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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
writes

## FATHERS' DAY

Many people have the happy memory of seeing a young child beginning to walk, taking the first tentative steps on its own towards waiting, welcoming, encouraging, outstretched arms.

To welcome the young explorer is a great thrill for the one who evokes the trust that enables the young child to realise its potential to walk. There is something life giving, deeply satisfying in a relationship that enables another to trust, to grow, to take developmental risks.

This relationship can be between teacher and pupil, between friends, between spouses, between every couple who love, but especially between parents and children. It is so special that it is particularly celebrated twice in the year, on Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. This weekend it is Fathers' Day.

The calls of fatherhood are many and varied. It is a call not only to give life and to nurture it, but also to co-create an atmosphere of enabling trust, security, forgiveness and love. It is a call to live in bonded relationship. The joys of

giving and receiving are intermingled with moments of failure and of being taken for granted.

When Jesus spoke about His Father, He spoke not about gender but about relationship. God is an essential partner in the giving of life and all the gifts that accompany it. He is not only the originator but also our companion in the pilgrim way of life. Our human fathers have an inspiring role model.

Happy Fathers' Day.

## OUR PRAYER TODAY

*May those who have loving Fathers with them on Fathers' Day thank God for this great treasure.*

*May those whose Fathers are no longer on earth honour their love by becoming the best that they can be.*

*May those for whom today brings pain or hurt because of memories of childhoods destroyed or neglected through selfish, cruel or deficient fathering be healed by the love of God our Father and the understanding and care of those more fortunate.*

*Remember too those fathers who are denied the option of 'being there' for their children, those responsible enough to want to share in the forming and nurturing but through circumstances are denied the option.*

## A VISIT TO POLAND

Few nations in Europe suffered so much pain and loss of life during the last war as Poland did.

Yet, this is a people with a faith-filled trust in God's love and providence. Their belief in God is the very heartbeat of the Polish nation, a faith that has sustained them with hope and courage through the horrors of war and oppression.

During our pilgrimage, we visited Lagiewniki Monastery where St. Faustina of *Divine Mercy* lived and is now buried. She wrote in her diary, "God's mercy is like a golden thread which is interwoven in each moment of our existence."

Wadowice, home town of Pope John Paul II was our next stop. The house where he was born and lived with his father is now a museum. His mother died when he was a child and his only brother died some years later. The affection which the people of Poland have for Pope John Paul is truly phenomenal; his image is everywhere - they are immensely proud of their native son.

If the brutal war represented the way of the cross for the Polish people, then Auschwitz concentration camp must have been Calvary. Millions of people were murdered here by the Nazis. Thunder rumbled in the distance and lightning split the darkening sky as we arrived. The camp still has its high barbed wire fences and watch towers. A strange dismal silence envelopes the place now.

We visited the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe died - he gave his life to save a fellow prisoner. His last

remark to his friends was: "Life is still worth living - evil must not have the last word."

The miraculous icon of Our Lady, the Black Madonna, is at Czestochowa, Poland's national shrine. Traditionally it is believed to have been painted at Nazareth by St. Luke the Evangelist. Countless miracles spanning the centuries are attributed to the intercession of Our Lady, the Black Madonna. Seven million pilgrims visited the shrine last year. The veneration and piety of the huge congregation which filled the monastery during our visit was inspirational, their singing of the beautiful Polish hymns will remain a lasting memory.

Arthur O'Callaghan

### From the Editor

Dear Bulletin Readers,

This is the 'last Bulletin until the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September.

Thanks to all who help to produce it - our parish team who inspire us throughout the year, our hard working editorial team, our many contributors and distributors both in the church and throughout the parish. Our sincere thanks to Anne who does so much work in preparing the Bulletin, and our Printer, *A Touch of Print*, who is always helpful.

On behalf of the Bulletin team, I wish you all a very happy summer.

Irene Connolly



## Rest In Peace

Sr. Carmel Hayes, I.J. was laid to rest in Drishane Cemetery on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She had spent about two years in St. Joseph's Convent prior to her death. Aged 84, she had spent most of her active life in Weighbridge and then retired to Mallow. Sincere sympathies to her community and family.

Esther Heffernan was the longest resident in Laburnum Park. She and her husband Miah, and young family took up residence there in 1950, when the area was just being developed. Esther was a native of the Cathedral Parish - she was a gentle, refined and lovable lady. Indeed, you felt the better for having known her. She died at the Mercy Hospital on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June - the feast of St. Anthony - to whom she had a life-long devotion, and never missed her Tuesday evening Novena while she was able. She was predeceased by her husband Miah by 22 years, who was faithfully and prayerfully remembered every year on 9<sup>th</sup> January. We extend sincere sympathy to her family, John, Noel, Dermot, Billy, Raymond and Gerald, her sister Betty, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her many relatives and friends. May she rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to the O'SULLIVAN FAMILY, Farranlea Grove, on the death last week of Darra (Corcoran), following a brief illness.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

### PARISH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

#### September : RELATIONSHIPS TODAY

Marriage - Separation - Divorce - Second Relationships.

**Format:** A *Questions & Answers* type format consisting of a panel of four, under Chairperson, Mr. Seamus Murphy. Following an introduction, each panel member would respond to questions from the floor.

**Panel:** Fr. Gerard Garrett, Diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

Mr. Des Hourihan - Psychologist, UCC Dept. of Education

Ms. Berna O'Shea - Pastoral Counsellor on Separation

Ms. Catherine Kelleher, Solicitor - Family Law background.

**Venue & Date:** Crypt, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.

#### October : PRAYER - The Lord's chat room - are you online?

**Format:** Directed and interactive. A solo presentation is envisaged.

**Personnel:** Fr. Elin Griffin, Carmelite Fathers, Dublin.

**Venue & Date:** Crypt at 8 p.m.

#### November: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

An appreciation of the religious beliefs of other faiths.

Details to be advised once confirmed.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**Peter's Pence**

Annual collection next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds of which are sent to Rome, and used by the Pope to support special charitable projects in developing countries, as well as defraying expenses of the work of the Church.

**THANK YOU**

**Trócaire**

The Lenten Trócaire boxes collection 2004 in this church has now risen to €9,045. Many thanks.

**HELP NEEDED**

**Cork Simon Community**

A volunteer is urgently needed to help with office work. Please phone Niamh at 4377643 for further details.

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**REMINDER**

**For Gardeners**

Check to see if your hedge is a hazard to passers-by. Please do make sure there are no protruding bits – especially thorny bits!

**For Dog Owners**

Please don't allow your dog to foul the footpaths. To inadvertently walk into IT is really distressing.

**Be civic spirited!**

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**First Reading:**

1K 19:16,19-21. We learn how one prophet calls another. Elisha recognises the call of Elijah as the call of God and he obeys.

**Psalm : 15**

**Second Reading:**

Gal. 5:1,13-18. St. Paul points out that unity is the hallmark of a Christian community.

**Gospel:**

Lk.9:51-62. The gospel tells of differing reactions to Jesus. Some would not receive him, others could not resist following him.