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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

5th October, 2014

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1227

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am only

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
12th October, 2014

First Reading:
Is 25: 6-10

Psalms: 22

Second Reading:
Phil 4: 12-14,19-20

Gospel:
Mt 22: 1-14

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“GOOD NEWS”

Good news is precious these days. There is little enough of it in our newspapers and on our television screens. As we contemplate the evils of our world – the injustices, abuses of power and injuries to the most vulnerable and to children – we can quickly lose hope. People ask how a God so good and so powerful can allow such things to happen. Inwardly we too may often be baffled. How can the love and hope of the Gospel exist in a world so full of suffering and evil?

Jesus' story of the wheat and the darnel (weeds) has some encouraging answers. (Matt.13-24-43). First, it is clear that the man sowed good seed in his field, any evil is the work of his enemy. So, we cannot blame the bad things in our world on God. He permits the wheat and the weeds to grow together until the harvest when they will be separated.

Our world is a mixed bag of good and evil and the Church is composed of saints and sinners. Our own lives are a mixture of good and evil. We need to be patient with ourselves and with others as we strive for the perfection God seeks, (Matt. 5-48) looking kindly on short-comings and failure. After all, judgement belongs to the Lord and only at the harvest can the true nature of the plant be judged.

The glory of the Church now is the holiness of ordinary, weak and sinful men and women. It is the shining of small stars in the darkness. The bright shining of the sun will follow the final separation which Jesus will accomplish at the close of the age. So, let us strive for purity in an impure world, not losing our hope because of the darkness against and within us, but trusting in the Lord who sowed his good seed in us at our Baptism. He waits confidently for his seed to bear fruit – let us share his confidence and rejoice in his love. Christianity stands on objective truth, not on subjective perception, intuition, reasoning or whatever. This is an absolutely basic fact.

We Christians must look to Jesus and to Jesus alone for our vision of God, ourselves, others and the world around us.

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NOTICE BOARD

Parish Council:

Next meeting will be held on *Monday, 13th October, 2014* at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on *Tuesday, 14th October, 2014* at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

"Thank You"

A big thank you from St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road to all our friends and donors who found time to come and who sent in donations and helped us raise €200 for Marymount Hospice from our recent coffee morning.

Divine Mercy: Feast Day of St. Faustina:

At St. Augustine's, Washington Street, Cork on Sunday, 12th October, 2014 at 2.15pm.

2.15pm—Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

2.30pm—Rosary

2.45pm—Talk on St. Faustina's Diary

3.00pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3.15pm—Stations of the Cross

4.00pm—Mass.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland—Cork Branch-Saturday Club:

Meeting on Saturday 11th October, 2014 at Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We are delighted to welcome back *THE SUN WIND QUINTET*. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. For further information contact (021) 4972504.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland—Cork City Branch:

Carer's Support Meeting on Wednesday, 8th October, 2014 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock, Cork. All welcome. Contact: (021) 4972504.

Beginning Experience:

Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday, 17th October to Sunday, 19th October, 2014. For application forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or e-mail beginningexperience@gmail.com.

All Roads lead to "Holy Cross Church Mahon".

On the 13th October next at 7.30pm for joyous celebration of Consecration of Mahon Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Canon Michael Fitzgerald, P.P. (Mitchelstown). All welcome to join us.

Age Action:

An Introduction to Genealogy Online by Ancestry.com on Tuesday, 7th October at 2.30pm at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain St. This is a Free Talk. The talk will provide information on how to trace your family origins back, at least, the 1860's, using free and paid-for online resources. Places limited. Contact (021) 4536554 or e-mail gscorkadmin@ageaction.ie to book a place.

A TRUE STORY ... Well, maybe!

A cat died and went to Heaven. He was met at the gates by God who welcomed him and asked him if there was anything he could do for him.

The cat replied that all his life he had slept in draughty old barns in all kinds of weather and had never had anything nice to sleep on. "I would really like a nice fluffy pillow".



God said he would arrange this and a few days later the cat got his pillow.

A week or so later some mice died and went to Heaven where God welcomed them and asked if there was anything he could do for them.

The mice replied that all their lives they had been chased by cats and people with brooms and they would love some roller skates. They got their wish.

Some weeks after this God decided to pay the cat a visit and asked how he was getting on. The cat replied that he was fine and said that he loved his fluffy pillow. "Oh, and by the way thanks for the meals on wheels".

(Crusader January 2010 *The Magazine of The Crusade of Mary Immaculate*)

Weekend Psalm:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen

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The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is-ra-el. _____