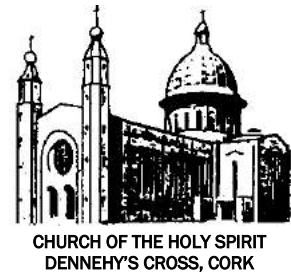


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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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TURKWELL NEWS



Our direct link to our twin parish, Turkwell, in Turkana, Kenya continues to bear fruit. Our Special Church Door Collection of over €9,000 in May went directly, through Fr. Oliver Noonan PP, into the irrigation projects in Turkwell, further enhanced by contributions of €1,000 from the Trade Union IMPACT, and €500 from the Bishopstown Lions Club. Our warm thanks to Stephen Lyons, who initiated the IMPACT donation, and Michael O'Brien, PRO Bishopstown Lions Club.

The most recent project of the Turkwell Irrigation Scheme Association (TISA) was to build three crossings of the irrigation canal, to link in farmers who were previously cut off from the water, and also to rehabilitate the TISA canal itself, which takes water from the Turkwell River. As before, the farmers themselves carried out as much of the work as they could, so that only building materials, transport, and skilled labour and technical advice had to be paid for. In this way, much has been achieved.

These works on the irrigation scheme have given equal distribution of water to all the farmers, and helped to improve crop production, provide food security and a steady income for the entire community. They send their thanks to all of us.



Canal crossing dug by the farmers



Would you believe...

There are over twenty-three active groups in your parish.

- ◇ Discover what's happening and add your voice.
- ◇ The Pastoral Council invites you to a Parish Meeting in the Crypt at 8.00pm on Monday 1st October.
- ◇ All welcome.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from 3rd class upwards are invited to become altar servers. After initial training, the commitment is to serve one Mass on alternate weekends as well as the special occasion, like Holy Week and Christmas. Training takes place in the church on Saturdays, 1.00 to 2.00 pm. beginning on Saturday next, September 22nd.



Please contact Mercedes (4544113), or Fr. Tom (4347616)

Rest in Peace

Eamonn Young, Woodleigh Park, who died on Friday 3rd August, was an extraordinary man in so many ways. Born in Dunmanway, he was a member of a well-known family in sport and academic achievements. He won two All Ireland medals with Cork Minor hurlers, but his real forte was football. He won three senior Cork Football medals, an All Ireland, and numerous Railway Cup medals. In many ways Eamonn was larger than life. He joined the Irish Army Cadets as a young man, saw service in Cyprus and Lebanon, and later took up a teaching position at Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. He married the well-known singer, Monica McNamee, and they had four children, Alan, John, Eleanor and Michaela. Monica died some years ago. To his family, brothers and sisters, and his many relatives and friends we extend the sincere sympathy of our community.

Terence Collins, Woodlawn, died at Cork University Hospital on Friday 10th August at a comparatively young age. He had been unwell for a considerable time, and was lovingly cared for at home and in hospital by his dear mother and sisters. We, his neighbours in Woodlawn, will miss his quiet presence and gentle smile, which made him very special to all of us. Terence was a model of goodness and innocence and was happy in his home where he was loved and cherished. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his mother Kathleen, sisters Mary, Elaine and Michelle, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and other relatives.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mary Porter, Rossbrook, on the death of her mother, Mary Barry, Limerick.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 23rd September: First Reading Am 8:4-7; Psalm 112; Second Reading 1 Tim 2:1-8; Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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NOTICE BOARD

Monday Prayer Group

Will resume in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 Mass on Monday, 17th September.



Coffee Morning for the Hospice

All are welcome to enjoy a chat over a Bewley's cuppa at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, 10.30 to 12 noon on Thursday 20th September.

"Model Neighbours"

Will hold a Sale of Work in the Crypt on Saturday 6th October, 1.00-4.00pm in aid of Telethon People in Need.

The State of Zimbabwe

Fr. Brian MacGarry, SJ, who has worked for most of his life in Zimbabwe, will give a talk at the Quaker Meeting House, Summerhill South on Sunday 16th September at 12.10pm.

Bible Corner



September is a time of many departures. Children leave home for school, for further education or to find work elsewhere. Most such departures are laced with hope and goodwill and a look forward to happy homecomings in the not too distant future.

But there are other departures with little or no hope of a happy return. These are departures in anger, in failure, in misunderstanding, in pride, in infidelity or in shame. Many of us are involved in some way in a departure from our lives in regrettable circumstances of some friend or family member. Sunday's gospel story could inspire in us a new initiative of reaching out, of opening a door, of offering a céad mile fáilte to the prodigal one in our lives. However the father communicated it, the son knew that there would be a welcome back for him. This realisation empowered him to return. To believe that one will welcome is an essential and enabling ingredient in the process of re-establishing old friendships and relationships.

God is continually offering such a welcome to each one of us. To be like God as we are called to be, we must offer such a welcome to one another. Today is a good day to do it. To postpone it, is an opportunity lost.

Fr. Tom Clancy



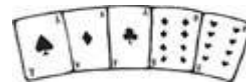
Letter to the Editor

St. Columba's Convent,
Bishopstown Ave. West

Dear Editor,

Please permit me, through the Bulletin, to express long overdue thanks. During my illness, I have been overwhelmed by the many good wishes cards, Mass cards and above all the prayers which I have received from people in our parish. It would be impossible for me to thank everyone individually. I do however want you all to know that I have been deeply touched and am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,
Sr. Ursula



Crypt Bridge Club

Tuesdays at 2.00 sharp. Tea and coffee available. Thank you to all those who attended open bridge during the summer months, and we look forward to seeing all our members again for the new season. New members are welcome

Wilton Bridge Club

At 7.30pm in SMA Hall, Wilton. New members welcome. Just come along or ring Sue Ryan at 4546008.

Muskerry Bridge Club

New season commencing in crypt of Holy Spirit Church at 7.30pm on Friday 21st September. New members welcome - no partners required.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Annual Collection at Bishopstown Shopping Centres on Friday 21st September. Collectors needed. Please phone Roger at 086 3866975.