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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr Patrick writes

BEAUTY

At this stage of the year the doors are beginning to close in schools for the long summer holidays. Home exercises and projects will soon be distant memories and we are now getting ready our 'buckets and spades' to go on holidays. God speaks to us in so many ways, particularly in the scriptures and in the Tradition of the church, but God's hand can be seen too in his created world of nature. Who made the beautiful world in which we live? At holidays time we relax more, we are (weather permitting!) immersed in the world of sea and sky, of lake and mountain, and this context has always been a special one in which the soul is most receptive to God's divine self communication. The author of Psalm 8 puts it so well:

*I look up at your heavens, shaped
by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm.
What are human beings that you spare
a thought for them,
or the child of Adam that you care*

for him?

*Yet you made him little less than
a god,
you have crowned him with glory
and beauty,
made him Lord of thee works of
your hands,
put all things under his feet.*

I pray that you will, during the coming holidays, experience the beauty of God's world and thus find your own beauty.





Rest in Peace

Anne Atkinson (nee Kenny), Liam Lynch Park, died at Cork University Hospital on Saturday afternoon 1st June. One of the earliest children born in the Park, Anne lived her all too brief life there. She was very special to family and neighbours. Through the generosity of an organ donor and the competent dedication of her medical carers and her family, she was given a new lease of life twenty years ago. After this she was blessed with love, marriage to Mel and with her daughter Audrey, both of whom sustained her in her time of illness. To her husband Mel, her young daughter Audrey, her parents Billy and Anne, sister Mary and all her family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Deirdre Beechinor (nee Linehan) formerly of Wilton Road, died on 10th June, peacefully at her home in Beckenham, Kent. Deirdre (Dee) grew up in this parish, attending St. Catherine's N.S. and Mount Mercy. It was later in U.C.C. that she met her husband Frank. Soon after their marriage they moved to London, returning regularly to visit family and friends. Being a successful teacher, Deirdre loved children and was overjoyed to have two children of her own. She was very saddened, however, by the untimely deaths, in recent years, of her mother Nóirín and her father Brendan, a regular cantor in our church. She could never have imagined that she would have been joining them so soon.

Dee's strong faith was evident throughout her life, but especially during her recent illness. This gave her and those around her the strength that was needed to cope during such a difficult time. Her smile was a ray of sunshine to those she met, even when she was so unwell. Travelling was one of Deirdre's passions, so against all the odds, she managed one last visit to Cork in late May, a day she thoroughly enjoyed. She particularly wanted her young children to see the places that were so close to her heart. She will be sadly missed by her family, a large circle of relatives, friends, colleagues and pupils. We extend our sincerest sympathies to her dear husband Frank, children Francis and Alex, sister Ann and brothers Ristéard and Colm. May she rest in peace.

Maureen Golden, Wilton Road, died on 15th June at Marymount in the faith-filled care of her family, of the staff and of the wider hospice community. Even though in failing health for some time, her indomitable cheerful spirit was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. A long-time resident here with her husband Terry and her seven daughters, she was a kind neighbour, thoughtful friend, and active member of the parish and the wider community. In the funeral homily, Fr. Tom described her welcome for the visitor and for the Lord and prayed that the Lord would now in turn welcome her home. We join in that prayer for her. To her husband Terry, daughters Mary, Phillipa, Ann, Patsy, Theresa, Bernadette, Rita, to her sisters and brother, to her grandchildren, relatives and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy.



A VERY SPECIAL FEAST DAY

On Saturday, 29th June, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome: St. Peter and St. Paul. It is also the day when traditionally on the continent new priests are ordained. Perhaps it would be an appropriate day to pray for the priests of our parish and to thank them for all they do for us.



THE EDITOR

writes

Dear Bulletin Readers,

This is the last Bulletin until 8th September. Thanks to all who make it possible: our Parish Team who inspire us throughout the year, the hard working Editorial Team, the many Contributors, the Folders who had a difficult year, and the great work of the Distributors who deliver the Bulletin to all homes in the parish every third Sunday. Our sincere thanks to Anne, the parish secretary, who does such wonderful work in preparing the Bulletin, and our Printers, D. O'Mahony & Sons, who are always helpful and do a great job.

A special thanks to our Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Clancy, for his guidance and support.

On behalf of the Bulletin Team I wish you all a very happy Summer.

Irene Connolly

Bible Corner



Strategically situated between three continents, Asia, Africa and Europe, the Holy Land is used by a wide variety of migratory birds as a regrouping and feeding stopover on their journeys from southern Africa to northern Europe each Spring and early Summer. Similarly, they call on their return journeys.

So, at particular times of the year especially, the whole Palestinian sky teems with varied bird life. It would have been no different in Our Lord's time. It is no surprise then, that the outdoor preacher followed the tradition of the Old Testament prophets and writers using bird imagery in his preaching. This weekend, taking the example of God's care of the common sparrow, the most ordinary among all the exotic birds around, Jesus highlights God's care for us. "You are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."





NOTICE BOARD

Bulletin Break

Publication of the Bulletin will cease after this weekend. We will be back on Sunday 8th September.

Peter's Pence (Papal Charities)

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

St. Oliver's Cemetery

The Annual Mass will take place on Tuesday, 2nd July at 7.30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Next meeting Monday 24th June in the Parish Centre at 8.00 p.m. and every second Monday thereafter. If you need to contact the Society **URGENTLY** please see Dean O'Connor.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maries of the Isle on Monday 24th June at 7.30 p.m. Fr. J. Power O.S.A. New Ross. will officiate.



Attention Senior Citizens

Everyone who has a free travel pass has free admission to the Murphy's Open Golf at Fota Golf Club, taking place from Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th June inclusive. A very enjoyable day for everyone, even non-golfers.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch

Carers support meeting on Monday 8th July in Jurys Hotel at 8 p.m.

Cúrsa Gaeilge 2002

One week Irish Course for girls and boys, 10-16 years, July 8th to 12th, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Catering for Fourth to Sixth Class Primary and 1st to 3rd year Post Primary. Apply to the Secretary, Mount Mercy College, 4542366 (10.00-4.00; 4968496, 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.)

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th June

First Reading:

2K.4:8-11,14-16. Tells of the rewards that follow hospitality.

Psalm 88

Second Reading:

Rom.6:3-4,8-11. Paul reminds us why baptism is one of the greatest gifts we've been given.

Gospel:

Mt.10:37-42. Jesus speaks of the many virtues good disciples must have.

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