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Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

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God's Word

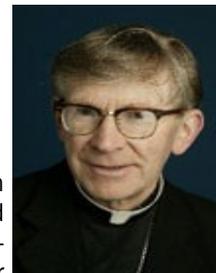
Readings for Sunday 6 July
Zech 9:9-10

Psalms 144

Second Reading
Rom 8:9,11-13

Gospel
Mt 11:25-30

LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN BUCKLEY



My dear People,

At the beginning of the new millennium, Pope John Paul wrote an inspiring letter in which he asked parishioners, priests and religious to look for new ways of serving the people and of encouraging them to participate in the life of the Church. He said that our faith is strengthened when it is shared.

This diocese has responded generously to the Pope's invitation. Most parishes now have structures that are truly representative of the people. During the past year, the focus was on how best to help parishes support one another and co-operate in meeting their local needs. During the consultations there was clear recognition that parishes cannot work effectively in isolation. This co-operation is all the more urgent today because of the growing shortage of priests. The scarcity of priests is taking hold and we have no option but to respond to it in practical ways. Having listened to the working group that I established last year and having participated in all the recent meetings, I am now satisfied that there is a great goodwill for more co-operation between parishes. I am, therefore, formally establishing sixteen pastoral areas in the diocese. It is important, however, to realise that the development of pastoral areas will evolve and grow over time. To assist in the development of this co-operation between parishes, I have appointed a Pastoral Area Co-ordinator in each area.

Finally, I am asking you to pray that our work will bear much fruit. Prayer is a vital part of our strategy. "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain". We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ whose "power working within us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine" (St. Paul). I entrust all our work to the care of Mary, Mother of the Church, who is a sign of sure hope and comfort for all of us on our pilgrim way.

I wish you all, priests and people, every joy and blessing and hopefully some relaxation during this Summer period.

I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross

***Our pastoral area consists of the following parishes:
Ballineaspaig, Ballinora, Curraheen, Sacred Heart Parish, Wilton.
The Pastoral Co-ordinator of our area is Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan.***

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We congratulate parishioner, Brian Bermingham, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, on his election as Lord Mayor and wish him every blessing for the year ahead.

The priests of the parish are deeply grateful to all who contributed to their support through the Dues.
Your generosity is much appreciated.
A special word of thanks to our distributors.

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Rest in Peace

The sudden death last Sunday morning of Gerard 'Bat' O'Sullivan was a great blow to his dear wife, Phyl, and their son Ronan. His death is mourned right across the County, from Catletownbeare, the home of his youth, to Youghal and from Cork to Mitchelstown. A staunch Gael has passed away. He played football for his County, winning two All-Ireland medals. He was a well known administrator, serving the Beara Divisional Board as secretary for a period of eight years and was their County Board Delegate for over twenty years. Above and beyond all he was a gentleman who epitomised all that is good about the G.A.A. A great Christian has passed away. The priests and people of Ballineaspig Parish extend our sincerest and deepest sympathy to his dear wife, Phyl, and to his son Ronan, his brothers and the extended family. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam d'fils.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 4th July is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please note that the monthly collection will take place on the second weekend of July, **12th/13th**.

Parish Bulletin

Publication will resume in September.

Parish Office

Closed for July and August. Certificates available in the Sacristy during Mass times, tel. 087-0519456. Enquiries to priest on duty at 087-2519940.

Blood Transfusion Service

A special thank you to the 118 Donors who attended our recent Clinic.

Bible Corner

Unlikely Partners



Nobody could have foreseen that they would be crucial partners in setting up a faith organisation that would last two thousand years and spread worldwide. Simon and Saul had little in common. Simon, a traditional fisherman eking out a living on the sea of Galilee would have had a very different view of life to Saul, the graduate in biblical studies from Tarsus. What did unite them was God's call to both of them. It was not merely a name change to Peter and to Paul, but an invitation to believe in the risen Jesus and a command to bring the good news about him to the world: Peter firstly to the Jewish people in Israel, Paul to the Jews abroad and then, to their Gentile neighbours throughout the Diaspora. It was a calling that brought them both to Rome and to their martyrdom from which the Church spread.

This weekend, we celebrate a joint feast of their deaths. We also begin a Pauline year of celebration. It is intended to be a time when we will try to mine the treasure of God's word that is brought to us through Paul's letters - more about that when this bulletin returns in September.

Meanwhile, try to engage with Paul's letter to the Romans each weekend in July and August, no matter where you celebrate the Eucharist.

Happy holidays.

Fr. Tom

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

Mags Harte-Barry, The Manor, on the death of her sister, Tricia McLister.

John Hall, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of his brother, P.J. Hall.

Mary O'Connor, The Orchard, Farranlea, on the death of her brother, Sean Coakley.

A VERY SINCERE "THANK YOU"

To the Lord for my life and health.

To Bishop John, Mgr. Kevin and Fr. Tom for your unstinted and generous support and especially for your encouragement to remain with you in the Parish.

To our parish secretary Anne, and our sacristan Gertrude, for 'spoiling' me in so many ways.

To my extended family for your love and care.

To Rosalie Moloney and her outstanding team of helpers for your wonderful work in preparing the quality catering for everybody on Saturday last.

To Paddy Killeen and his choir (dragooned back from holidays) for adding 'class' and distinction to our celebration.

To Mary O'Herlihy for her tasteful and meaningful Altar Shrine.

To all who have prayed for me, and had Masses offered for me - especially the Sisters at St. Catherines, Poor Clares and St. Josephs.

Never have I owed so much to so many.

My love, appreciation and prayers for you all.

'Lord I am not worthy.'

Denis O'Connor

