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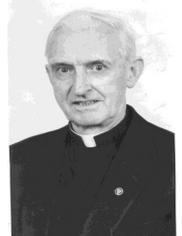
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

7th November 2010

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

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THE DEAN WRITES



"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." So the Holy Bible says.

In fairness to the people of Cork, we have a great tradition of remembering our dead prayerfully, and especially during the month of November - witness the number who turn out for our Novenas of Masses for the dead - the attendance at Mass at St. Olivers's Cemetery, as well as prayers at St. Finbarrs, St. James, and other cemeteries around the city, and the different parishes throughout the county.

Behind all their fervour there is also a niggling doubt in some people's minds, as indeed it was expressed to me this very day. Is there really a Heaven there? Where are my husband and loved ones who have died? Are they anywhere? The only one who can give an authentic response to this very real question is Jesus himself. And thankfully he has. He is the only one who has experienced life in Heaven and on earth where he lived a human life like you and me, and met all the problems of humanity.

In his sermons he spoke repeatedly of life after death. When he promised us the Eucharist he said, "Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." At the raising of his friend Lazarus from the grave he said, "Anyone who believes in me will never die - do you believe this?" On Holy Thursday night after the Last Supper he spoke at length with his closest friends who were very sad at his impending death. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" he said, "trust in God still, and trust in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms, and I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am, you may be too."

I am well aware that quite a few have read the book of the English writer, Richard Dawkins - *The God Delusion*. He maintains there is no such thing as Heaven, it's a great Delusion. The fact is he knows no more about what happens after death than anyone else, though he has made a lot of money from his musings and writings. As for me, I believe Jesus rather than Richard, and I follow Him to our Father's house, a place of joy, peace and everlasting happiness.

I thank you, Lord, for loving me.

INFORMING OUR PARISHIONERS - REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HOUSE

Following an engineer's report, extensive work needs to be carried out on the Parochial House due to dampness, dry rot and cracks in the building. The cost is about €90,000. Thanks to the generosity of you all through the various collections (Sunday offertory, tax return from the weekly Sunday envelopes, car park contributions, and donations) over two-thirds of the cost has been raised already. There will be no extra or special collections, but with a little more help from our friends I know the balance will be made up without putting pressure on our parish community.

Thank you for your continued support, May God bless you all.

Fr. Kieran

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Maureen Boylan, late of College Road, who died recently. May her soul rest in peace.

In Sympathy

To **Mel O'Sullivan**, Leesdale, on the death of her brother, Dan McCarthy.

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2009 will be celebrated on Friday 12th November at 7.30pm. Families and friends of the bereaved are invited to attend.

During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine.
All parishioners are invited.

Alzheimer Society Carers' Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10th November, from 3pm to 4.30pm in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro, Blackrock.

Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner hosted by Bishopstown Community Association will take place on Friday 3rd December at the Student Centre in CIT. Tickets are €20 each and are available from: Nora Fitzpatrick 4546358, PJ Hourican 087- 2565481, Sheila O'Brien 4343575 and Pat Harrington 4545790. They can also be bought at the Senior Social Centre, Wilton Park House.

Cork Simon Community would like to thank all those who contributed to their recent collection which amounted to €1157. Your generosity is much appreciated. These monies will be put to good use over the cold days of winter ahead.

Wanted Rosary beads, religious videos, audio tapes, medals, small statues, scapulars, used postage stamps, Christmas cards and religious printed matter for distribution in Eastern European, South American and African countries. Please contact Tom Wall, Ballinookera, Whitegate, Midleton, tel. 021-4661552. Donations to help cover postal expenses are welcome.

City of Cork Male Voice Choir will perform in the SMA Church, Wilton, on 14th November at 8.00pm in aid of Rehab-Care and Brú Columbanus. Admission €10. Sponsored by Bishopstown ICA to celebrate their centenary.

Bible Corner



QUESTION?

There are two ways of putting a question. One way is to ask in the hope of getting a genuinely helpful answer. The purpose of the other way is to put the person questioned on a spot, to trap him or her in ignorance or foolishness or both. It was in this latter frame of mind that the Sadducees approached Jesus with a question about the resurrection.

They had their minds made up and were determined to score a point, downing anybody with a different viewpoint. As a result, they could not open their minds and hearts to listen to the One who was to be the first to experience resurrection, the core of their questioning.

They were asking the right person but their certainty about their position prevented them hearing God's newly-revealed message, which was to transform their traditional but static view of the after-life.

Will our hearts be open to hear the reassurance of Jesus in this weekend's gospel?

Fr. Tom

Would motorists exiting from the church yard at Model Farm Road, please remember pedestrians on the footpath



A very concerned parishioner.

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th
November

First Reading
Mal 3:19-20

Psalm 97

Second Reading
2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November

St. Finbarr's: Sunday 7th at 2.30pm
St. James's: Sunday 7th at 3.00pm.
St. Michael's: Sunday 7th at 3.00pm

WEEKEND
PSALM

Thirty-Second Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen



I shall be filled, when I a - wake, with the sound of your glo-ry, O Lord.