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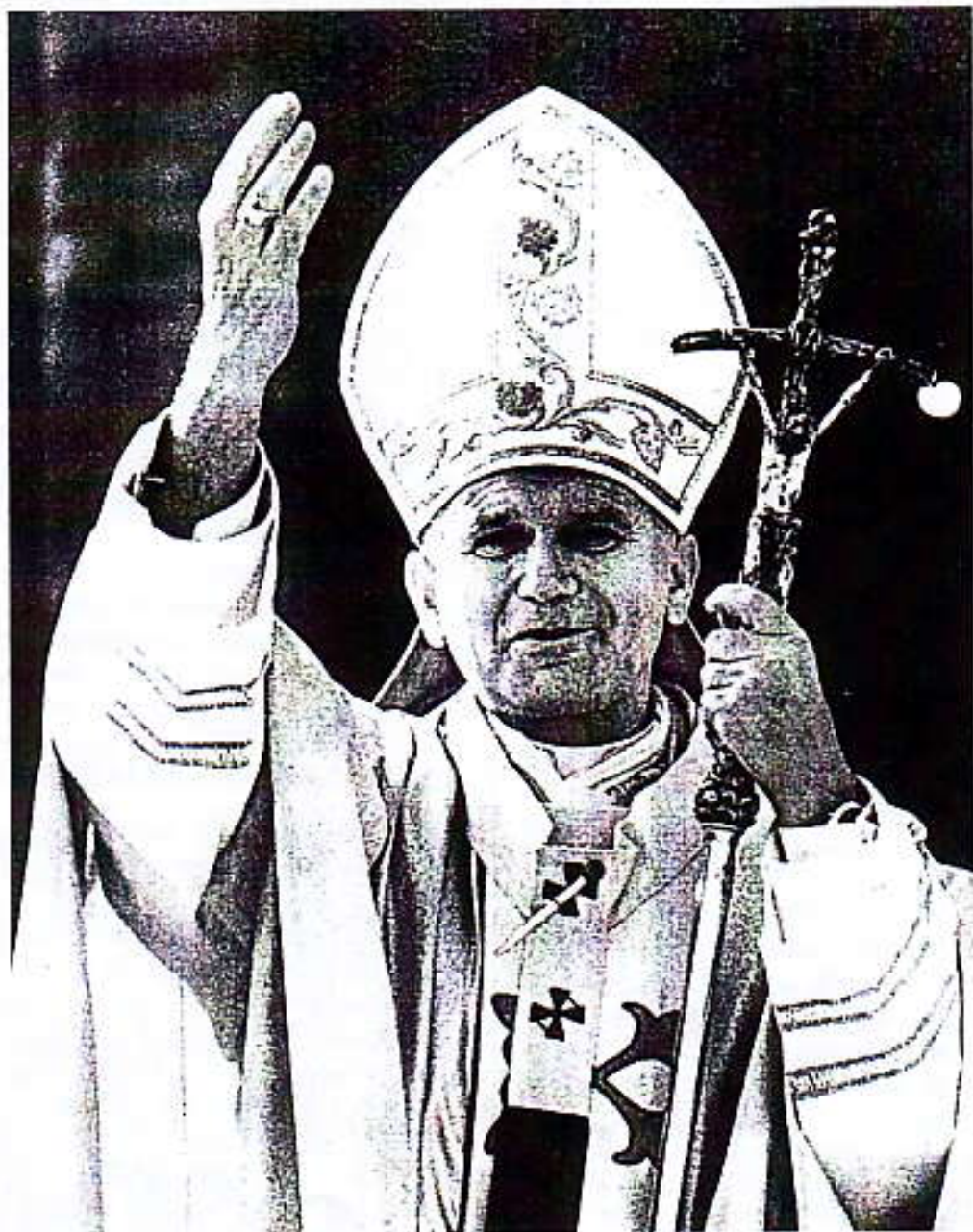


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Joannes Paulus P.P. II



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

POPE JOHN PAUL HAS GONE TO HIS REWARD

His death was not unexpected, yet this leaving us was like the death of a relative – not just us, but the whole wide world. The world media, not noted for religious enthusiasm, in fairness dropped everything. They gave their undivided attention and undoubted power recalling everything that was good in this great man's life – and mourned his passing with sincerity. Why?

