

New Church of the Holy Ghost

(Third Church in Honour of Our Lady of the Rosary)

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MOST REV. DR. LUCEY (Letter to the people of St. Finbarr's West)

Bishop's House,
Farranferries.

My Beloved People of the Parish of St. Finnbarr's West,

You are growing, and growing fast, in numbers—God bless you for it. In a few short years the total population of the parish has more than doubled. To-day there are well over 16,000 people in the parish; and with new houses going up as they are, very soon it will be 20,000.

Now for all these thousands there is but one parish church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the Lough in the extreme eastern side of the parish. There are, in addition, the church of the African Missionary Fathers at Wilton and the chapel of the Poor Clares; they are a blessing for those living near them though their capacity for Sunday Mass is limited and they have no resident priest charged with the care of souls. The whole western side of the parish, however, the side which has grown most, is without any church or priest whatever.

That is not as it should be. Every district should have a church of its own and a priest of its own. There should always be a House of God where His people's houses are, a House where they can have Mass every morning and drop in now and again during the day for a Visit. And a priest's house too should be there, so that he may be near at hand when they want him.

Some time ago with admirable foresight your Venerable Parish Priest purchased a site for a church, presbytery and schools in the Model Farm Road district. Now though compelled to provide £5,000 for the extension of Glasheen School, he feels too that he ought to go ahead with the church as soon as possible and so he has decided to begin a Weekly Building Collection throughout the parish. I wholeheartedly approve of his decision and I earnestly appeal to all in the parish to give generously and regularly to this Collection.

The church at Model Farm Road will be the third of the Five Glorious Mysteries through which the faithful of the city and suburbs are dedicating Cork in an especial way to Our Lady of the Rosary. It will be the Church of the Holy Ghost commemorating the Descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles.

A new church is a very expensive thing. Even the simplest will cost very nearly £100,000. You will, of course, get a share, a large share, of the Central Fund to which some of you have subscribed so generously already—how much that will be depends, of course, on how much the Fund will have reached by the time it closes. But however much comes from the Central Fund, there will be still a large sum to be raised by the parish itself. According to Canon Law all in the parish and not just those who live in the district where the new church is to go up are bound to contribute; as well, all in the parish are bound to regard this church as having first claim (though not exclusive claim) on their generosity—a parish church comes before any other whatsoever; finally, all in the parish are bound to contribute to it according to their means—in the words of Sacred Scripture:—"If thou have much, give abundantly; if thou have little, take care even so to bestow willingly a little." (Tobias. IV. 9)

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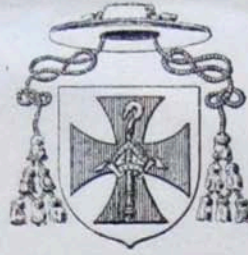
When the church is built a special Mass will be offered in it every year of its existence on the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Ghost for benefactors, living and dead.

May the blessing of God the Holy Ghost—to whom your new church will be dedicated—descend upon you all and remain with you for ever.

✠Cornelius,

Bishop of Cork.

October 4th, 1953.



BISHOP'S HOUSE,
FARRANFERRIS,
CORK.

CORK CHURCHES APPEAL

Cork is badly in need of new Churches and badly in need of YOUR HELP to build them.

The city, as all can see, has extended outwards very considerably on every side in the last few years; and still further extensions are on the way. These new suburbs are all far from the Churches in the older parts of the city; the people in them, especially the old and infirm, find it very hard to get to Mass on Sundays—daily Mass and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are, of course, ruled out for them altogether; as well, the existing Churches are so crowded that extra Masses have to be put on, with the result that there is little or no time for preaching the word of God at any Mass.

As things are, three districts are in urgent need of new Churches, viz. Gurranebraher, Ballyphehane and Model Farm Road; if the housing schemes now on the way are completed, two further Churches will be called for very soon namely, at Spangle Hill and in the Mayfield district.

The rural parishes, too, have their building problems—for instance, a new parochial church is planned for Drimoleague for next year.

It is not proposed to erect elaborate or ornate Churches. But building costs are high and even the simplest church, if it is to seat over a thousand people will cost from £60,000 to £80,000—therefore a sum of between £400,000 and £500,000 in all, is called for. In every case, the people of the parish are doing and will continue doing, their share towards finding this sum. Generous as they are, however, it would take them many years to put together even the minimum amount necessary to have a start made in the building and with interest rates so high, borrowing to build is out of the question.

I am proposing therefore, to establish a Central Fund from which money can be allocated for new Churches and I am appealing to all in the community for contributions towards it.

God will bless you for your generosity

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—Most Rev. Dr. Lucey.

The above is an extract from the letter of His Lordship the Bishop to the people of St. Finbarr's West. Following on the publication of this letter, a very representative meeting of the parishioners was held at the Total Abstinence Hall, Bandon Road.

The purpose of the meeting was to organise a Parish Committee to take charge of the collection of funds for the building of the new church, which is one of the five to be erected in the environs of the city and which will be dedicated to the Holy Ghost.

In the chair was the Parish Priest, Ven. Archdeacon J. Cohalan, who outlined in detail the requirements of the parish and the methods it was proposed to pursue in the collection of subscriptions. Of the weekly collection which would be conducted in all parts of the parish, he reminded the audience that the Bishop expected every wage earner to contribute at least one shilling per week. That figure would apply to the lowest wage earners. More would be expected of those who earned more. “So much reliance does our Bishop place on their generosity,” said the Archdeacon, “that he expects their sacrifices will be, perhaps, the most important and the largest contribution towards the building of the new church and schools.”

Turning to the salaried classes and business people, the Archdeacon expressed the certainty that these would contribute generously, and he suggested that some of these who would find a weekly or monthly collection awkward might make an annual subscription by way of a bank order payable to himself or any of his curates. This, he thought, would provide a happy solution for people of business interests, who would naturally contribute

more than the ordinary wage earner, and he understood a bank order died with the donor and so did not involve any problems for the donor's heirs and successors.

For people with big salaries and vested interests he did not think he would be asking for too much when he said they should give £100 per year until the completion of the parish work of building. He would not ask them to subscribe for more than five years.

"You may think," he concluded, "that I am asking too much, but may I remind you that our ancestors when emancipation of the Catholic Church in Ireland came more than a hundred years ago and when their circumstances were mostly of rack rents and poverty, built the churches according to their needs all through the diocese. They built those churches by their own intensive sacrifice and labour. They left them to us free of debt. We must do the same and let it not be said of this generation that we cannot do it, that we cannot make the same sacrifice and expend a labour such as theirs.

Outflow of Population

"Here in this parish as a result of the modern way of life and the outflow of population from the city's heart centre to the suburbs, there arises a problem of catering for the souls of the parishioners. The parish church being at the extreme eastern end of our parish cannot cater for their needs. Moreover, it is packed for the Masses celebrated in it every Sunday, and even if our western parishioners were wishful to come to it, we could not accommodate them.

"You in your time have built our magnificent parish church, of which you can be proud. Such has been your generosity to God's Church in the past that I do not think you will now fail your present Parish Priest, because the same Christlike spirit of self-sacrifice is in you to build yet another church for the needs of our people in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, and to the glory of God the Holy Ghost."

