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Parish Pilgrimage Peace Prayer

*Together let us pray for the gift of peace– the peace of Christ,
which the world cannot give:*

May we always set forth
In the company of Mary
On a daily pilgrimage of faith,
So that we may all reach
That still inner place of the heart,
Where Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Await us in an embrace of love.

May the peace of Jesus, Our Risen Saviour
Enfold us and be our protection in times of trouble.

And may He make us instruments of His peace,
Radiating His light
In our daily lives.

St. Finbarr – Pray for us.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

GOD AND NATURE

The month of May must surely be one of the most beautiful in our calendar. Flowers are in bloom, the trees have their new soft green leaves, the weather is good (most of the time), the anglers are along the rivers searching for fish, the long lazy days of the summer are before us.

The beauty of the world around us has always been a source of inspiration for authors and poets. This is true especially of those who write the books of the bible. Job, the old testament figure who lost everything and everyone of his family, found solace and meaning again in the power and beauty of the sea. Elijah the prophet found the presence of God in the gentle breeze. The author of the book of Genesis set his story in a garden. The psalmist wrote:

*When I see the skies, the works
of your hands,
The moon and the stars which
you arranged,
What is man that you should
keep him in mind,
Mortal man that you care for
him?*

The great thing is that God's grandeur is always to be seen in the world about us. Why not try to get out more so that you too can

*See his blood upon the rose and
in the stars the glory of his eyes.*



Rest in Peace

William McAuliffe, College Road, died unexpectedly at his home on 5th May. Devoted to his family, fun loving, a kind neighbour, Willie was a well-known Cork businessman, especially through his role in Sunbeam over many years. A keen sports fan also, he will be missed by many whose lives he enriched during his long and fulfilled life. He was predeceased by his wife Kathleen, and is survived by his son Billy (Dublin), daughter Marian (Canada) and loving grandchildren, to all of whom we offer our sincerest sympathies, as well as to the wider circle of neighbours and friends. May he rest in peace.

SAFE PASSAGE

In business as well as in friendship, an introduction is often a key moment. An influential patron or a protective supporter can be even more crucial. Saul was lucky to find one. His miraculous conversion was not enough to convince those whom he had previously persecuted that he could be trusted. Throughout history the poacher turned gamekeeper phenomenon has always aroused suspicion, not least in our own country as well as present day Iraq and Eastern Europe.

So Saul needed the well respected Barnabas not only to introduce him to the key players, but to watch his back when one faction of the Jews planned to execute him. We might have had no St. Paul if Barnabas and friends had not arranged a safe passage for him to Tarsus where he holed up until better days arrived.

This weekend's first reading has an almost contemporary ring to it.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

On Monday last the newly elected parish council met for the first time. The group were joined by the outgoing council who had, in the words of Fr. Clancy, "served the parish community very well during their period in office. Their commitment and dedication was deeply appreciated." He thanked them on behalf of the priests and community of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Seamus Murphy, on behalf of the outgoing council, wished the new members every success.

Clare McCutcheon was elected as Chairperson of the new council with Padraig Ó Riordáin as Secretary. A half-day seminar to discuss all aspects of the work of the council was arranged for September.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AREA REPRESENTATIVES 2003-2006

Area 1 – Rossbrook, The Manor, Melbourn Court
Clare McCutcheon, 9 Rossbrook

Area 2 – Leesdale, Rosslea
Denis Kiely, 6 Leesdale

Area 3 – Parkway, The Grove, Greenfields, Parkway Court, Woodford, Wynwood
Eddie Delaney, 29 Greenfields

Area 4 – Kenley Road/Drive/Avenue/Heights /Circle/Crescent, Mount Eden
Carmel O'Shea, 17 Kenley Avenue

Area 5 – Model Farm Road, Cherry Grove, Bishopstown Park, Woodlawn, The Belfry, Avondale
Mary O'Herlihy, Dromana, Model Farm Road

Area 6 – Bishopscourt Avenue/Hill/Road/Lawn, Merlyn Lawn, Wilton Avenue, Bishopstown Road
Padraig Ó Ríordáin, 2 Bishopscourt Lawn

Area 7 – Bishopstown Avenue, Bishopstown Avenue West, Highfield Lawn, Convent Lane, Woodleigh, The Ridgeway, Court Cairn
Cait Murphy, Hillcrest, Bishopstown Avenue

Area 8 – Farranlea Park/Grove/Road, The Orchard, Victoria Village/Court
Arthur O'Callaghan, 1 Farranlea Grove

Area 9 – Laburnum Park/Drive/Lawn, Wilton Gardens
Liam Hennessy, 19 Wilton Gardens

Area 10 – Wilton Road, Glasheen Road, Liam Lynch Park, Roger Casement Park, Lynbrook, Glenarden, Sheares Park
Peter Cox, 40 Lynch's Park, Glasheen Road

Area 11 – Magazine Road, Linaro Ave., Sheares Avenue, Lima Lawn, School Avenue, Bendemeer Park, Robin Hill
Peter Desmond, 7 School Avenue, Magazine Road

Area 12 – College Road, St. Clare's Avenue, St. Francis' Avenue, Orchard Road, The Grove, Orchard Court
Denise Garde, Millwynd, Orchard Road

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to PEGGY SCRIVEN, Kenley Drive, on the death of her brother Paudie O'Leary.

Blood Transfusion Service

Donor clinic will be held at the SMA Centre, Wilton on Thursday 22nd May, 6.00 to 9.00 p.m.



Parish Dues

Sincerest thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Dues. The priests of the parish appreciate your continuing support. A special word of thanks is due to the distributors/collectors whose help is invaluable.

Inter-Church Prayer Service

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been decided to defer this year's service, but we hope to restore it to its place at Pentecost next year.

Pilgrimage Car Badges

If you wish to avail of free access to the forest park at Gougane Barra for Sunday's pilgrimage, please collect a car badge in advance from the church. The badges are in a box on the altar rails.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be held on 6th June at 7.30 p.m. in our church at Dennehy's Cross. New members of the Pioneer Association will be enrolled at this Mass. Any pioneers of 25 or 50 years who would like to have silver or gold pins presented to them may contact J. Coffey (4345281) or L. O'Driscoll (4544682) before Friday 23rd May please, as pins, brooches and certificates have to be ordered.

Silver Jubilarian Pins €23

Golden Jubilarian Pins €25

Golden Jubilarians 9 ct. €115

Diplomas €1 each.

Charity Concert

Deaf Enterprises present a great family night out with Jimmy Crowley in concert at the Everyman Palace Theatre on Sunday 1st June at 8 p.m. Sign language interpreters will be present. Tickets €18, €15 (conc), €10 (u-16) available at theatre 4501673, or Deaf Enterprises 4294111.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The May recital will take place on Wednesday next May 21st at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Dan Murphy will give this recital, so do not miss this grand finale to our season.

Found

A considerable sum of money was found by two schoolgirls in the churchyard. Owner can have same by applying to the Sacristy.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 25th May

First Reading:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48. Peter once believed that the message of salvation was only for Jews. But in this part of the story of the early Church, he sees the Holy Spirit given to Cornelius, a Roman. As a result, he preaches that all can be baptised.

Psalm 97

Second Reading:

1 Jn. 4:7-10. The sign that we know God is that we love each other.

Gospel:

Jn. 15:9-17. We are called to lay down our lives for each other, as Jesus did for us.

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