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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
10th April

First Reading
Ezek 37:12-14

Psalms 129

Second Reading
Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:

JESUS - THE LAMB OF GOD

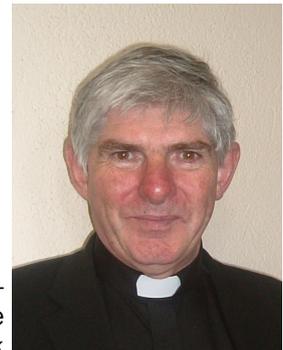
Springtime is a time of new life and the flowers are brightening our gardens and fields. Nature is coming alive after the sleep of winter. May we appreciate the gift of sight and think of those who have not got that gift. In the animal world, the focus is on the lambs. For most of us one of our earliest nursery rhymes was "Mary had a little lamb". To see the lambs in the fields is a lovely sight.

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as "The Lamb of God". When Jesus came for Baptism, a title which meant a lot to those who were listening, knowing the meaning and significance of the Passover Lamb. Every day at Mass the Priest holds up the Host and says, "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, happy are we who are called to his supper." When we really think of it what does it mean? We are invited to be united with Jesus in Holy Communion, to become like Him and to bring Him to others by what we say and do. We are happy to share in the life of Jesus and his works.

As we journey in Lent we look forward to Good Friday, the day Jesus, the Lamb of God, gave his life for us on the cross, to show his total love for us and to die for us so that we could have eternal life with Him in our true home in Heaven.

May we think on the Lamb of God during these April evenings in the words of the lovely hymn, "All in the April Evening"

As we reflect on that hymn may we deepen our awareness of the greatest Act of Love for all of us.



PAYE TAX FORMS FOR DONATIONS IN 2010

We would like to thank parishioners who returned their forms and to remind those who have not done so to complete and return their forms so that they can be duly processed.

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Rest in Peace

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ray and Leslie Buckley, brothers of **Joe Buckley**, late of Linaro Avenue, Magazine Road, who was buried during the week.

Ar dheis Dé to raibh a anam dílis.

NOTICE BOARD

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 7th April at 3.00pm in Parish Office.



Book Swap Night

Get your Summer reading sorted! Come to Highfield Rugby Club on Thursday 7th April from 8.00pm to 10.00pm, bring 5 books, take 5 books. €10 subscription and Free

Draw on the night. All welcome and bring a friend. (In aid of fundraising by Mount Mercy College parents' association)

IAHS Competitions

St John's Central College, Sawmill Street invite you to the College on Saturday 2nd April from 10-5pm and Sunday 3rd April from 2pm. This is an international competition for hair stylists. Participants from Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Jamaica, U.K. and Ireland will take part. Eight Irish students are representing the College and Cork, for this prestigious event. Entrance to the event is free and the event is suitable for all ages and families. We look forward to seeing you there.



LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space

Fasting and Abstinence (Sacrifice in Love)

For our grandparents, Lent was a time of sacrifice, a time of fasting and abstaining from the pleasures of the world. Often it was a world of dry black bread and the sugarless tea.

The Ireland of 2008 still respects the tradition of Lent, seeing it as a time of change, an opportunity to do without the pleasures of the world.

Lent can make a difference. Sacrificial love is the spirit of self-forgetfulness and the willingness to suffer. Pleasure, power or possessions are not all that matter. Lent is a reminder that denying ourselves pleasures and sacrificing in love is a new beginning.

BIBLE CORNER



ANOINTED TO SERVE

Olive oil was a key feature of life among the ancient Hebrews. Oil as a condiment was an important part of the diet. It was medicinal and was used in the anointing of wounds. It was the usual fuel for the lamp. It was an important item in the export trade of Palestine.

But it is the use of oil in a sacred rite that is of interest to us this weekend. David is chosen as a king and to highlight God's choice of him, he is anointed with oil by Samuel who is God's prophet and messenger.

The first reading in this weekend's Mass is chosen to link with those who are preparing for Baptism at Easter. At a Baptism, each one is anointed with oil to highlight that we are chosen by God to worship, to praise Him and to serve Him in our care for each other. We're anointed to serve.

Fr. Tom

A Tribute to all Mothers

At his mother's request, Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Mary had observed the embarrassment of the newly wed couple when the wine ran short.

What is special about mothers? The great Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty wrote: "The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral; she need not, she has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle - to bring new saints to heaven.

Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation - what on God's good earth is more glorious than this - to be a mother."

Happy Mother's Day.

Arthur O'Callaghan

WEEKEND PSALM

Lent 4 - Year A

Patrick Killeen