Things Begin to Take Shape

During the weeks which followed this meeting each family in the parish was visited. Every person with an income agreed to contribute until the required sum was reached. Ladies and gentlemen were asked to act as collectors. The reply on all sides was, "we will be only too pleased to take a hand in the great work." Each pair of collectors were asked to visit 30 families

weekly—about half an hour's work. The week's collection was then to be handed in at specially selected focal points in each district. The proprietors of these depots were to check the accounts, lodge the money, and return the receipts on Wednesday night to the Treasurer at the sacristy. He was then asked to show a full statement of accounts each week and also at the end of each month.

The children in the various schools of the parish were also asked to help. And here the full co-operation of the teachers—religious and lay—was received.

An angel holding a box—a very large one—was placed in the church to receive the contributions of those who wished to remain anonymous.

The Position Today

The plans having been completed, the machinery was set in motion. It began and is continuing to run very smoothly and successfully. Large yearly and half-yearly sums have been handed in. Substantial monthly and weekly contributions are coming in steadily. The schools, too, are doing very well. The box in the church—if one may be allowed to personify it—is the largest single contributor. For the Tabernacle in the new church a considerable amount of gold has reached us (though the legendary crock of gold hidden somewhere beneath the Lough has not been unearthed—so far).

The people of this parish, the self-sacrificing collectors, the depots, the treasurer and parish committee—all are doing great and good work and doing it well, as this chart shows:—

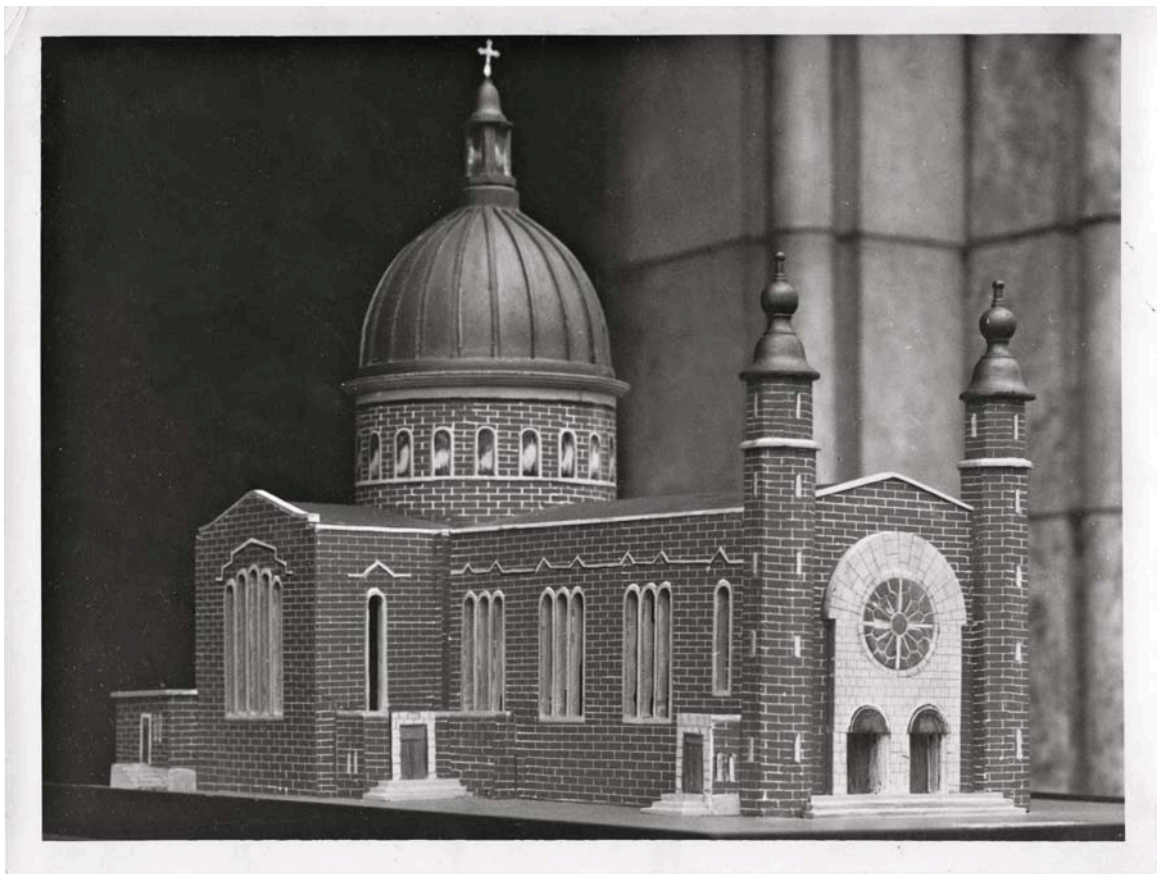
Amount subscribed to 31st August—£14,053 17s. 9d.

Target for Marian Year	£20,000	0	0
Final target	£100,000	0	0

The Future

Thinking over the results so far, one can only say—"Thank God and His Blessed Mother." Thanks, too, to "a great-hearted people" who have made these results possible."

And now looking to the future, one is reminded of the words of the Psalmist, "Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." With this in mind, we turn to our Holy Mother the Church and say with Her, "Direct our actions, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy inspiration, and further them with Thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee and through Thee likewise be ended."



PARISH COMMITTEE FORMED

Building Fund For New Cork Church

FOLLOWING on the publication of the letter from His Lordship the Bishop of Cork, Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, regarding the building of a new church in the Model Farm Road district, a representative meeting of the people of the Parish and the Immaculate Conception (St. Finbarr's West) was held at the Total Abstinence Hall, Bandon Road, last night.

The districts would be those of the Rev. Fathers D. J. Murphy, A. Murphy-O'Connor, D. J. O'Donovan, J. Byrnes, J. Bastible, T. White and J. O'Leary. The curates would automatically be members of the Committee.

The Parish Priest's appeal was supported by Rev. Fr. Murphy, Rev. Fr. Murphy-O'Connor, and Rev. Fr. O'Donovan, and discussion then moved into the body of the meeting, where enthusiastic support was given by Ald. S. McCarthy, T.D., Mrs. J. F. Wrenne, Messrs. J. Tierney, H. Golden and D. J. O'Leary.

It was made abundantly clear that the parishioners generally were wholeheartedly behind the great project, and a provisional general committee, consisting of Ald. McCarthy, Messrs. Tierney, David O'Sullivan, J. Cohalan, J. Richardson, L. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Wrenne was appointed to organise the regular collection.

Rev. Fr. Murphy announced that a number of subscriptions had already been received.

The Archdeacon would contribute £100 a year until the buildings were completed; an anonymous donor, through Fr. Murphy-O'Connor, had given £100, with a promise of the same amount next year and a weekly subscription; each curate in the parish would contribute £25 per year; Mr. J. Murphy, Clashduv House, had given £25, and two parishioners, who wished to remain anonymous, had given subscriptions, one a first instalment of £10 and the other £20, to be repeated each year.

