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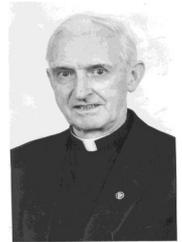
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

5th December 2010

Second Sunday of Advent

No.1077

THE DEAN WRITES



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday next, 8th December, is a special day in our calendar. My city born friends refer to it as the day when their country cousins come to town to do their Christmas shopping.

For all of us, it's the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady. You all know what this means but if, like myself, you have gone a little hazy on Church terms, it's worth asking - what exactly does it mean.? It means that Mary, the mother of God was conceived and born free from all stain of sin - "our tainted nature's solitary boast". It's only fitting that she should be, as God has chosen her to be mother of his Son. Here in Ireland we have a long and strong devotion to Our Lady. It goes back to penal times when attending Mass was often a difficult and highly dangerous practice. People substituted the Rosary as their great community and family prayer. Occasionally in the past this resulted in people praying more to Mary than to her Son - getting their priorities mixed up. Certainly Mary was and is very special in God's order of salvation.

Forty years ago a World Fair was held in Brussels. The Vatican had a chapel there. Right inside the entrance was a statue of Our Lady placed in such a way that you looked up at it as you entered. The hands of the statue pointed directly to the tabernacle. This signified the true relationship of Our Lady for us and her Son. Her special commission is to direct us to her Son, Jesus.

Mary isn't just a statue of course, but a mother who is really and sincerely interested in our welfare, as any mother might be - this commission was solemnly conferred on her as she stood by the cross as her Son was dying. We can best respond to this precious legacy by living out the qualities and values that Mary lived in her life - love of her Son Jesus and genuine love and consideration for one another.

O Mary conceived with out sin pray for us who have recourse to thee.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2010 FOR OUR SISTER PARISH IN TURKWEL, KENYA

Cards/gift vouchers €5, €10, €15, €20.....€300
available in Parish Office before and after each Mass
on Saturday and Sunday and after Masses on
Thursdays and Fridays.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Please join us next Sunday
12th December at 7.00pm.

Advent Carols and Readings
by Candlelight.

All welcome

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NOTICE BOARD

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Wednesday, 8th December is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm. Masses on Wednesday at 9.00, 10.30am and 7.30pm.

Friendship Club closed until 19th January when we will resume at 2.00pm in the Parish Office when new members will be very welcome to come along and join us.



Parent and Toddler Group at the Crypt.

Our group meets at the Crypt on Thursday mornings from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm (closed during school holidays). New members needed. Parents, grandparents and childminders are all very welcome to bring babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Tea and coffee provided for adults. Contact name - Angela - 087 7927861.

Found Peugeot Car key in churchyard. Please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Alzheimer Society meeting of the Saturday Club, Saturday 11th December at Bessboro Day Care Centre, 2pm to 4pm. Come and get the season off to a great start with music across the decades performed by Chris O'Shea. Light refreshments provided. Free admission, all welcome. For further information contact 021 4972504

Courses at CIT

Keen to work in one of the following industry sectors? Need new skills and knowledge to match the demands? Higher Certificate in Science, Good Manufacturing Practice & Technology, full-time, 18 months, commencing February 2011. Closing date Friday 17th December. Please contact Louise Byrne 4335150 or louise.byrne@cit.ie for further information.

Bishopstown ICA with to thank all those who supported us at our charity event in SMA Church on 14th November. It was a great success and Rehab Care and Brú Columbanus were delighted with the response.

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 12th
December
First Reading
Is 35:1-6,10
Psalm 145
Second Reading
Jas 5:7-10
Gospel Mt 11:2-11

Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word

Please collect your New Rota on altar rails.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is helping the most vulnerable and marginalised to survive in Irish society, particularly in this time of cutbacks. There has been a 53% increase in calls for help to the Cork Regional Office over the past year. Our volunteers visit those in need in our communities, offering friendship and support in a caring and respectful way. We provide people with food vouchers and we also help those who experience difficulty in paying electricity and gas bills. We also operate a coal fund and offer help with education costs.

The Holy Spirit Conference wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to our collections during the past twelve months. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas collection will take place next weekend, on Saturday December 11th and Sunday 12th.

Congratulations !

To our well-known parishioner, **TERRY LAYTON**, Bishopstown Avenue West, who celebrated his 90th birthday last week.

We wish Terry many more birthdays to come !



The Word of God A Parishioner's Thoughts

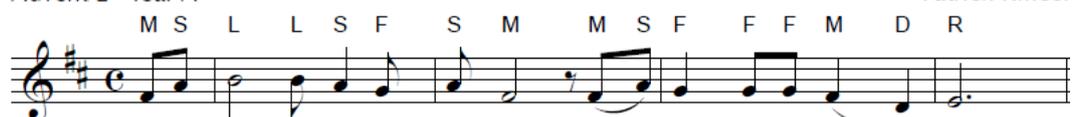
Thanks and praise to you Lord for your Word.

When everything I read and see around me is doom and gloom it is so refreshing to read your Word. It fills me with hope and consolation, and gives me peace and joy in my heart.

WEEKEND PSALM

Advent 2 - Year A

Patrick Killeer



In his days just-ice shall flour-ish and__ peace till the moon__ fails.