- He was a man of God, he lived the truth, an honest follower and teacher for Jesus.
- He genuinely loved all people – young and old, Catholic, Protestant, Muslims and Jesus.
- He was a man of peace, and stood up for his convictions whether with the president of the U.S. or the war lords of Darfur.
- He respected the dignity of every human person – he knew all about oppression from his personal experience under Nazism and Communism in his own native land.
- He was humble and forgiving. In his debilitating illness he didn't hide his frailty and brokenness from the eyes of the world. He forgave his would-be assassin.

In summary, Karol Wojtyła, Pope John Paul II, born May 18th 1920 – died 2nd April 2005, was the great Pope of our time.

What would he wish for us? Here are a few snippets from his visit to Ireland in 1979.

- 1) In the Aer Lingus 747, St. Patrick, on his way from Rome: "I am going to Ireland to pray. Like St. Patrick, I too have heard 'the voice of the Irish' calling me – a great Catholic people devoted to the Mass."
- 2) In Dublin: "Prosperity and affluence tend to make people more selfish, and new models of morality are being proposed in the name of would-be freedom – in reality only a new form of slavery."
- 3) In Galway: "Young people of Ireland. I love you. In you I see the Ireland of the future."
- 4) In Knock: "Today I am happy to be with the sick and those with special needs. I have come to give witness to Christ's special love for you. The Pope loves you too."
- 5) Leaving Shannon: "To all I say, revere and protect your family. It has been Ireland's greatest spiritual resource."

Slán agus Beannacht.

THANK YOU, CHARLIE

Our highly esteemed sacristan Charlie Leahy has retired after sixteen years of dedicated service to all of us. His courteous competence, his willingness to oblige the young and not so young, his many talents, but above all his respect-filled friendliness enriched our parish in so many ways. To mark his leaving us, the 6.15 p.m. Mass on Saturday next, 16th April will be offered in thanksgiving and to ask God's blessing on him in the years ahead. The Pastoral Council will host a little reception in the Crypt afterwards. Hope you can join us in appreciation.



Rest in Peace

Oonagh Cussen, of Wilton Avenue, passed quietly away recently after many years of gradually increasing infirmity of mind and body. Until recent years, she was cared for faithfully at home by her husband, Edwin, until she had to move to Mount Desert. Edwin and Oonagh had shared over seventy-two years of friendship, as neighbours, then friends, then married couple, greatly devoted to one another. She will be missed too by her daughters, Carol and Sandra, and by her grandchildren, who were so fond of her. We extend to all of these our deepest sympathy as a community, but especially to Edwin, her husband. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Rina Holland of Robin Hill died rather unexpectedly recently, following surgery in the Bon Secours Hospital. Her death was quite traumatic to her family, following only ten months or so after the death of her dear husband, Tim. Though brokenhearted after his death, she had soldiered on bravely, drawing on her own inner strength and that of her faith. Both were very strong. An intelligent woman, she was an independent and free thinker. In her eightieth year, though very slight in build, one expected she would keep going for ever. A native of Carrick-on-Suir, she spent most of her married life in Cork. We extend deepest sympathies to her daughters Rosemary and Veronica, and to her sons Kevin and Mark, to her grandchildren, relatives and friends. Leaba i measc na naomh go raibh aici.



Annunciation
March 25

Blessed are you among women



lesson to be taken to heart, if we appreciate the importance of dialogue in parish, community and family life!

We could now reflect on the attitude of attentiveness. It characterises Mary's approach to the divine, as well as to the simple things in life. Through attentive dialogue Christian communities become alive and active, and everyday problems are solved. In and with Mary let us be attentive, listening to the continuous and irresistible urgings of the Holy Spirit who is within. He is the source of that power and love which reconciles all in the universe.

Jill Sheehan
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Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 11th at 8.10 p.m.



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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 17th April

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 36-41. Today's reading shows us Peter preaching with power, calling for repentance and a new way of living.

Psalm : 22

Second Reading:

1 Pet. 2:20-25. This reading from one of Peter's letters, shows us Jesus humbly suffering for our sake.

Gospel:

Jn.10:1-10. The gospel presents Jesus as the gate of the sheepfold, the way to life and joy.

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"Here Comes Summer"

Tips and Tricks for summer salads, barbecues and dining alfresco by Sarah Quinn of Brennan & Co., Oliver Plunkett St. on Wednesday 13th April at 8.00 p.m. in Mount Mercy College. All welcome. Tickets €12 each (including light refreshments), available from the School Office (4542366 / 4542685)

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