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FROM OUR

## PARISH TEAM

*Fr. Patrick writes*

### THE MYSTERY

If one were stuck for conversation with someone you would hardly bring up the topic of death. It is, after all, a very difficult subject, one which we do not like. When we come close to death, perhaps the death of another, we often ask why. Why should my loved one have to die? Why should so many innocent people have to die in the horn of Africa? Even though we do not have any clear answers as to such 'whys', death does change our attitude to life and the way we live it.

No doubt the first disciples did not understand why Jesus should die. Why was he taken from them? They must have experienced guilt in their hearts, after all they had denied and deserted him. Neither did this help their attempts at clear thinking. In the midst of all this, Jesus, the Risen Lord, appears to his disciples, not as ghost (in fact appear is the wrong verb) but in flesh and blood. No wonder they were dumbfounded. They could not understand his death, how were

they meant to comprehend his resurrection?

Before his death Jesus did explain to the disciples that he would suffer, die and rise again. Now after his resurrection he opens their minds to the full meaning. He uses the scriptures: the books of Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms (the Old Testament). Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we seek to do the same. We use the scriptures to try to come to understand what Christ's life and death are all about, indeed what our own life and death are all about. This is our faith, the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

*Patrick Webb*





Dan Coughlan, Magazine Road, died peacefully on 8th April. He had been in failing health for some time. Dan had worked for many years in the retail shoe business, where he was known for his unfailing courtesy and concern for his customers. In later years he worked part-time at the courthouse, and for different law firms in town. He was most generous in sharing his time and talents with the Capuchins at Rochestown and Holy Trinity. He was a member of our own Pastoral Council for years, and a loyal and dedicated collector in our church from the beginning. We extend sincere sympathy to his dear wife Kitty, to his family Noel, John, Don Catherine and Liz, his sister and grandchildren. May his noble and gentle soul rest in peace.

Teresa Myles, Liam Lynch Park, died on April 19th and was buried on Good Friday with a requiem Mass on Easter Sunday. Despite ongoing frailty in recent years, she continued to live at home on her own with the support of her children and grandchildren who were the focus of her life. A kindly gentle neighbour, she will be greatly missed in the neighbourhood, and by her loving family and friends. To Tony, Alec, Frances and Marian we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Dr. Sarah Lehane, Kinloch Court, Bishopstown Avenue, died at St. Patrick's Hospital on 24th April. Sarah qualified in medicine at U.C.C. and later specialised in gynaecology and obstetrics. She spent most of her professional life in Castlebar, where her sensitivity and expertise were treasured by generations of patients. After her retirement she returned to her native Cork and took an active part in the community here. To her sister, nieces, nephews and very many friends we extend sincere sympathy.

#### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to RUTH WALSH, 59 Wilton Gardens, on the death of her mother, Margaret Fennelly.



Congratulations to our choir and to their conductor, Paddy Killeen, for their recent success in the Choral Festival. They came 2nd in the very prestigious International Competition in which they competed against 18 other entries. In the Composers' Competition Paddy Killeen came 2nd with his very beautiful composition "Ave Maria" in Irish. Great achievements!

While on the subject of music and singing, many parishioners have been talking about Sinead Murphy's magnificent singing at the Easter Vigil - particularly her rendering of the Exultet. Thank you Sinead.





# Welcome!

## Buíochas agus Fáilte

Mr. Frank McCarthy has been appointed as principal of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh with effect from 1st August. He will replace Mr. Bertie Kelleher. This is a very significant milestone in the life of Coláiste as Mr. Kelleher was a founding teacher of the school when it began in a house on Model Farm Road in 1964. Since then he has given a lifetime of dedicated service to the young men of this area and far beyond, as a teacher, as a vice-principal and especially, as principal. His contribution to the development and ongoing strength of the school is enormous. Families and generations of students are deeply indebted to him for his educational leadership and his commitment to the Christian formation of those entrusted to him. Buíochas mór leat.

Mr. McCarthy comes to us with a proven record as teacher, guidance counsellor and principal at Scoil Mhuire, Wellington Road. We wish him well in the onerous and special task which school principalship is today. Fáilte romhat.

Beannacht Dé oraibh araon.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Teenager Quiz

The winner of this quiz was Vicky Whelton, "Claragh", Model Farm Road.

The Editor wishes to thank all who submitted solutions to the various puzzles in the Easter Bulletin. Hereunder are the answers and names drawn from the correct entries:

### Easter Crossword

We received 20 entries of which eight were all correct.

Winners:

Mary Nolan, St. Helens, Wilton Road.

Sheila Hyland, Glenera, Orchard Road.



### Easter Puzzle

#### Question 1.

Harry and Susan worked in the Engineering Dept.

The Heads of the various departments were -

Sanitary: Charlie & Honor

Haberdashery: George & Catherine

Gardening: Sam & Eleanor

Cost & Control: Edward & Miss X.

#### Question 2

The nine letter words were:

Producing, Corporate, Gladiator and Arranging.

Winner: Mr. Lehane, 63 Wilton Gardens.



## *Celebrate Community*

**Parish Pilgrimage  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

### Parish Pilgrimage

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend in the C.P. Centre.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 8th May in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

### Bulletins to Homes

Please note that Bulletins will be delivered to homes in the parish next weekend.



### People with Disabilities

An open meeting will be held by People with Disabilities in Ireland Ltd. (formerly The Irish Council of People with Disabilities) at Jurys Hotel on Sunday 14th May, 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.



**GOING PLACES**

### Summer Outing

Bishopstown Social Services annual outing takes place to West Cork on Thursday 18th May. Tickets available from Nora Fitzpatrick 546358 or Michael Haydon 541012.



### Deaf Enterprises

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### Readings for Sunday 14 May

Acts 4:8-12. Ps. 117.  
1 Jn.3:1-2. Jn.10:11-18.

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