed in the Parish Office on Monday mornings after 10.00 Mass. You are most welcome to join us.

Golden Jubilee of St. Catherine's Convent

To celebrate fifty years in the parish, there will be a Mass for neighbours and friends in St. Catherine's Convent chapel, at 6.00pm on Saturday 16th October.

Coffee Morning in aid of L'Arche Community, Cork, - at Sunday's Well Tennis Club, the Mardyke, on Wednesday 13th October from 10.30am. All welcome, please bring/tell your friends.

St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road

The community and staff at St. Joseph's wish to express sincere thanks to all our neighbours and friends who supported the coffee morning in aid of Marymount Hospice. Congratulations on the huge success. €1,000 WAS RAISED IN A VERY SHORT TIME! Grateful thanks to each and every one who made this possible.

Adult Education Evening Classes at Bishopstown Community School, Autumn 2010, now enrolling for Oral French and Oral Irish for Leaving Certificate with specific examination preparation starting on Monday 1st November (French), Tuesday 2nd November (Irish). Contact 4869310 for details.

An Enchanted Evening of music will be held in Christ Church, Innishannon, on Friday 15th October at 8.30pm in aid of the restoration of St. Mary's Old Church Tower. Tickets €20. Contact Alice at 4775978.

Dyslexia Association Cork Branch is holding joint seminars at the Radisson Hotel, (Cork Airport) 16th October, 9.15am to 1.00pm. for parents of second level students, and for teachers dealing with dyslexic students. Queries to dyslexiacork@gmail.com or phone 087-9831837.

Juvenile Badminton players wanted for eight-week grant-aided course beginning on Saturday 16th October at Bishopstown GAA Hall, 2.00-3.00pm. for 8 to 12 year olds, and 3.00-4.00pm for 13 to 18 year olds. Beginners welcome. Just turn up. €10 per child for course. Further details from Sean Cotter at 4546194.

Alzheimer Society next Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 13th October, 3.00 - 4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All are welcome. Tel. 4972504.

WEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

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The Lord has shown his sal - vat-ion to the nat - ions.