

St. Nicholas News

Francis Street Parish, Dublin 8. --- 01-5157512 --- 01-5611390



3rd Sunday of Easter 01 May 2022

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

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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.

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4th Sunday of Easter 08 May 2022

NOT SO GOOD NEWS



As you can see part of the ceiling in the left stairwell leading to the Gallery has come away. We reported it to the Insurance Company. They asked for an examination of the roof to be done as the wood in the ceiling was rotten. A problem with a piece of flashing on the roof was discovered. This means water has been leaking in. To do the examination of the roof a "cherry picker", had to be hired. According to the terms of our insurance policy the parish had to pay for this. The next phase of the operation is to remove more of the ceiling on either side of the above gap, to see if more of the wood in the ceiling has been damaged. To do this a wide scaffolding has to be erected in the stairwell. The cost of this and initial work will be in the region of €5,000. There is no guarantee this will be covered by our insurance, as they have in the past put similar damage down to the age of the building. Until this is resolved the Gallery cannot be used. I am hoping that the damage doesn't extend much further than that already discovered. As soon as I have more information I will let you know.

Fr. Martin

MEMORIAL MASS

The Liberties Cultural Association are assisting the Mallin Family in a series of Commemorative Events, starting this Sunday with the inaugural Michael Mallin Commemoration on May 8th, the date of his execution in Kilmainham Gaol in 1916.

A memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Michael Mallin, leader of the Stephen's Green Garrison during the 1916 Rising, will be held in John's Lane Church, Thomas Street, on Sunday next, 8th May 2022 at 11.30 a.m. Michael's beloved wife, Agnes, will also be remembered at this Mass, which can be viewed on the John's Lane webcam for those who cannot attend the church. <https://johnslane.ie/watch-live>



CULTURE DATE WITH DUBLIN 8

runs on 14th & 15th May 2022 with a host of cultural, arts & heritage events.

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Remembered in Prayer

Recently Deceased
Miriam Mulhall
Bill O'Connell

Saturday 6pm Mass
Bobby May (2nd Ann)
George Breadon (2nd Ann)

Sunday 11.30am Mass
Teresa Duffy
Lorretta Nugent
May Irvine (5th Ann)



Bridgefoot St. Park Opens

4th May was a memorable day for the community in The Liberties as the new Bridgefoot Street Park was officially opened. We finally got a chance to experience this amazing new amenity. The park has been developed by Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services to designs by Dermot Foley Landscape Architects.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, let us remember God's tenderness and compassion.

In your mercy you call us to belong to you.
Lord have mercy

From your goodness, we are made into one family.
Christ have mercy

By your love you defeat everything that would rob us of our dignity. Lord have mercy

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

Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-5

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Book of Revelation 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or

thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, you draw us into the community of your love. We are grateful. Lord hear us

Lord, we are sometime overwhelmed by the world. Help us to remember you are near, and that you hold us in the palm of your hand. Lord hear us

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

For all who are living under intolerant regimes, that they may not lose hope and that we may not forget them. Lord hear us

We pray for an end to all violence and war which denies our human dignity, and robs us of true freedom and peace.
Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs, not matter how urgent or important and we call to mind all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us



Reflection

"Anam is the Irish word for "soul" and Ćara is the word for "friend." In the Anam-Ćara friendship, you were joined in an ancient way with the friend of your soul. This was a bond that neither space nor time could damage. The friendship awakened an eternal echo in the hearts of the friends; they entered into a circle of intimate belonging with each other. The Anam-Ćara friendship afforded a spiritual space to all the other longings of the human heart."

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5th Sunday of Easter 15 May 2022

MAJOR REFORM INTRODUCED BY POPE FRANCIS



Francesca Di Giovanni, who was named by Pope Francis as the first woman to hold a high-ranking post in the Vatican's Secretariat of State