Further organisation work was left to the Organising Committee, and the Archdeacon expressed his gratification at the great success of the inaugural meeting.

The Archdeacon also suggested that the Parish Committee should have a number of members as would correspond to the districts and the curates

Foundation Stone Of Fourth Church Blessed

Bishop Performs Ceremony In Cork Suburb

THE fourth foundation stone in Cork's Rosary of Churches, two of which are for some time completed and open to worshippers and the third in the course of erection, was blessed and laid by his Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Apostolic Administrator of Ross, yesterday afternoon.

This new church is being built at Dennehy's Cross on the western suburbs of the city and it is dedicated to the Holy Ghost. Already the walls are about four feet high and some of the pillars much more than that. A model of the building, made by Messrs. O'Shea, builders, Cork, to the design of Mr. J. R. Boyd-Barrett, the well known Cork architect, who has been responsible for so many edifices in the southern counties, was displayed at one of the entrances to the site and showed that the predominant feature of the new church will be a lofty dome over the nave. The church is being built of red brick.

A very large crowd watched yesterday's ceremony. A choir from Glasheen Boys' N.S., under Mr. J. Crowley, N.T., sang the "Veni Creator," and sacred music was played by Greenmount Band.

The ceremony began with the blessing of the site of the altar, then the stone was blessed and laid in position, and the foundations of the church were blessed.

In his address, the Bishop said that in these days of brick and concrete block, the foundation stone of a building has only symbolic significance. It is proof that the preliminary work on the site is finished and that there is

firm guarantee that the structure will not only go up but weather the years.

The need to build well and to build spaciouly in this district has for years been obvious to all but the most unthinking, continued his Lordship. There had to be a parish church, if Canon Law, indeed if Christ's own way of organising the Church in dioceses and parishes, were to be fully respected. And it had to be a worthy edifice, sited as it is, at a cross roads that carry so many visitors to and from Cork.

COLLECTORS PRAISED

"The priests here are good to collect; and the amount collected to date is large. But they are neither expecting nor getting credit for this. The credit must go to the lay collectors and, of course, to the subscribers who, week after week, hand in their shilling or half crown. Their reward will not be here but hereafter—there are no weekly draws and no chances of big prizes for those subscribing to our churches, save the prize of life eternal.

"I thank all who have helped the

Central Fund and the Parish Collection. Much is still needed. May I ask the continuance of your generosity. May I ask those with money to spare to give a big donation or at least to remember in their wills the local churches.

CLERGY PRESENT

The attendance of clergy included: the Dean of Cork, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Scannell, P.P., D.D., V.G., St. Patrick's; the Archdeacon of Cork, Venerable T. F. Duggan, P.P., V.F., Kinsale; Very Rev. J. Canon Fehily, P.P., SS. Peter and Paul's; Very Rev. E. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Church of Our Lady of Lourdes; Very Rev. D. Canon Murphy, P.P., Church of the Immaculate Conception; Very Rev. J. Canon Kelly, Adm., Cathedral; Very Rev. M. Canon McSweeney, P.P., Glounthane; Very Rev. J. Canon Bastible, Dean of Residence, U.C.C.; Very Rev. Dr. D. Connolly, President, St. Finbarr's Seminary; Rev. P. Henchy, P.P., Dunmanway; Rev. D. Horgan, P.P., Ballinhassig; Rev. M. Cahalane, C.C., do.; Rev. T. O'Mahony, C.C., Ballincollig; Rev. P. Fullam, C.C., Church of the Immaculate Conception; Rev. A. Murphy-O'Connor, C.C., do.; Rev. J. McCarthy, St. Finbarr's Seminary; Rev. M. Murphy, Chaplain, Bon Secours Home; Rev. J. O'Riordan, C.C., St. Patrick's; Rev. T. McSweeney, C.C., Douglas; Rev. J. Hegarty, C.C., Cathedral; Rev. D. J. Kehily, Chaplain, St. Joseph's (Lee Road); Rev. J. Crowley, C.F., Collins Barracks; Rev. Dr. J. Good; Rev. Dr. James, O.F.M., Cap., St. Bonaventure's; Very Rev. Fr. Mel, O.F.M., Cap., Guardian, Holy Trinity; Rev. Fr. Gerald, O.F.M., St. Francis'; Very Rev. L. O'Mahony, C.M., Superior, St. Vincent's; Rev. E. Rea, M.S.C., Sacred Heart College; Rev. P. O'Doherty, O.P., St. Mary's.

NEED FOR SCHOOL

"Here, as in so many other of the newly built-up districts, a school is urgently needed. On our side we have done all we could long since to get this school up. I must protest at the delay by the Board of Works here and elsewhere in the suburbs in providing new schools for the little children in their own districts. If the matter rested with the local authorities here, I can assure you that the school would be already up and open."

His Lordship was attended by Very Rev. Dr. D. Connolly, President, Farranferis.

MEMBERS OF CHAPTER

The members of the Diocesan Chapter present were:—Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. Scannell, P.P., V.G., D.D., Dean of Cork; Very Rev. J. Canon Fehilly, P.P., SS. Peter and Paul's; Very Rev. D. Canon Murphy, P.P., Church of the Immaculate Conception (The Lough); Ven. Archdeacon T. F. Duggan, P.P., Kinsale; Very Rev. E. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Church of Our Lady of Lourdes (Ballinlough); Very Rev. J. Canon Bastible, Dean of Residence, U.C.C.; Very Rev. M. Canon McSwiney, P.P., Ballinhassig; Very Rev. R. Canon Barrett, St. Finbarrs.

Other clergy present included: Rev. D. A. Aherne, P.P.; Very Rev. Dr. James, O.F.M. Cap.; Very Rev. J. Kelly, S.M.A., Wilton; Rev. T. Kenny, S.M.A., do; Rev. J. Long, M.S.C.; Rev. A. Murphy-O'Connor, C.C.; Rev. P. Fullam, C.C.; Rev. D. J. Donovan, C.C.; Rev. J. Good, C.C.; Rev. T. O'Mahony, C.C.; Rev. M. K. Cahalane, C.C.; Rev. T. McSweeney, C.C.; Rev. F. Fehilly, C.C.; Rev. T. A. O'Regan, C.C.; Rev. D. O'Connor, C.C.; Rev. E. T. Fitzgerald, C.C.; Rev. R. Ormond, C.C.; Rev. J. J. Doody, C.C.; Rev. J. Crowley, C.F.; Rev. M. Murphy, C.C.

Also present were Col. Sean Collins Powell, O.C. Southern Command; Prof. H. St. J. Atkins, President U.C.C.; Chief Supt. O'Dowd; Mr. E. Callanan, Cork Co. Manager; members of the Central Fund Committee, the Used Paper Committee, the Parish Committee, the Parish Collectors, etc.

A choir of schoolchildren (under Mr. John Crowley, N.T.), and the Greenmount Boys Band, assisted at the ceremony, as well as a party of Boy Scouts (under Mr. M. Byrne, Scoutmaster of the newly re-organised Lough Parish Scouts).

