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writes

HOLIDAY TIME FOR SOME

Already the majority of post-primary school children are on holidays. Within a fortnight almost all schools will have completed the year's work. A variety of options await many children. The Irish language summer courses have already begun. Scout camps are in the pipeline. Sport summer camps are widely advertised. Local communities are gearing up for summer play schemes. Seaside holidays in Ireland or abroad await many families. It is a good time of the year for most families. It provides time and opportunity for the enriching of relationships and giving thanks for the blessings of family. It makes new demands on adults and children to ensure the bonding happens.

It is good to remember the other side of the coin. Some can never afford a holiday. St. Vincent de Paul do the best they can to help. Remember their July collection. For families under stress, it can be a time of greater tension. Some of us may be in a position to ease the burden. It takes courage and generosity laced with practical wisdom to do so. It can be risky but Christians must always

be risk-takers in the cause of goodness. The cute person can never be a true follower of Jesus.

For those living alone or housebound, the summer exodus can pose daunting problems. The usual supports disappear. The caring eye, the fetching carrying hand, the befriending hello, the news carrier may all be missing over the summer. Who will replace them? Maybe, only you can, or otherwise they will not be replaced. Like Sundays, summer can be the loneliest time of all for some people.

As individuals as well as families and neighbourhoods, we can run a check list over the coming weeks. How blessed are we ourselves? There is so much to be thankful for. How can we love one another especially those in greatest need over these holiday weeks?

Enjoy the holiday time. Give time to the Lord wherever life takes you. May you know His care and love always. God bless and protect you and yours and keep you safe.

Thomas Blaney

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Father's Day

I must have been about four years old because I was not yet going to school. One very wet afternoon when it was impossible to go out and play in the garden I decided to paint. I already had a small paint box, brushes and a little jar for water. Mother cut me out something from the newspaper and I decided to paint a picture for my father. I painted away until I was satisfied, dried the paper, folded it up and put it in my pocket and waited until my father came home.

When he had finished supper and was sitting in front of the fire smoking his pipe and reading the Liverpool Echo, I climbed up under the newspaper on his knees. "Daddy", I said, "I painted a picture for you this afternoon." "Did you, sweetheart", he said, "Where is it?" "Here", I said, pulling it out of my pocket, and handing it to him. He carefully unfolded and examined it upside down. "No, Daddy," I said, "This side up. Do you like it?" "Well" he said, "I think that is the most beautiful picture I ever saw in my life. May I keep it?" "Oh! Yes Daddy", I said, "I did it for you." My father took out his wallet, carefully folded up the painting and put it in amongst strange things like stamps and railway tickets. Then he went back to his pipe and paper and I sat on his knees, both of us blissfully happy.

Now, aged ninety-two, I must soon be off to my heavenly home, that's sure. Although I have great fear of the process of getting dead I have no fear whatsoever of the outcome. When the

Heavenly Father scrutinizes the tattered rag that is my life I can say, "I did it for you, Father."

When God created my earthly father's heart, what model did he use if not his own? If I can say "it was for you", will we not both be blissfully happy, Father and child?"

This story was written by Sr. Mary Lunt who died at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, earlier this year in her nineties. A convert in her twenties, she wrote this story about four years before her death. It was the core of the homily at her funeral.

At cool of day, with God I walk
my garden's grateful shade:
I hear his voice among the trees
and I am not afraid. *Chinese proverb*



Rest in Peace

Josephine O'Donoghue, Lima Lawn, Magazine Road died on 29th May. Predeceased by her loved husband Ted some twenty years ago, Jo endured reduced mobility in recent years, but her strong faith and especially her devotion to Our Lady sustained her always. A friend to all who met her, especially in Lima Lawn and Liam Lynch Park, she will be greatly missed. She would have been very pleased with her grandchildren's participation in her funeral Mass. She is buried in St. Oliver's Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathies to her children Mary, Phyllis and Anthony, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.



DUES

Thank you. Despite the dues envelopes being distributed a little later than usual, most contributors have now returned their envelopes either by hand or by post, or through the dedicated collectors. The priests of the parish are very grateful to all who contributed to their support and to the collectors whose role is invaluable. Thank you.