Pope Francis introduced a landmark reform that will allow any baptised lay Catholic, including women, to head most Vatican departments under a new constitution for the Holy See's central administration. For centuries, the departments have been headed by male clerics, usually cardinals or bishops, but that could change from June 5 when the new charter takes effect after more than nine years of work. The 54-page constitution, called *Praedicate Evangelium* (Preach the Gospel), was released on the ninth anniversary of Francis' installation as pope in 2013, and replaces one issued in 1988 by Pope John Paul II. Its preamble says the "pope, bishops and other ordained ministers are not the only evangelisers in the Church", adding that lay men and women "should have roles of government and responsibility" in the central administration, known as the Curia. The principles section of the constitution says "any member of the faithful can head a dicastery (Curia department) or organism" if the pope decides they are qualified and appoints them. Under the 1988 constitution, the departments - with a few exceptions - were to be headed by a cardinal or bishop and assisted by a secretary, experts and administrators. The new constitution makes no distinction between lay men and lay women, though experts said at least two departments - the department for bishops and the department for clergy - will remain headed by men because only men can be priests in the Catholic Church. The department for consecrated life, which is responsible for religious orders, could conceivably be headed by a nun in the future, the experts said. It is now led by a cardinal. The new constitution said the role of lay Catholics in governing roles in the Curia was "essential" because of their familiarity with family life and "social reality". The pope will head the evangelisation office himself, highlighting the importance he gives to spreading and reviving the faith. Francis has already named a number of lay people, among them women, to Vatican departments. Last year, he for the first time named a woman to the number two position in the governorship of Vatican City, making Sister Raffaella Petrini the highest-ranking woman in the world's smallest state. Also last year, he named Italian nun Sister Alessandra Smerilli to the interim position of secretary of the Vatican's development office, which deals with justice and peace issues. In addition, Francis has named Nathalie Becquart, a French member of the Xaviere Missionary Sisters, as co-undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, which prepares major meetings of world bishops held every few years.

Courtesy Reuters
[website](#)

NOTICES

First Communion

Monday 16 May Presentation
Primary Warrenmount First
Communion at 11am. No
10am Mass that day.

This Celebration is not open to the general public but limited to the children, their families and guests. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass

Christine Mahoney
(Month's Mind)
Brendan Byrne
(Birthday Remembrance)
Harry Harkness (24th
Anniversary)
May Byrne (25th Anniversary)

Sunday 11.30am Mass

Tom Gregory
(1st Anniversary)
Mary and Richard Finn
Evelyn McCarthy
(14th Anniversary)
Danny Gill
(Recently Deceased)
William Grogan



NCAD Summer School

Applications for the NCAD
CEAD Summer School
Programme 2022 are now
open for bookings. Enjoy 3
and 5 day art and design
courses - open to all
experience levels.

Courses run between June
20th and July 8th 2022.

If you're interested head to
the [NCAD website](#) for much
more information.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

Our God is present in our midst. Let us remember that loving presence.

You call us to recognise your presence in all people.
Lord have mercy

You call us to recognise your presence in those who are imprisoned in poverty, hunger and lack of opportunity. Christ have mercy

You call us to spread your good news.
Lord have mercy

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

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Book of Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Alleluia, Alleluia
I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord. Alleluia

John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of

Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, Son and Spirit, you are the very essence of love. Draw us into that profound circle. Lord hear us

Our deepest need is to love and be loved. Give us the courage to step beyond the boundaries of our own little lives. Lord hear us

To love as Jesus did, means to learn to live for someone other than myself. Help us Lord, to stretch the horizons of our daily lives, so there is always room for others. Lord hear us

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

Give us a vision of ourselves and our world where hatred, discrimination and violence cannot exist. Lord hear us

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

Reflection

There is a lovely disarray that comes with attraction. When you find yourself deeply attracted to someone, you gradually begin to lose your grip on the frames that order your life. Indeed, much of your life becomes blurred as that countenance comes into clearer focus. A relentless magnet draws all your thoughts towards it. Wherever you are, you find yourself thinking about the one who has become the horizon of your longing. When you are together, time becomes unmercifully swift. It always ends too soon. No sooner have you parted than you are already imagining your next meeting, counting the hours. The magnetic draw of that presence renders you delightfully helpless. A stranger you never knew until recently has invaded your mind; every fibre of your being longs to be closer. It is always astonishing how love can strike. No context is love-proof, no convention or commitment impervious. Even a lifestyle which is perfectly insulated, where the personality is controlled, all the days ordered and all actions in sequence, can to its own dismay find that an unexpected spark has landed; it begins to smoulder until it is finally unquenchable. The force of Love always brings disturbance; in the concealed terrain of the human heart Love remains a light sleeper.

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6th Sunday of Easter 22 May 2022

POPE FRANCIS SHAKES HANDS WITH BONO AT ROME UNIVERSITY



U2 frontman Bono Vox and a wheelchair-bound Pope Francis launched a women's education foundation together in Rome on Thursday. Bono, 62, and the 85-year-old pope shared a platform organised by Scholas Occurrentes, Latin for 'Schools of Meeting', a worldwide network of schools promoting educational opportunities. The Pope inaugurated the Scholas Occurrentes International Educational Movement on May 19 during a meeting with young people in Italy's capital.