Messrs. J. Tierney and J. Twomey were responsible for the marshalling arrangements.

GRACEFUL SITING

The new Church will have entrances both from Wilton Road and Model Farm Road, and will be the "crowning achievement" of the Rosary of Churches both in design and scale.

Sited gracefully in an elevated position, it will be of an architecture appropriate for worship with power to impress its expressive image on the memory and understanding, being based on a modern interpretation of the Italian Renaissance.

The dominating feature of the design will be the dome of 50 feet diameter which rises to a height of 140 feet. It will be surmounted by a bronze cupola and supported on a raised drum which will be pierced with large windows.

The drum will be faced with brick, these windows having precast dress-

ings. The dome will be covered with copper and have raised panels and ribs. The main roof of the Church will be similarly covered with copper.

IMPOSING FACADE

The main entrance will face Wilton Road where there will be an imposing facade with two circular-headed doors and a large rose window supported on either side by octagonal towers, each of which will rise to a total height of 90 feet and will be surmounted by gilded Crosses and bronze spheres.

The general facing material will be brick of varied colour and texture and there will be white limestone dressing to the entrance doors and to the main facade.

The plan of the Church is that of a Latin Cross with a nave and transept. The width of the nave will be 45 feet, the width across the transept 98 feet, the total length of the Church 175 feet, the sanctuary will be apsidal and the floor will be raised 4 feet over the nave.

There will be side altars set in apses on either side. The ceiling of the sanctuary will be a half dome and the ceiling of the nave semi-circular with coffered panels.

The approach roads will be laid to easy gradients and the floor level of the Church will be 22 feet over the public road.

BRILLIANTLY LIT

The interior and particularly the sanctuary will be brilliantly lit by the windows in the drum of the dome. At the crossing of the nave and transept the pendentives will have sculptured figures.

Over the drum there will be a moulded cornice and the interior of the dome will be finished with rich coffered panels. The height from the floor of the Church internally to the top of the dome will be 100 feet.

The construction of the Church is based on reinforced concrete piers and arches which strengthen the walls and support the roof. The dome will be carried on the arches and its construction will be in reinforced concrete. To expedite the construction the main members will be cast on the ground and hoisted into position.

The Church will be illuminated by concealed fittings and the heating will be effected by floor panels.

The Church was designed by J. R. Boyd Barrett, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I. The consulting engineers for the reinforced concrete work were Messrs. O'Connell and Harley. The bills of quantities were prepared by Mr. P. Coventry, F.R.I.C.S. The construction of the building will be undertaken by Messrs. O'Shea and Mr. P. Murray will act as clerk of works.

The work will commence in December and it is hoped to have it completed by the late Autumn of 1958.

Yesterday's Foundation Ceremony



His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork, blessing the foundation stone of the church, The Descent of the Holy Ghost, at Dennehy's Cross, yesterday. Included in picture are Very Rev. D. Canon Murphy, P.P., Church of the Immaculate Conception; Rev. Dr. Connolly, Farranferris; Rev. A. Murphy-O'Connor, C.C., and Mr. J. R. Boyd-Barrett, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I., Architect, who designed the church.

Blessing Of Foundation Stone Of New Cork Church To-day

Today (Wed.) His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork, will bless and lay the foundation stone of the new church of the Holy Ghost at Dennehy's Cross at 3 o'clock.

The laying of the foundation stone of a new Church is a very simple yet very beautiful ceremony. It falls naturally into three distinct parts: the first consists of the blessing of the stone, secondly the stone is officially laid by the Bishop, and thirdly there is a Procession around the site of the new Church for the purpose of blessing the foundation.

I. The Blessing of the Stone: The Bishop first of all blesses the stone itself in prayers that remind us that Our Lord is the cornerstone and the "unchangeable foundation" on which the Catholic Church is built. He says: "Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, deign to bless this stone as the foundation of a Church in honour of the Holy Ghost. Next he takes in his hand a trowel— and makes the sign of the Cross three times on each of the six faces of the stone, and prays:

"Bless, O Lord, this creature of stone, and through the invocation of your Holy Name grant that whosoever with pure mind gives help for the building of this Church may receive health of body and soundness of mind. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

The Litany of the Saints is then sung to invoke the intercession of the heavenly army for the great work that the building of a Church involves. The stone is now blessed and ready to be placed in position as the foundation stone of the new Church.

II. The Laying of the Stone: Psalm 126 is now chanted by the clergy who are present. Its opening line reminds us that we need God's help in the building of the Church. "Unless the Lord build the house, they who build it labour in vain." When this Psalm is finished, the Bishop places the stone in position and at the same time pronounces the solemn words:

"In the faith of Jesus Christ I lay this foundation stone on this foundation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, so that the true faith and the fear of God and brotherly love may flourish here, and that it may be a place set aside for prayer, and for invoke and for praising the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and Holy Spirit lives and reigns, God for ever and ever. Amen."

The stone is then sprinkled with Holy Water, and the priests chant the Miserere a Psalm whose last two lines refer to the building up of the Walls of Jerusalem, a figure of the new church.

III. The Procession. The Bishop begins the third and last section of the ceremony with the Antiphon: "O how terrible is this place. Truly it is no other than the house of God and the gate of heaven," and he immediately proceeds to walk around the foundations of the church, sprinkling them

with Holy Water as he passes. Twice he stops to recite prayers asking God "to bless to sanctify and to consecrate" this church which is to be built.

On his return to the place where the foundation stone was laid the Bishop prays that the work of the building which has begun under God's direction may be brought to a successful conclusion. The ceremony ends with the singing of the "Veni Creator Spiritus," a hymn to the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier and the Bishop finally gives his blessing to the people who have attended the ceremony.

The laying of the foundation stone will take the following course—

(1) Blessing of Site of Altar; Psalm No. 83. (2) Blessing of Foundation Stone. (3) Litany of the Saints. (4) Placing of Stone in position and Blessing of Stone; Asperges and Miserere. (5) Blessing of Foundations of Church. (6) Veni Creator. (7) Bishop's Address. (8) Faith of Our Fathers.

Bishop's address

"Faith of our Fathers."

Foundation Stone Of New Cork Church

The foundation stone of a new church, to be dedicated to the Holy Ghost, was blessed and laid by his Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork, at Dennehy's Cross, Cork this afternoon.

It will be the fourth church in Cork's Rosary of Churches encircling the city.

Work On Wilton's New Church



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The first of the twenty pre-cast beams (arrowed in picture) weighing four and a half tons, is carefully hoisted into position on the base of the dome of the new church of the Holy Ghost, Wilton, Cork, yesterday. This is the second time this operation has been carried out in Europe, Hamburg being the only place previously. ("Examiner").

£77,300 Collected For Church In Five Years

Bishop's Tributes At Meeting Of Cork Parish Building Fund Committee

IN the past five years a total of £77,302 has been subscribed by the people of the parish of St. Finbarr's West towards the Church of the Holy Ghost Building Fund. This was revealed last night at a meeting of the collectors, helpers and members of the St. Finbarr's West Church Building Fund Committee held in Fr. O'Leary Hall, Bandon Road. The meeting was addressed by his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork.

