

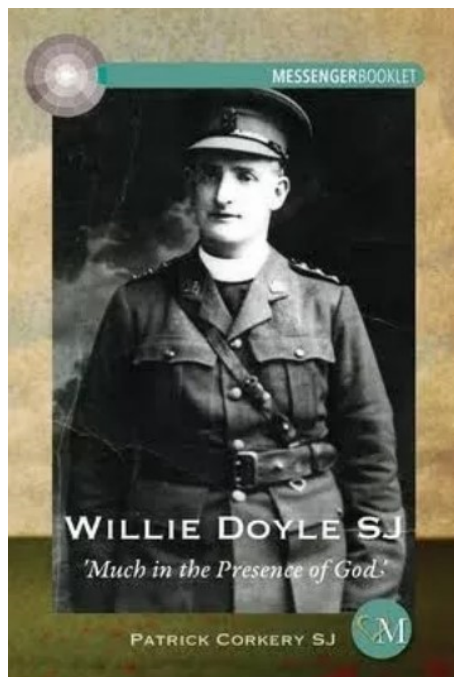
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Feast of the Ascension 29 May 2022

WILLIE DOYLE SJ - A COMPLEX HERO ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD?



A multifaceted mix of wartime heroism, penitential spirituality, practical joker and a tender care for his fellow humans, Willie Doyle continues to fascinate people today, one hundred years on from his death in the First World War. Some admire his selflessness, others are attracted to his deep spirituality and desire to bring the word of God to the broadest possible audience. Many draw attention to his sense of humour, positive attitude and upbeat disposition which supported the soldiers to whom he was Chaplain during dark and dangerous times in the trenches of WWI. Maybe it is a combination of all this that has seen the cause for his canonisation gain momentum in recent times? A new booklet by a contemporary confrère, Patrick Corkery SJ, sheds some light on this conundrum of a man. Willie Doyle SJ: 'Much in the Presence of God' offers a

multidimensional portrayal of a man who touched the lives of so many. As well as biographical detail, the booklet offers points of reflection and considers the relevance of this complex and moving figure for today's self-focussed world. Patrick Corkery is an Irish Jesuit from Cork, currently working in Gonzaga College SJ, Dublin. In his studies for the priesthood he has spent time in the United Kingdom and the United States. He is the author of *St Ignatius of Loyola: A Convert's Story*. *To Bring Comfort and Consolation: Bereavement Ministry* by Patrick Corkery SJ is published in Ireland and the UK by Messenger Publications. Priced at €4.95.

NOTICES

Ecumenical Bible Week

Now in its 9th year, Ecumenical Bible Week, led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions, will run this year from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, June 5 to 12. The overall theme for this year is 'A New Pentecost: Moving to the Edges'. As in previous years, EBW will have opening and closing prayer events. There will be a Theological Symposium on the afternoon of Thursday 9 June where the theme will be 'Listen to the Word'. That evening in Thinking Allowed a panel of Faith leaders will each give their 'Personal Vision of a New Pentecost'. A new event being introduced this year will focus on the experiences of the 'new' Irish. Check out the Ecumenical Bible Week's Website at www.bibleweek.ie for further information and to register for the events which will be online



STROLL THROUGH FAIRBROTHER'S FIELDS



Sunday 29 May at 12 noon leaving from Oscar Square Park with local resident Maria O'Reilly.

She will share the rich social and cultural history of how Fairbrother's Fields was developed 100 years ago into a thriving community still known today as 'The Tenters'. It will last for 1.5 hours approximately.

PHASE II WORKS AT ST JAMES LINEAR PARK

The second element of the overall masterplan runs from Fatima Luas stop to Basin Lane and is expected to commence later this year. A third, in-person consultation event has now been added to this series, running 4pm to 5pm on Monday 13th July at the F2 Resource Centre, Herberton. The design team are particularly keen to hear from younger members of the community given that Phase II is proposed to include play facilities.

FLEA MARKET

Flea Market, Sunday 29th May at the Digital Hub from 11am to 5pm.

Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass

Fr. Gerry Byrne (2nd Anv)
Michael Dolan (1st Anv)

Sunday 11.30am Mass

Baby Catherine Maura O'Neill
Sean Mahony, Louie Brennan
John Hennessy



Blessing of Graves

Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place in Shanganagh Cemetery on Sunday, May 29, at 3pm. Dublin Road (Old Bray Road) Shankill, County Dublin, A98 Y952, Ph: 01-2893416 www.dlrcoco.ie/en/cemeteries

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, rejoicing in the Lord, let us remember God's immense love and his hopes for us.

You challenge us to seek new possibilities. Lord have mercy

You challenge us to be hopeful in the face of despair. Christ have mercy

You challenge us to be creative in facing our life's journey. Lord have mercy

May our loving and creative Lord, give us confidence in his mercy, forgive us our sin and accompany us on the journey of our life. Amen

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has

put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia

Luke 46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, your love draws us together as one people, yet blessed with a wonderful diversity. We praise you. Lord hear us

Lord Jesus, you are the Living Word of God, filling us with hope, imagination and creativity. We praise you. Lord hear us

Holy Spirit of God, you are the inspiration that draws us out of the circle of our own lives to serve the world, generously and gladly. We praise you. Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died and especially those who have died needlessly through violence and war. May we be united again in the kingdom of God's love. Lord hear us

Lord, in a world where we often feel helpless, may we, with your love, continue to believe in our own ability to work for a just and fair society. Lord hear us

In quiet we remember all who need our prayer and support.Lord hear us

Reflection

In out-of-the-way places of the heart, Where your thoughts never think to wander, This beginning has been quietly forming, Waiting until you were ready to emerge. For a long time it has watched your desire, Feeling the emptiness growing inside you, Noticing how you willed yourself on, Still unable to leave what you had outgrown. It watched you play with the seduction of safety And the gray promises that sameness whispered, Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent, Wondered would you always live like this. Then the delight, when your courage kindled, And out you stepped onto new ground, Your eyes young again with energy and dream, A path of plenitude opening before you. Though your destination is not yet clear You can trust the promise of this opening; Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning That is at one with your life's desire. Awaken your spirit to adventure; Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk; Soon you will be home in a new rhythm, For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

John O'Donohue