

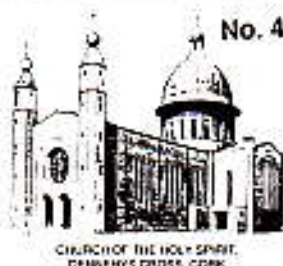


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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

The sky is still bright, and the air is balmy as I write these few paragraphs at 10 p.m. on mid-summer's day. At this time most people look forward to a holiday of some kind - and rightly so. The Lord told his disciples to come aside from the crowd and rest a while. You will recall how he said to Martha, "You worry and fret about so many things - yet few are needed, indeed only one." St. Francis de Sales tells us we should imitate a little child who walks along with one hand clinging to its father, and with the other gathering wayside fruits. So while we collect the good things of this world, always keep a hold of your Heavenly Father.

During holiday time the opportunity to do something beautiful for Jesus is more likely to arise - your loyalty to Mass and prayers - the witness for good you leave with those you meet.

By all means enjoy every minute of your holiday. But keep your hand in the hand of God, and come home refreshed and enthused by your holiday experiences.

Have a lovely holiday and gather beautiful memories.



**HAPPY
SUMMER!**



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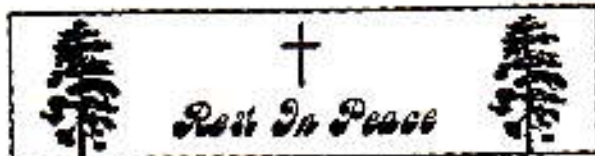
**TAKE A VACATION
AWAY FROM GOD**

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is on Thursday June 29th.





Welcome home to Anne Jones, The Belfry, Model Farm Road. Anne has worked as a nurse for six months in Rwanda. We wish her well when she returns for a further six months.



We pray for the late Grace Hogan, Sentosa, Collage Road, who died recently after a long illness. One of Grace's privileges in life was to be a Minister of the Eucharist, and as she often said herself, "It helped me to keep going from month to month." She was a woman who had immense pride in her children and grandchildren. Her husband Richard was devoted to her in her long illness. To Richard and family we offer our prayers and sympathy.



We extend our sincere sympathy to HELEN BROWN, Wilton Gardens, whose mother died earlier this year. To JAMES MARTIN, Highfield Lawn, on the death of his sister HESSIE in Belfast.



School's out!
EDITORIAL

The Bulletin will be taking summer holidays after today. Thank you to all who work on it. I especially want to thank Margaret Murphy who has been part of the Bulletin team for some years but is now leaving us. Since Margaret left Kenley and moved to Ballincollig she feels that as she is no longer in the parish she is too "out of touch" to remain on the Bulletin. We don't like to lose you, Margaret, but we appreciate your sentiments.

We hope to be back in business at the beginning of September. One thing we would like to ask our readers. We've often been told that we should have more local news on the Bulletin. It's up to you to let us know if anything interesting is happening in your area of the parish. Phone me (546096) or any member of the team, or drop a note into the C.P. Centre. Also do please write (short) letters to us - your views, comments, complaints. So, next season, keep us in mind. Have a happy summer, and may the sun shine on us all.

Elsie Harris

Editor



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

CHURCH HARASSMENT?

Watching the final RTE Questions and Answers in the current series, it was interesting to listen to the answers of the panelists on the question of Church 'harassment' by the media.

There was a general feeling that there was, in fact, no harassment by the media. The suggestion was that the Church was learning to respond more positively, contrasting Cardinal Daly's attitude in the Fr. Brendan Smyth case with his response in the Fr. Curran case.

All of the panelists urged support for our priests,

acknowledging that the vast majority of them were carrying out their ministries in the best possible tradition and in most difficult times.

The panelists also felt that improved PR by the Church was required in order to counteract the adverse publicity it was getting.

In the matter of paedophilia, there was a feeling that the Church's attitude might be changing more because the media was haying at their heels rather than because the Church really wanted to face up to the problem.

To end on a lighter note. In mixed company, a lay person asked the question: "Why is it that so many clergy are eccentric?" "Isn't the answer obvious?" quickly responded a cleric. "All clergy are recruited from the ranks of the laity!"





"COULD YOU GIVE US SEATS IN THE BACK? WE'RE LEAVING FOR THE BEACH RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE"



Congratulations to Sr. Margaret Martley, St. Catherine's School, on her retirement. For the last ten years she had been involved with teaching travelling children. Sr. Margaret is now going to Peru.

Good wishes also to Wayne Costello. Kenley Close, who is going to South America to do voluntary work.



CHURCH NOTICES

During July and August Masses on Monday to Friday will be at 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. No 7.30 p.m. Mass except on First Fridays (July 7th and August 4th) and on the Vigil and Feast of the Assumption (August 14th and 15th).

Also during July and August the Sunday Mass at the Community School will be discontinued.

Eucharistic Procession Fund

The Procession Committee wish to thank our parishioners for £311 collected recently.

Bishopstown Credit Union

As you prepare for going on your summer holidays, don't forget your local Credit Union. It offers convenient opening hours, and is open six days a week. So don't delay, call today to the Wilton Road or Curraheen Branch.



Local Group shoots for the Stars

A local band, Ruby Horse, has recently released its first album called "A Lifetime in one Day". Members include C.S.N. past-pupils, and the album has been getting very good reviews. We wish the band well for the future.

Fine Gael

Model Farm Road branch will hold a meeting on Monday 26 June at 8.30 p.m. at Fine Gael Rooms, Bandon Road (town side of Youngs Bar). New members most welcome. Public representative will attend.

Teenage Disco

Following requests from many parents, Highfield Rugby Club will hold an Under Sixteen Disco on Friday 30 June, from 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Admission is £3 and will be by ticket only. Tickets are on sale at the Club. This Disco will be adult supervised.

•HELP!

Ben Hazard of Kenley Avenue will do a parachute jump in Offaly on 29 July in aid of Life Pregnancy Care. Sponsorship required. Please telephone Ben at 345656.

Readings for next Sunday

The readings for next Sunday, July 2nd are : 1K. 19:16,19-21, Psalm 15, Gal. 5:1,13-18 and Luke 9:51-62.

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