Very Rev. D. Canon Murphy, P.P., Chairman of the Committee, welcoming his lordship, said that the collectors of the parish had done wonderful work. In the first year, they collected £19,838; in 1955, £14,202; in 1956 £12,224; in 1957 £13,825 and last year £11,413. They were to be congratulated on their perseverance and their work was beyond all praise.

"It is not a very pleasant job," said Canon Murphy "to go around week after week collecting, but they have done it and done it well."

"The outline of the church they were building can be seen now and it will be a monument to the generosity of the Lough Parish, for their weekly collection was the foundation of it. The contract for building the church is £128,970 but, of course, there will be a lot more expense before it is furnished and decorated, but we expect a lot of gifts from parishioners, some of whom have already promised generously."

"We must increase the subscriptions still further, for it is the widows mite which counts and everybody will have the satisfaction of realising that they played a part in erecting this beautiful church."

"We are £12,000 in debt to the bank, but I am sure, that with encouragement from the bishop, everyone will work enthusiastically until we have practically cleared off that debt."

His Lordship the Bishop expressed

his pleasure at meeting once more so many of the helpers and hearing an account of how well they had worked for the collection in the past five years.

GREAT-HEARTED PEOPLE

"I looked up to-night before I came down," he said "what I said the first time I put before the people of this parish the intention of building the new church. I said then that I estimated the cost of the new church would be well over a hundred thousand pounds. I said that it was a great sum, but it was for a great cause and I said you are a great-hearted people. I did not know at that time that you were as great-hearted as I know now that you are, for, in the years since, not only have the people of the parish given so much money, but you, the collectors, have given your time and your trouble and perhaps very often turning the other cheek to what people say when they see a nuisance coming again for the collection, for it is not easy to ask people for money."

"I should begin, of course," continued his lordship, "by saying that the team is good, the captain is good, the priests are good, the collectors are good and the result is good so that by all working together, you have done very well and I thank you."

"Looking at the figures here, I might perhaps be tempted to say that there is a falling-off, but I will not say it, for what falling-off there is, is negligible and you are much more interested in knowing when there is a likelihood of the collection coming to an end. Well, that depends on a couple of factors."

BANK OVERDRAFT

"One, of course, is the speed with which you can get in money, because if you get in money quickly now, it is worth more than getting it in next year or the year after, owing to the fact that there is an overdraft in the bank on which interest has to be

paid and, therefore, portion of what you collect next year would be just going to the bank clerks or the bankers, generally and much as we appreciate these gentlemen, we would prefer not to be enriching them."

"The other point is, perhaps, that the overdraft which I notice is over £11,000, will, of course, go up daily. It is not so terribly bad as it looks, for you have not yet got the amount of help from the central fund that you will be getting. In other words, the central fund will be able to provide a goodly sum in the immediate future for the church here and, therefore, the prospect, on that account, is not as bad as it looks."

"Perhaps by this time next year," said His Lordship, "the church will be open, and then there will be a tendency to find it harder to collect money so that the time between now and the opening of the church is the best time to press on the collection."

"The third point I want to mention to you is that it is a church that we can all be proud of. You will be proud of it for you are the people who are paying for it, and I can be proud of it for I feel it will be a fine church. On the main road to part of the west, it will be a monument to visitors from many countries who will pass along to Glengarriff or Kenmare, a monument to the faith and to the good taste and to the generosity of the people of Cork and of the people of the parish here in particular."

COST OF SCHOOLS

"I cannot tell you when the collection will end, but it will not go on forever, and it is not going to go on indefinitely and I would be very surprised if it goes on more than a couple of years. As well as putting up a church, there is considerable expense in putting up schools and that money has to come from the parish too. I know that what we began, we will, please God, with the help of you all, be able to finish. Five years ago you undertook a great task and you have shown yourselves in these four or five years well able to bear the burden of it. The amount of money that has come in and above all the goodwill and the amount of effort that has been put into the getting of the money in these last years, has been remarkable."

"It has been remarked outside the city and it shows that you can be relied on, that your Faith is strong and that you are prepared to make a sacrifice for the things of God and I, as your Bishop, am glad of that, of course, because it is my business to see, as far as I can, that you think of God. But it is you yourselves, who should be glad and I know that you are, that you have made the sacrifice that you have. Really, you can say to God in the end that you have done your bit. I hope in the next twelve months that we will have the same effort on the part of everybody and the same success to that effort and that we can meet again here this time next year and by that time, I have no doubt, I will be able to tell you, if the Lord spares me and all of you, exactly how much more will have to be paid."

Rev. Frs. Murphy-O'Connor, Fullam and O'Donovan also spoke.

Diocesan Churches Plan Might Now Be As High As £700,000

Total To Date In Region Of £475,000

REVIEWING the progress of the Cork Diocesan building plan yesterday after he had confirmed 231 children in Ballyphehane Church, his Lordship Most Rev Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross, said that the original target figure of £575,000, set six years ago, had become so low with present-day values, and total cost of the complete plan might now be as high as £700,000.

The total amount of money received to date from all sources was in the region of £475,000, his Lordship revealed.

His Lordship said that three churches had been completed in the city and three more in the rural parts of the Diocese; the church at Dennehy's Cross was nearing completion; work had begun on the Mayfield church and the end of the year should see a start made on a new church at Caheragh West Cork. The text of the Bishop's address was:—

"Less than six short years ago our Diocesan Church building plan was launched at a public meeting in the City Hall. It seemed an ambitious plan, envisaging as it did the construction of five new churches in the city and its suburbs and four new churches in the rural parts of the Diocese.

"The estimated cost was £575,000 at a minimum. No fund had been built up for the project—two bequests part—so the whole amount would have to be found by loan or collection. If we were to borrow, we would have to pay interest—and the principal as well. So we concentrated on paying our way as we went. By the grace of God and through the generosity of the people the plan has succeeded beyond all expectations.

THREE FORMS.

"The collection took three main forms. First there was an appeal for subscriptions to the Central Fund, a fund to be divided in toto between the various new churches built. To date this fund has reached roughly £175,000, all of which has

been paid out to the parishes with new churches.

"Next there was the special weekly collection in each parish a-building, the proceeds of which went towards meeting the cost of its own new church and presbytery. Finally there were bazaars and concerts (all parish sponsored), the waste paper drive, the princely help given by the Archbishop of Boston for the Church of the Resurrection, etc.

"Many, too, have remembered in their wills their Diocesan Churches.

"From all these sources there has come in to date well over £300,000—I cannot give you the exact figure, partly because these monies, unlike the Central Fund money, do not go through my hands, and partly because some of the help was in kind, i.e., Stations, Altars, etc.

"What has been done with this £475,000? There are three churches each with seating for more than 1,200 persons, up and open in Cork itself, the fourth at Dennehy's Cross is nearing completion and the fifth—the Church of the Coronation of Our Blessed Lady—at Upper Mayfield, has been just begun.

