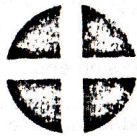


Introduction

In today's liturgy, we are told (by Jesus, by John and by Peter) of the Father's great love for us. It is the kind of love we all long for, a love that has no limit, a love that does not exclude anyone, a love that makes us friends of God and a love that gives us the power to love unselfishly. God's desire is that his people should share in this love and thus form a true Christian community. Let us open our hearts to this love today.



First reading

Peter recognises that God does not have favourites, but that the good news is offered to all people. St Luke tells us of the reception of the first Gentiles into the Christian community.

Second reading

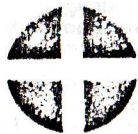
St John exhorts the early Christians to love one another. Only by doing so is their knowledge and love of God genuine.

Gospel

Jesus made us his friends by giving his life for us. He wants us to remain in his love by keeping his commandments and by loving one another.

Final Blessing

May the Lord fill our hearts with his love and may we take it with us wherever we may go. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday is the Feast of St. Matthias, the thirteenth Apostle.

Thursday THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.

MASSES:.....WEDNESDAY, 7.30 P.M.
THURSDAY, 7.30 A.M., 9.00, 10.00,
11.00, 12.15 AND 7.30 P.M.

The weekdays after Ascension to Saturday before Pentecost inclusive are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The proper Mass formularies recall the promises of Christ relating to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost novena recalls the waiting in prayer of the disciples with Mary.

RECENT COLLECTIONS:

- For the Holy Places in Palestine.....£ 130
(taken up on Good Friday)
- For the Good Shepherd Charities.....£ 356
(taken up recently)
- For the Irish Episcopal Commissions.....£ 300
(taken up last Sunday)
- Trocaire Lenten Campaign.....£ 2394

The Legion of Mary remind you that Sunday, 12th May is the 41st anniversary of the death of Edel Quinn, the Legion of Mary envoy to East Africa. Her beatification process needs the interest and prayerful support of the Irish people. Further information from the Cork Comitium, 35 Mary St.

There will be a retreat for lay people at Myross Wood Retreat House, Skibbereen, on the weekend of June 7 - 9. For full details, contact: THE REV. DIRECTOR.

A Gentle Reminder:- Please have your notices for the bulletin in for Thursday night. We can't guarantee that notices received later will be published. Thank you.