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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Pentecost Sunday

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
11th June

First Reading:
Deut 4:32-34. 39-40

Psalm 32

Second Reading:
Rom. 8:14-17

Gospel:
Mt. 28:16-20

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Fr. Declan Writes

Come Holy Spirit – 2006



Recently, a full-time Polish chaplain was appointed in our diocese to minister to the many thousands of Polish speakers who have come to Cork over the last few years. During the last year, several non-Christians and non-Catholics from other countries have joined an official diocesan programme of preparation for the Sacraments – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In our Church of the Holy Spirit, over the last few years, there is a steadily-increasing presence of people from the Philippines, India, Poland, Italy. It really reminds us of the scene described in the Acts of the Apostles for the Feast of Pentecost. Their presence is a great reminder of the universality of the Church. Many of the critics of the Irish Church used to talk about how isolated and insular we were. The presence of the Church worldwide in our midst is a welcome challenge, an opportunity to reach out, to embrace, to learn. Focus on what they bring to us.

Our great mosaic over the High Altar is an outstanding feature of our Church. The apostles, Mary and the onlookers in it are stylised and featureless, but they are all somewhat Western European in appearance. No dark skins, no eastern eyes, no curly black hair. They could be anybody – but who are they? If we had thousands of Euro to replace our mosaic, we would probably put **your** face up there. Who, Me? Yes, you. Baptised, confirmed, you are responsible for the work of the Church today, as it tries to bring the message of Christ to one of the wealthiest nations of the world, but one with a growing depression and suicide rate, one which has never promised more, but which appears to fail so many who are still left behind. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your Faithful, help us to bring the message of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, to all who search for lasting values, for peace of mind, for a sense of direction in life.....

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or give it to a
friend or neigh-
bour.

Heartwarming parish response to Turkwel's need!

Last weekend's Special Collection for the Turkwel Parish Irrigation Project exceeded the target: thanks to everyone's generosity €12,139.06 was raised. So the irrigation project can begin immediately, and the surplus will be put towards another Turkwel project - more details later. Sincere thanks to all.

Faith in Action Group

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Gospel Living

SSIA - THE THIRD OPTION

Everyone from Eddie Hobbs to financial institutions, travel companies and property consultants are advising us on our SSIA's. SAVE or SPEND?

There is a third option – GIVE – give to those in need. Vincent Brown suggests €1,000; Fr. Tom reminds us of the Biblical tradition of the tithe, one tenth; John O'Shea of the Third World charity GOAL asks for €10 a month...

Whether we see it as the widow's mite or the crumbs from the rich man's table, those of us fortunate enough to have SSIA's have an opportunity to share with a charity of our choice.



The death of Rita Loughry, Highfield Lawn has bereft us of one of our valued and supportive parishioners. Rita had a strong but gentle personality. Over a quarter of a century ago she joined a very special group of ladies under the guidance of Sr. Ailbe at St. Catherine's. She saw the urgent need for education and integration for the families of the travelling community. She gave her time and talents to ensure they had a hot and nutritious meal at school, and that they dressed in neat uniforms the same as the other children. Rita spent the last few years in St. Patrick's Hospital, at her own request, where she readily adapted to the spirit of the hospital. May her dear soul rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to her sons, Hillary and Tony, her daughters-in-law Cecelia and Marie, her grandchildren Rebecca, Anthony, Edward, Andrew, Claudia, and to all who loved her.



SACRED HEART NOVENA

Prayer is the heartbeat of our relationship with God. The late Pope John Paul stressed the fact that "we must find time, we must make time, to be with the Lord in prayer."

The following instance is one of which I have personal knowledge. A friend was deeply worried. He and his wife had a young family. Now she was seriously ill in hospital and after several weeks was showing little sign of improvement. When the Sacred Heart Novena was beginning I suggested to him that we ask the priest conducting it to pray for his wife during the Novena. Fr. John McGuire was very sympathetic. His immediate response was "Would it be possible for himself to visit the lady in hospital?" The resulting visit was a joyous and prayerful source of consolation for the patient and her family.

Two days later my friend, very excited, contacted me. When the medical staff treating his wife examined her they could find nothing wrong. The doctors were mystified. Many years have since passed, that couple are now grandparents. Sadly Fr. John McGuire died of cancer a few years later – he was a truly lovely man and just thirty-five years old.

Arthur O'Callaghan

Bible Corner

FAMILY HEIRLOOMS



Whenever we read the letter to Galatians, as we do this weekend, we should feel it has a particular message for us. The Galatians of Paul's time were closely related to the Celts who made their way to Ireland in the following centuries and from whom many of us are descended in one way or another.

Unlike inherited family silver, this letter from Paul is not just to be admired or even studied, it is meant to be a charter by which we live as believers in Jesus.

This weekend's passage is a challenge, a warning, a word of encouragement and reassurance all rolled into one. It highlights the importance of the choice we make either to allow selfishness free rein or to live by the spirit of God.

Pentecost celebrates a new coming of God's Spirit among us, let us open ourselves to receive Him joyfully.

Fr. Tom Clancy

PARISH NOTICES

Monday 5th June: Mass at 10.00 a.m.

"Come and See" Afternoon

Young women wanting to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life are invited to the Poor Clare Colettine Monastery, College Road, today, 2.00-4.00 p.m.

Male & Female Volunteers Wanted!

ISPC are currently recruiting volunteers for our activity based mentoring programme. Activities include anything from guitar lessons to soccer training. This is a fun, flexible opportunity to support young people in Cork and share your interests. Full training provided. Information night to take place on Wednesday 24th May. For further information contact Erin or Miriam on 021 4962949

Crypt Bridge Club.

Will have open Bridge from Tuesday 6th June until end of August.

Time: 2 pm – 4.30 pm approx.

Tea/coffee and biscuits supplied. All are welcome.



CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Next Sunday 11th June Mass will be broadcast from here by R.T.E. Radio 1 (medium wave and long wave), beginning at 10.00 a.m.

Masses will be at 9.00 a.m. **10.00 a.m.** and 12.15 p.m