"Drimoleague, Carrigaline and Dromore each has a new church up and open, and the end of the year should see a start made on the church planned for Caheragh. In a word six fine churches have been put up, two are going up and the ninth and final church of the plan is soon to begin. So the money has not been laid idly by. We built quickly; we built graciously though not luxuriously, and above all we built solidly.

COSTS GOING UP.

"Building costs have been going up because of inflation. The target of £575,000, which we set ourselves in 1953, is proving too low with present values. Now it seems that the total cost will be, perhaps, £700,000. How-

ever, the churches in Carrigaline, Drimoleague and Dromore are already paid for. So, practically, is the Church of the Assumption. The special weekly collection in St. Finbarr's South is for the renovation of the parish church there, not for this church; if the weekly collection continues in this parish, it is in the main because of the extra money needed for Sanctuary decoration, the new Boys' School and the Presbytery. The late P.P., Canon Barrett, worked and worried for this project—to him must go much of the credit for the healthy financial state of the parish. His successor, the Archdeacon, has done magnificent work since he came here; and he has been the inspiration and architect of our collection abroad—it is to his taking way that we owe the Boston money.

"In the North Parish, two churches had to be built. That explains why the Parish Collection still goes on there—though, we reckon, not for too long more. In the Lough Parish, the new church is not finished as yet—nor is the weekly collection. The contributions to that collection have been, and are on the most generous scale. With so zealous and lovable a Parish Priest as Canon Murphy is, I am well content with the position there.

"I thank all who have helped in this great project—may the blessing of the Lord of Hosts be their reward. In particular, I pay tribute to the Committee of the Central Fund, some of whom are now gone to the Master of the Houses. I thank the committees and collectors in the various parishes, who so regularly and so long have been making their weekly rounds; and, of course, I thank our subscribers. Of the priest helpers, I must single out two for a special word of praise, namely, Fr. Cashman, now P.P. of Innishannon, and Fr. Donovan, now Curate at the Lough."

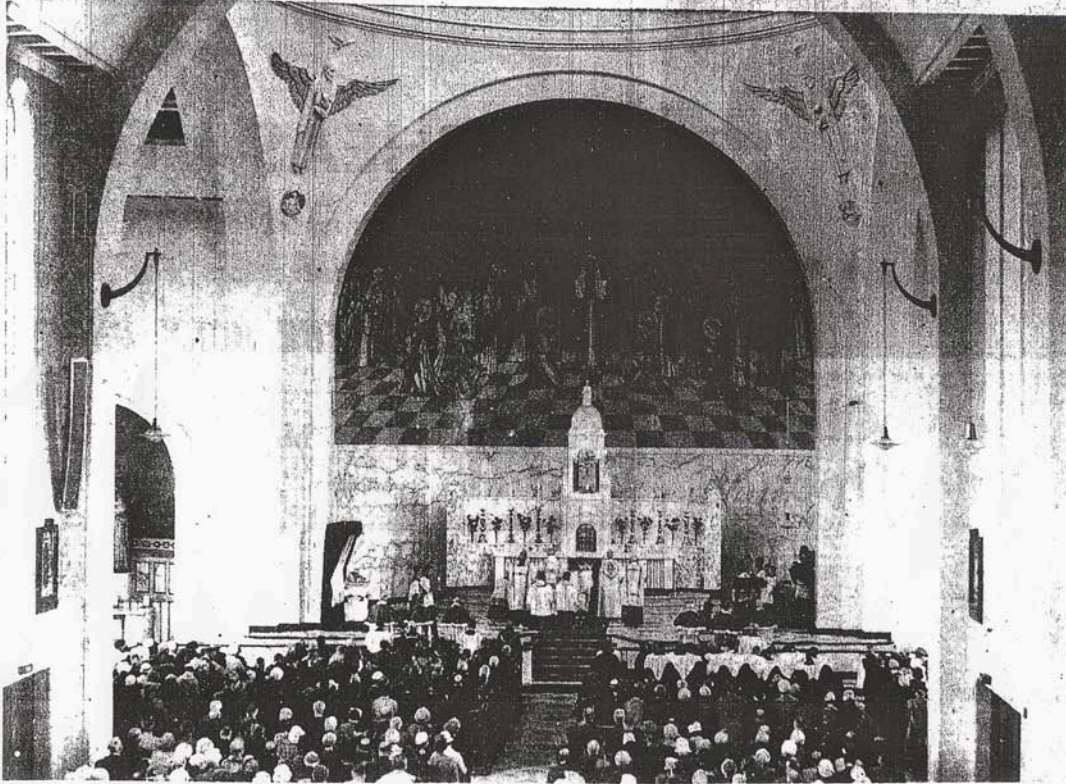
Rev. R. Ormond, C.C., was the celebrant of the Missa Cantata. The assistant clergy were: Ven. Archdeacon T. F. Duggan, P.P., Ballyphehane; Very Rev. E. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Ballinlough; Very Rev. T. Canon Cullinane, P.P., Turner's Cross; Very Rev. D. Canon Murphy, P.P., St. Finbarr's West (the Lough); Very Rev. D. Canon Connolly, President, St. Finbarr's College; Very Rev. J. Canon Bastible, Dean of Residence, U.C.C.; Rev. J. O'Leary, U.C.C.; Very Rev. M. Carmody, P.P., Douglas; Rev. A. Murphy-O'Connor, C.C., St. Finbarr's West; Rev. D. J. Donovan, C.C. (do.); Rev. E. J. Fitzgerald, C.C., Ballyphehane; Rev. J. O'Leary, U.C.C.

Mr. J. Crowley, Glasheen N.S., and Miss Fenton, Maria Assumpta School, were the sponsors for the children.

Association's Work Reviewed

"Crushing Burden"

