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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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THE DEAN WRITES



GALLOPING CHANGE

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 6th
February

Frist Reading
Is 58:7-10

Psalms 111

Second Reading
1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

You know the story of a man leaning leisurely by his farm gate as his friend John came flying past on horseback. "Where are you going, John" he shouted. The rider called back, "I don't know, better ask the horse." The story illustrates the vast changes that have occurred in the world in our generation, and completely outside our control - mobile phones, aeroplanes, T.V, washing machines - the list is endless. More important still is how have we the people of Ireland changed? And are these changes beyond our control - and for the better? We will take this question under different headings

- A. Political influences. There is no need to stress the importance of this facet of life at the present time. It is all pervasive and not uplifting. Apparently it is front-page news the world over, the result of "push-pull" politics over many years, which undermines public confidence in politics and politicians.
- B. The Media. A free press is an essential bulwark against the abuse of power. But who can restrain the abuse of power by the media themselves. The perception is that nobody is safe from full frontal attack from this source. And public confidence is lost in equal measure to the fear of them.
- C. The Church. For centuries regarded as the custodian of morals, public and private, sadly no longer accepted in this role by many. What can we do? The great Christian ethic was - and is - based on the teaching of Christ - Truth, Justice and Love.

We should try to keep these fundamentals of good living before us - practise them and promote them, even when it's costly for ourselves - demand these standards from our public representatives. And get out and vote for those who uphold these qualities or forever keep silent about our T.Ds and Councillors.

Are all these noble qualities belonging to a bygone age? Certainly not. The tragic murder of Michaela McAreavey has thrown into bold relief the picture of a wholesome, beautiful, God-fearing girl, whose loyalty to faith, family and young husband was so real that her cruel death saddened the nation, as if we had known her personally and we had lost one of our own. May she rest in peace, and be a beacon of light for all who knew her.

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The poor weather may have prevented you from collecting your box of envelopes. Boxes are available in the Sacristy after each Mass this weekend when Fr. Tom will be there to hand them out.

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of our parishioners

Maeve Dalton, Wilton Gardens, to her nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Dr. Noreen Honan, Model Farm Road, to her daughters Angela, Deirdre, Marion (Bredon, Court Cairn), sons Adrian and Bernard, grandchildren, great-grandson, relatives and friends.

Sympathy To

Joan Horgan, Bishops court Road, on the death of her mother, Kate O'Connor, Duagh, Co. Kerry.

Dr. Paddy Fitzgerald, Mount Desert Retirement Home, and late of Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister, Nell.

Bible Corner



JESUS' MANIFESTO

A general election is upon us. Shortly, the party manifestos will be dropped in the letter box or published online. They are statements of party policy, setting out the party's vision, a promise of how they will run the country when they get into power. The manifestos will be carefully crafted to win widespread approval and to avoid offence to anybody.

This weekend Jesus is ahead of the posse. In the gospel he lays out his manifesto, his programme for running his kingdom. It highlights the attitudes of mind and heart that will enable those who belong to his camp, to build a society founded on justice for all, respect for each one, especially the vulnerable. Among his followers, mercy and forgiveness permeate the atmosphere enabling those who fail to make new beginnings. His kingdom will be a beacon of hope in our troubled world, an oasis exuding trust, peace, generosity and service.

The Jesus manifesto is better known as the Beatitudes. Make them your own.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 4th February is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting next Thursday 3rd February at 3.00pm in the Parish Office.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Holy Spirit Conference wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to our Christmas and January collections. The usual monthly collection will take place next weekend on Saturday and Sunday 5th/6th February.

Loved Ones Lost to Suicide

Remembrance Mass on Sunday 6th February at 1.00pm in St. Augustine Church. Everybody welcome.

Medjugorje 30th Anniversary Year 6th-13th August

2011. €570 all inclusive half board. Very limited availability of 25 places. Deposit of €50 secures seat. Contact Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 086-2959380.

Evening Courses in Ballincollig for adults run by the Social and Health Education Project. Duration eight weeks. *Introduction to Personal Development, Men's Health and Well-being, and Family Communication.* For further details please contact Kerri Fitzgerald at 4666189

A Reflective Day on the Scriptures at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte, on Saturday 12th February, 10.30 to 4.30pm. for parish groups, individuals and anyone interested in discovering the popular method of Lectio Divina. Cost €40 includes lunch. Booking enquiries 4502520, or email: ennismore@eircom.net

Alzheimer Society Carers' Support meeting on Wednesday 9th February, 30-0 - 4.30pm. at Bessboro Day Care Centre. All welcome.

THANK YOU !

To all for your generous re-gifting of Christmas gifts. Charities were very appreciative.

To all who contributed so generously to our Christmas appeal for our sister parish in Turkwel. €4500 was collected.

WEEKEND PSALM

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen



How hap-py are the poor in spir-it; for theirs is the king-dom of heav-en.