But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Ephesians 4:7



Letter to the Editor

The macabre account of the late Timothy McVeigh's execution by newspapers and TV shows a sick society. He was a former War Hero. He must have been a sick man to do that act. I prayed for him at the hour of execution and so did my wife. Dear God, please forgive him.

J.F.



We offer our sincere sympathy to JOHN and ROSE COUGHLAN, 2 Woodford, Melbourn Road, on the death of John's brother Gerard, as the result of an accident. His death occurred on Saturday 2nd June.

Chewing Gum

Parents and children – please DO NOT leave gum on the floor or stuck to pews in the church.



Appeal to All Dogs

Please remind your owners that it would be appreciated by parishioners if they could make sure that you do not leave any messages in the church grounds, as humans regularly carry them into the church.



Summer Cookery Demonstration

By Bord Gais at Highfield R.F.C. on Tues. 19th June at 8 p.m. Raffles, recipes, spots. Tickets £5 available at the door or from Pam 4543551/Pat 4545790. All funds raised in aid of club's trip to Canada in August, when 48 U20/U18 under-age members will travel to Toronto representing both the club and locality while playing rugby for nine days. This is a huge commitment by the club to the young people of the area and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Youth Activities

Cúrsa Gaeilge 2001

One week Irish Course for girls and boys 10-16 years, June 25-29th, 10.00-3.00 p.m. catering for 4th to 6th class primary and 1st to 3rd year post primary. Seisiúin, teagaisc, drámaíocht, céili. Apply to Secretary, Mount Mercy College, 4542366 – 10.00-4.00 p.m. or 4968496 – 6.00-8.00 p.m.



Relics of St. Thérèse

At North Cathedral from Wed. 20th June 2 p.m., to Thursday 21st, 10.45 a.m. The Cathedral will remain open during these hours.

The Gardai stress the following points:

- There are very limited parking facilities in the area, therefore cars should be parked in town.
- There will be set-down parking at the side entrance to the Cathedral (Roman St) for wheelchair access. It must be stressed that this is set-down parking only and cars must move on once the person goes into the Cathedral. Some wheelchairs will be available.

Other Venues for Relics:

St. Joseph's S.M.A., Blackrock Road:
Sat. 23rd 2 p.m. to Sun. 24th, 12 noon.
Carmelite Friary, Kinsale:
Sun. 24th, 2 p.m. to Mon. 25th, 12 noon.

Woodlawn Residents

A 40th anniversary open-air Mass will be celebrated on the Green on Thursday 21st June at 7.30 p.m. All residents past and present will be very welcome.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays	9.00, 10.00 First Friday 7.30 p.m.
Sat. Vigil	6.15 p.m.
Sunday	9.00, 10.30, 12.15 p.m.
Holydays:	
Vigil	7.30 p.m.
Holyday	9.00, 10.30, 12.15, 7.30. (No 7.30 Mass on Sun- days or Bank Holidays)

Annual Mass at St. Oliver's Cemetery

Due to the adverse weather conditions experienced in November over the past number of years, the date of the Cemetery Mass has been brought forward to Tuesday 26th June at 7.30 p.m.

Theology Summer School

At Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay 1-6 July, third *God in the City*. This year's theme *Muintearas*, will explore theologies emerging to meet the concerns of today's Ireland. No previous experience of theology is required. Different speaker each day, and two evenings. Come to one or all sessions. Theology for everyone in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. Contact 4502067.

Wedding on the Web

A new Irish site on the web helps couples prepare for a Catholic wedding, with a guide to the ceremony and special tips for choosing readings, prayers and music. The website also has stories and experiences of couples, an online bookshop and lots more. www.gettingmarried.ie

GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday 24 June

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:16,19-21. Elisha is called by the prophet Elijah.

Psalm:

No. 15. Once we have God, we have enough.

Second Reading:

Galatians 5:1,13-18. Anyone led by the Spirit will not be self-indulgent.

Gospel:

Luke 9:51-62. Jesus demands full and instant commitment.