Cork's Magnificent New Church

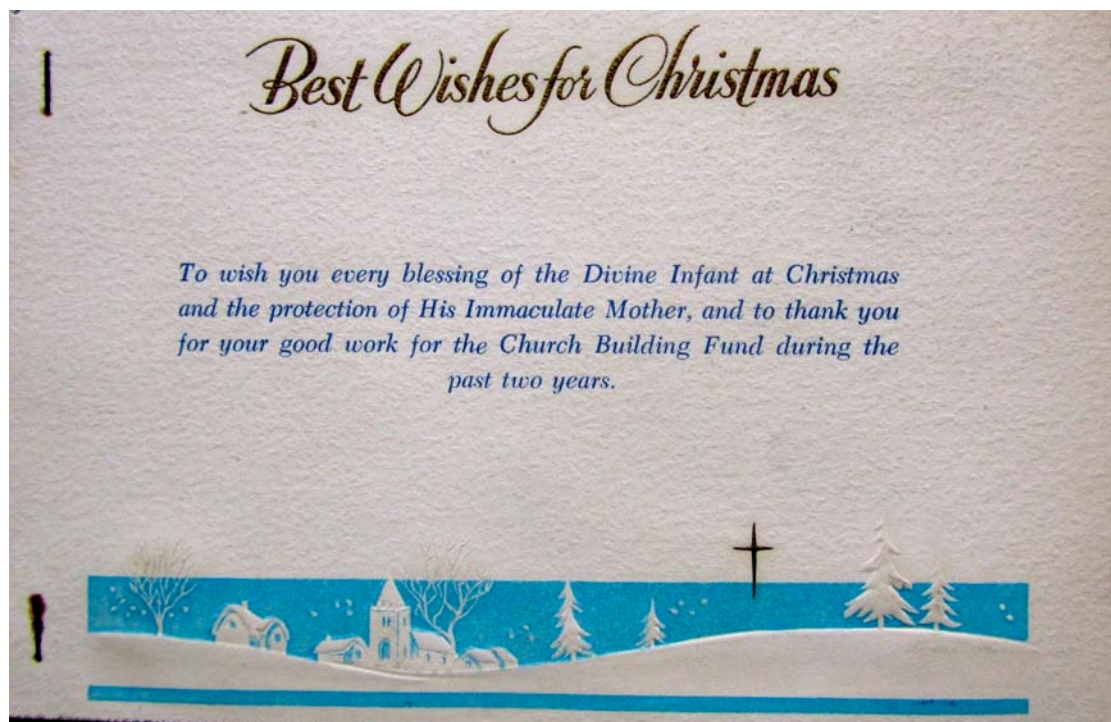
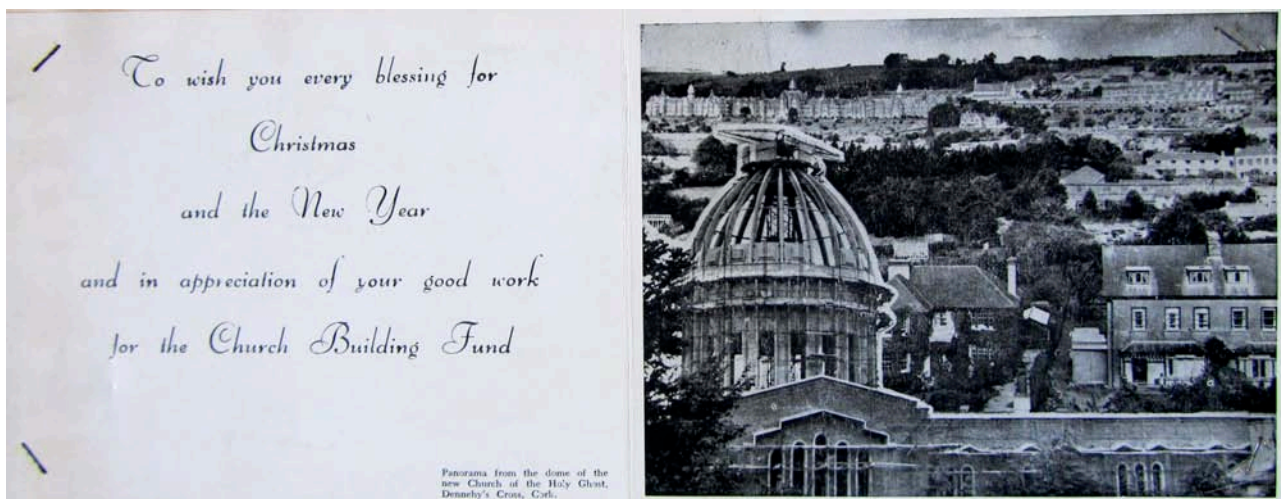


Scene during the Solemn Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Dr. Riberi, on the occasion of the blessing and opening of the Church of the Descent of the Holy Ghost at Dennehy's Cross. ("Examiner").



To wish you
every blessing
of the

Divine Infant at Christmas and the protection of His Immaculate Mother, and to thank you for your good work for the Church Building Fund during the past year.



This Church, the Church of Descent of the Holy Ghost is one of the Rosary of Churches dedicated to the Five Glorious mysteries, with which we are bringing the new suburbs around the City closer to God & Mary said his Lordship Most Rev Dr Lucey when he blessed the site for the New Church at Dendehy's Cross Model Farm on November 28th 1956

His Lordship said this was the seventh sod he had cut for a new Church in the last three years, of these four are already up and open.

No locality is complete without a Church. This locality is fortunate in having had two Churches on its outskirts for many years. I take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of us all to the Sacred Heart FMs and to the S.M.H. for the services they have given and will I hope continue to give for the people around, but this Church, is intended to be a parish Church where all religious services that only a parish Church & parish Clergy can give.

Unique Situation

This Church will be unique in one important respect as regards site. It will be on a main road. many tourists will pass this way every year, and will stop at it. Their impression of our Catholicity here in Cork will depend to no small extent on what they find in the Church, that is, why. I want this Church to be a particularly striking and devotional one.

Thanks to our architect Mr Boyd Barrett and to ideas picked up in visiting Churches in the great Catholic land of Spain it promises to be a most impressive edifice.

This Lordship was attended by Dr. D. Connolly. Members of the Chapter present were

R^t. Rev Mgr. J. Scannell P.P. V.G. D.D
Very Rev. Canon Fehily P.P. St. Peter + Paul
Canon D. ~~King~~ Murphy P.P. the Lough-
Archdeacon Duggan
Canon Fitzgerald
Canon Bastible Dean of Residence V.C.C.
Canon M^cSwiney P.P. Ballinacorney
Canon R. Barrett St Finbarrs South

The other Clergy present included - Rev D. A. Ahern,
Mr James O.P.M. Cap. Canon Kelly S.M.A. Wilton
Rev J Long Sacred Heart, Rev J. O'Rahony C.C.

Rev A. Murphy O'Connor, Rev P. Fullam, Rev D. J. Donohue
Rev J. Good, Rev M Cahalane C.C. Rev J. M^cSwiney C.C.
Rev H. Fehily C.C. Rev J. A O'Regan C.C. Rev D. O'Connor C.C.
Rev J Doody, Rev J Crowley and Rev. M. Murphy.

Also present were Col Sean Collins PAVILL O.C. Southern
Command. Prof Atkins V.C.C. Chief Supt. O Dowd
members of Central Fund Committee, the Parish Committee
a choir of School Children under M^r J Crowley and the
Green mount boys band as well as a party of Boy Scouts
under M^r M. Byrne Scoutmaster of the new reorganised
Lough Parish Scouts.

Messrs J. Tierney + J. Twomey were responsible for
the marshalling arrangements.

Graceful Setting

The New Church will have entrances both from Wilton Rd
and Rodel Farm Rd and will be the crowning achievement
of the Rosary of Churches both in design + scale.

Sited gracefully in an elevated position it will be
of an architecture appropriate for ~~worship~~ with power
worship,

to impress, its expressive on the memory and understanding being based on a modern interpretation of the Stalin Renaissance.

The dominate feature of the design will be the dome of 50 feet diameter, which rises to a height of 140 feet. It will be surmounted by a bronze cupola and supported on a raised drum which will be pierced with large windows. The drum will be faced with brick, these windows have pre castings. The dome will be covered with Copper and have raised panels and ribs. The main roof will be similarly covered with Copper.

Imposing Facade.

