

St. Nicholas News

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PROPOSAL TO BECOME A FAMILY OF PARISHES UPDATE MAY 2022

As you know, public meetings were held in each of the three churches at the end of March and start of April. The purpose of the meetings was to consider a proposal that we would become a family of parishes. Each parish will retain its own identity, as well as developing closer relationships with each other, as we go into an unknown future that is sure to be filled with challenges, as well as joys and opportunities. The proposal further stated that we would form one central pastoral leadership team, with a group of lay faithful and our two remaining priests coming together to train and form together as a group who will plan into the future. Happily, all who attended the meetings felt that this proposal should be given every opportunity to work and, indeed, that we had no other alternative other than to proceed with it. Accordingly, a group will soon be called together to begin their training. During that time, there will be very little, if any, change to how the parishes are operating now. Please pray for this new team and the work ahead.

FAREWELL FROM THE AGUSTINIAN FRIARS

After 48 years living and working in Meath Street Parish, we Augustinian Friars, with heavy hearts, have handed the Parish back to the Diocese. It was a difficult decision but we knew with our numbers and age profile, we could no longer run three parishes in Dublin. It has been a marvellous experience working and living among the people of the Liberties and we are so grateful to you all. Our Easter ceremonies were our last hurrah and we want to thank every volunteer who made them so special. The Passion Play (which took place on Meath Street and stopped the traffic) and volunteers from the parish conducting the Good Friday ceremony as they have for years shows their vital place in our Church. Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil were two beautiful ceremonies. We say goodbye to you all and thank all the ministries/volunteers in this Parish for all their hard work and service. It was wonderful working with you and beside you.

THANK YOU

As already announced, the Augustinian Community returned care of the Parish of Meath Street to the Dublin Diocese last weekend. We offer a prayer of sincere thanks to the Augustinians for their many members who have cared for the Parish so faithfully over the years. We remember in prayer Frs. Niall & Richie as they await their new assignments. Fr Eugene (James's St) has been appointed Moderator of Meath Street with the task of encouraging and facilitating greater cooperation between Meath St, Francis St and James's St. Parishes. Your prayers and cooperation in this task will be much appreciated.



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NOTICES

1st Communion & Confirmation

Tuesday 03 May CBS Francis St. 1st Communion at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Thursday 05 May CBS Francis St. Confirmation 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Monday 09 May St. Brigid's The Coombe 1st Communion at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Thursday 12 May St. Brigid's The Coombe Confirmation at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Monday 16 May Warrenmount Primary 1st Communion at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

These Celebrations are not open to the public but limited to the children, their families and guests.



Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass
Joe Morrin (9th Anniversary)
Maureen Flood (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday 11.30am Mass
Geoffrey Spencer (1st Anniversary)
Tommy O'Brien (4th Anniversary)
James Brennan



Domestic Violence

Women's Aid: 1800341900

Male Domestic Abuse:

1800816588

Rape Crisis Centre:

1800778888

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

As we begin, rejoicing in Jesus our risen Lord, let us remember God's goodness.

You raise us to new life in your life. Lord have mercy

You are the source of our joy and hope. Christ have mercy

You send us to be your witnesses in the world. Lord have mercy

May our gracious God have mercy on us, forgive us our sin, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Book of Revelation

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Alleluia, Alleluia
Christ has risen: he who created all things,
and has granted his mercy to humanity. Alleluia

John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples

came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

Prayer of the Faithful

As Father, Son and Spirit, you inspire us to lead lives of generosity and compassion. We praise you and thank you. Lord hear us

Lord, you trusted Peter, who had betrayed you. Give us the same generosity of spirit when we are betrayed. Lord hear us

Help us Lord, to have a vision of people, which is not limited by their weakness, nor by our prejudice. Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died. May their memory inspire us to be more faithful to the gospel, as we look to the day when we will be united again in your love. Lord hear us

For the people of Ukraine, and all who struggle to have a life that affords them the dignity they are entitled to, that they may have the support of all of us who already enjoy such a life. Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs, no matter how urgent or important and remember all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us

Reflection

We are infinitely greater than our minds and we are infinitely more than our images of ourselves. One of the sad things today is that so many people are frightened by the wonder of their own presence. They are dying to tie themselves into a system, a role, or to an image, or to a predetermined identity that other people have actually settled on for them. This identity may be totally at variance with the wild energies that are rising inside in their souls. Many of us get very afraid and we eventually compromise. We settle for something that is safe, rather than engaging the danger and the wildness that is in our own hearts.

John O'Donohue