The event took place on Thursday evening at the Pontifical Urban University, called the Urbaniana, which lies within walking distance of St Peter's Square. 'Girls' education is a superpower to fight extreme poverty and I would like to ask His Holiness if you think that women and girls have the same important role to change the world and climate change,' said the Dubliner. Francis answered yes, saying 'we speak of Mother Earth, not Father Earth,' with a smile that earned him applause. The Pope was seen using a wheelchair in public for the first time in early May, days after he said he was having treatment for knee pain. The young students welcomed the pope with a show of chants and recitals based around the theme of protecting the environment. 'We need poetry and courage to care for our common home, we must defend the harmony of creation and women know more about harmony than we men do,' said Francis.

Scholas Occurrentes started as an education project created for children in impoverished areas in Buenos Aires, at the initiative of the then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis. The project has since spread to more than 70 countries, many in the developing world. In his speech, Bono said he had given students music lessons earlier in the day and called for wider educational opportunities for young people. The pope told the young people to live lives full of courage and poetry and 'to go beyond what is politically correct'. In a surprise entrance, Brazilian football star Ronaldinho Gaúcho walked in and gave Pope Francis, a fan of the sport, a jersey with the Pope's name 'Francesco' and the number 10 on it.

Also at the event was Brazilian footballer Dani Alves and Argentine midfielder Maxi Rodriguez, who jogged with a football at the launch of the event. During the inauguration, organisers also announced another football match for peace in memory of the late football legend Diego Maradona. The match will take place on 10 October in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

*Courtesy Daily Mail
website*

NOTICES

The Glendalough Hermitage Celebrates 21 Years

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the celebrations with Mass on Sunday the 29th May at 10.30am in St Kevin's Church, Laragh. On Friday the 3rd of June there will be a concert in St Kevin's at 8 pm. Open days on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June from 11 till 5 each day. There are Pilgrim walks arranged for Saturday the 4th of June. A ritual with Deirdre Ni Chinneide will take place in the meditation garden at St. Kevin's on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th from 2.30 till 3.30pm. Tickets for the concert and information about the walks are available by phoning 087 9356696 or by email failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie. for much more information.



Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass

Fr. Barry Murphy
(9th Anniversary)

Sunday 11.30am Mass

William Walsh
(Month's Mind)
Eddie & Eileen McQuaid
Betty Edgell



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

Our God, is a God of hope and healing. As we begin our celebration let us ask for this hope and healing.

Your Word to us is hope. Lord have mercy

Your word to us is healing and peace. Christ have mercy

Your word to us is consolation and joy. Lord have mercy

May the God of healing and hope, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

Some people came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers and sisters, send greetings to the brothers and sisters of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Book of Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant

glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Alleluia, Alleluia Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.' Alleluia

John 14:23-29

When Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, Son and Spirit, you created us in love. We are made for love and love alone. We thank you. Lord hear us

Jesus was prepared to die for love of us, but resisted all forms of violence to achieve his mission. May we follow his example. Lord hear us

In the face of the unspeakable things happening in Ukraine, and elsewhere in the world, it feels difficult to believe in the ways of Peace. Help us Lord to resist the temptation to become violent. Lord hear us

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

For all who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times, that we may be generous in our efforts to support them. Lord hear us

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

Reflection

When violence becomes the architect of history, it can only replace one sort of oppression with another sort of oppression. An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind. I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent. State sponsored violence has to be fought. Resistance to state power is legitimate provided that the strategy of the resisters does not mirror the violence of the state. The use of violence to achieve political objectives is simply bad politics. There are many things for which I am prepared to die, but none for which I am prepared to kill. *Mahatma Ghandi*

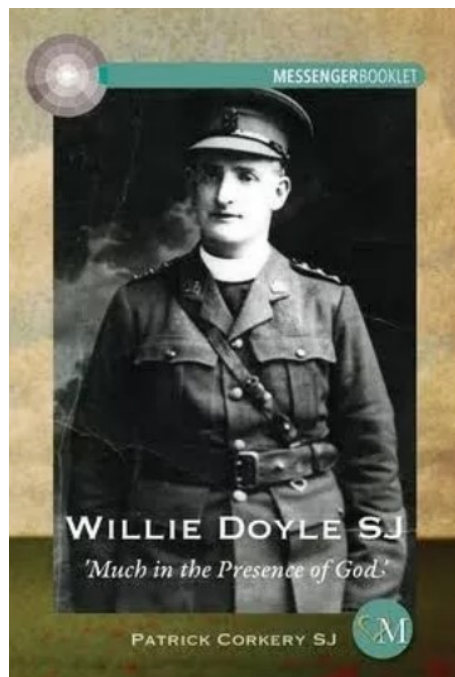
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Feast of the Ascension 29 May 2022

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 Tents'. 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 Maura Catherine 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

When 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