

## **A terrible incident just after mass, Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> .**

One of our parishioners, John Crowley from Cork, who had been at mass with three of his children, Alison (6), Sean and Liam (twins aged 4), was crossing the road at the zebra crossing just outside the church on the rue de Hollerich.

A car coming from the direction of the motorway broke the lights, collided with another car coming down the route d'Esch and careered into John and the children. Police and ambulance were called. I was engaged at the time in the sacristy with the confirmation candidates, but came out immediately I heard about the accident. There was little anyone could do.

Briefly, John and the three children were taken by ambulance to Kirchberg hospital. Little Liam died on the way there and is now with God. His twin brother, Sean, is badly hurt but was sleeping peacefully when I visited them in hospital. The little girl, Alison, seems fine apart from a few superficial cuts. She was sitting up in bed and I was able to talk to her. John himself will be in hospital for six weeks but was quite conscious and able to talk. His wife Sophie (who is French) was at home with the youngest child Brian at the time of the accident. She spent last night in the hospital with the children.

I don't need to tell you how appalling this must be for the Crowley family. Please keep them in your prayers. I will try and keep you all informed of the situation as it develops.