The main entrance will face Wilton Rd, and there will be an imposing facade with two circular headed doors and a large rose window, supported on either side by octagonal towers each of which will rise to a total height of 90 feet. and will be surmounted by gilded crosses and bronze spire.

The general facing material will be brick of varied colour and texture and there will be white limestone dressing to the entrance doors and to the main facade.

The plan of the Church is that of a Latin Cross with a nave and transept 45 feet and 96' respectively.

The total length of Church is 175 feet, the Sanctuary will be apsidal and the floor will be 4 feet over the nave. The ceiling of sanctuary is half dome.

The interior and particularly the Sanctuary will be brilliantly lit by the windows at the drum of the dome at the crossing of the nave & transept, the pendentives will have sculptured figures.

Over the drum there will be a moulded cornice.

and the interior of the dome will be finished with rich coffered panels. The height of the Church internally to the top of the dome is 100 feet.

The construction of the Church is based on reinforced concrete piers which strengthen the walls and support the roof. The dome will be carried on the arches and its construction will be in concrete.

To expediate the construction the main members will be cast the ground and hoisted into position.

Designed by Mr Boyd Barrett.
Engineers for concrete were

Messrs O'Connell + Harley.

Bill of quantities prepared by Mr P. Coveney F.R.I.C.
Mr O'Shea Builder & P. Murray Clerk of Works.

Foundation Stone of the 4th Church Blessed.

The fourth foundation stone in Cork's Rosary of Churches was blessed and laid by Most Rev. Dr. Lucey on 19th Jan '57.

The walls are already 4 feet high and some of the pillars much more. A model of the building made by Messrs O'Shea builders Cork to the design of Mr. Boyd Barrett, was displayed at one of the entrances to the site and showed that the predominate feature of the new church will be a lofty dome over the nave. The church is being built of red brick.

A large crowd watched the ceremony. A choir from Glasham boys under Mr. G. Crowley. It sang "The Veni Creator" and sacred music was played by Greenmount Band.

The ceremony began with the blessing of the site of the altar, then the stone was blessed, and laid in position, and the foundations of the church were blessed.

In his address the Bishop said that in these days of brick & concrete block, the foundation stone of a building has only symbolic significance. It is proof that the preliminary work on the site is finished and that there is firm guarantee that the ~~structure~~ structure will not only go up, but weather the years. The need to build well, and build spaciouly in this district has for years been obvious to all but the most unthinking. continued his Lordship.

Collectors praised

The amt. collected to date is large. Credit goes to the Clergy & lay collectors and of course to subscribers.

who week after week hand in their shilling or half crown
many Clergy were present at this ceremony.

New Church Blessed & opened on 25th Sept 1962

In the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland
visiting prelates and members of Chapter, Clergy
and Civic ~~Dignitaries~~ Dignitaries and with the pomp and
ceremony befitting the auspicious occasion the Church
of the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Dennedy's Cross
the 4th of Cork's Rosary of Churches was ~~solemnly~~
solemnly blessed and officially opened for public worship
25th Sept. The dedication ceremony was performed
by his Lordship Most Rev Dr Lucey who blessed
both exterior and the interior of the new edifice.

The first Mass to be celebrated there

Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Excellency
Most Rev Dr Riberi Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland and
finally a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached
by Most Rev Dr Lucey in which He expressed his
appreciation of the architect, the builders, the contractor
and all those who had contributed so generously of
their time, talents and money in the great work.

The Lord Mayor ALD S. Barrett, members, officials
of the CORPORATION. Dr Atkins President U.C.C. and
members of the Academic Staff occupied places of
honour alongside the Clergy during the Mass. The
entrance to the Church and the roadsides in the immediate
vicinity were be-decked in bunting and a throng of
general public greeted the arrival of the prelates and
there was a capacity congregation at the Sacred Mass
at noon which was celebrated by the pastor of the Parish.

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Very Rev D Canon Murphy, while in the afternoon, was, once more filled when His Excellency imparted Solemn Benediction, to bring to a close a day of celebrations unique in the annals of the parish. The Deacon in the afternoon was Rev Canon Murphy and Rev P. Fullam Master of Ceremonies Canon D Connolly Bishop Lucey presided. During the blessing ceremony Dr Lucey was assisted by Canon Murphy, Canon Connolly Master of Ceremonies, Dr E McCarthy assistant M.C.

Following the Ceremony His Excellency Dr Riberi headed the procession which included the prelates Dr Lucey, Dr J Aherne of Cloyne, Dr Manning Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, Rt Rev Mgr Storretts secretary to Nuncio.

The members of the Chapter (also Canon Cullinane Turners, Cross Canon Stritch, Kinsale Canon Kelly ^{A.D.M.} Cathedral, Canon O'Keefe, and Rev J Aherne Ovens.

Among other Clergy present were Rev L O Mahony St Vincents, Fr Conrad C.F.M. Cap ^{Trinity Holy} Fr Breen Sacred Heart, Fr Henchy P.P. Carrigaline, Fr O'Leary S.M.A. Dr O'Neill Old Court Rochestown, Fr Kelly St Marys (O.P.) Rev J. Cahalane Resurrection Rev J Hurley Raynooth Mission. Rev R.V. Powell Bishop's Secretary, Rev J Murphy Bon Secour Rev G Murphy Wilton S.I.A. Fr Cuthbert Cap. Rev S Murphy Mount Desert, Rev C.J. Dullea C.S.A., Rev Creaven S.M.A. Dr Good V.C.C. Rev H Tuleahy & Rev F X Whenne Church of the Holy Ghost, (Pastoral Church)

Dr Lucey in the course of his sermon said in a

few short years this district has become a great residential suburb, with the New Church solemnly blessed and opened it is now a House of God among many other houses, a place for this people to worship Him. A Church devoid of statuary and paintings which is worse, over crowded with those, that strike the eye, fails to create an atmosphere which was conducive to meditate and pray, so too, does the Church that had too many shrines for many devotions did not make for much devotion.

The furnishings and decoration must be in good taste any tinselings any over elaboration of structure or of ornamentations and crudility of materials or workmanship would mar the beauty of God's House.

This Church is practical, inspiring, beautiful and I believe it is not to us O God, not to us the glory, We have been blessed exceedingly, to our R^r Boyd Barrett, to O'Shea builders for work well done, sub contractors also deserve praise, mention and commendation. A special prayer for P Murray who gave himself utterly to his duty. Finally I thank publicly R^{rs} Wrenne whose zeal and good taste have been of ~~incalculable~~ incalculable help to us in the Sanctuary furnishings and decoration both here and other churches.

Then he thanked all visiting prelates and civic dignitaries Bless Great Raster of this House now made yours, all those, who made things possible.

Then he addressed the people advising them to worship and revere their Church as much, very much was spent its costly and precious furnishings

could not but delight God. but the finest ornaments
are of any church were good people.

May the families that worship in it be
holy families not only in this generation but to
come. Let fathers be other St Joseph's and mothers
models of Mary our Mother, and for God another
decade of the Rosary of 6 churches planned to
encircle our city. may it ensure the powerful
patronage of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary now
and forever. Amen.

Lists of Parish Ministers - Architects etc (in Gold
Green)