

news

The Holy Spirit's Day

SUNDAY NEXT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY, the feast-day of our Church. At each Sunday Mass, Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned. Important details for Ministers are contained in this week's Bulletin.

Between today and Pentecost, you are invited to continue to pray to the Holy Spirit - that the earth and the Church and our lives may be renewed.

Readers Please Note

MINISTERS OF THE WORD can collect their new rotas in the Sacristy this weekend.

A High Percentage

BETWEEN 75% and 80% of the Dues envelopes have been handed in. Maybe the rest might reach us by Pentecost Sunday...?

If you're delivering your envelope to either of the Curates' houses, be sure to drop them in the letter-box of the inner door. It's not safe to leave them inside the glass doors.

Can You Help ?

THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS Service of the Middle Parish urgently need volunteers to assist in the kitchen. Ring 273934 for info.

Fun Day

ST BISHOPSTOWN Community School this (Sunday) afternoon 2 - 6PM in aid of the School Fund.

notices

Arrivals

WITH THE LENT AND EASTER seasons nearly passed, it's time to record again our newly baptised parishioners.

Since Ash Wednesday, eight new members have added to our Parish Community. We welcome.....

TRÍONA BRÍD O'CONNOR,
5 Kenley Close,
DANIEL JOSEPH RYAN,
24 Kenley Road,
CLODAGH LEONIE MARY MURPHY,
Convent Lane,
DONNCHIA CONCLÚR Ó MURCHÚ,
36 Kenley Close,
JOSEPH PAUL O'SULLIVAN,
55 Leesdale,
DANIEL CONOR McHUGH,
4 Kenley Heights,
AOIFE ROSE ANNE McCABE,
15 Lima Lawn AND
LENA BERNADETTE ERANGEY,
10 Parkway Drive.

"With their parents and sponsors to guide them, may they grow strong in mind and body, full of grace and truth. "

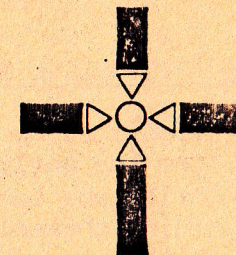
Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th May.....£ 1001
Ascension
Thursday.....£ 638
Trocaire
(so far).....£ 1965

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Saturday at 10 in our Parish Church. All are invited to join in.

Canon Denis O'Connor 42972 Fr. Tadhg O Mathúna 41572 Fr. Bernard Cotter 41812
Parish Sisters 41376. PRIEST ON DUTY-Fr. John Vaughan 41572 (Emergency 362906)

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*** SUNDAY 11th MAY, 1986. ***

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

A HISTORICAL NOTE

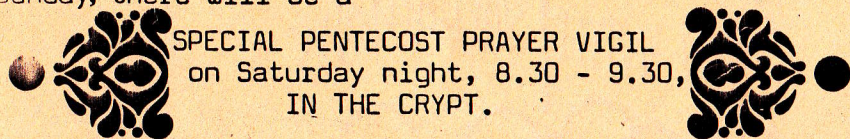
In the Early Church, the Eucharist was only celebrated normally on Sundays and Feast Days. Consequently, from the earliest days of the Church the custom grew of the Christians taking home the eucharistic bread and wine, and giving themselves holy communion at home during the week, whether they were sick or not.

The custom of reserving and receiving the Eucharist at home continued up until the end of the 8th century. So it is apparent that Christians of the Early Church often received holy communion from fellow Christians who were not priests. Likewise, up to the end of the 8th century, the common practice in the church was for lay people to administer holy communion to the sick.

What is presented in IMMENSAE CARITATIS (Pope Paul VI's document of 1973 allowing special ministers) is therefore not something new, but rather an ancient custom of the Church which is being re-introduced for the benefit of the Church of the 20th (and 21st) century.

PRAYER-PREPARATION

For all those to be commissioned or re-commissioned as MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST this Pentecost Sunday, there will be a



COMMISSIONING

This will take place at the Mass at which you normally minister. The only exception concerns those who minister at the 7.30 P.M. Mass - there will not be a ceremony at this Mass. Instead Group I and II members will be commissioned at the 9.00 Mass, and III and IV at the 10.00 Mass. Full lists will be displayed at the Prayer Vigil (and new rotas distributed)

MAY MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST takes place on Monday, 19th May, at 8.00 P.M. Ministers are invited to attend 7.30 P.M. Mass, previous to the meeting.

At that Mass, to which all parishioners are invited, KARL RUBENS, an adult candidate for Baptism and Confirmation, will celebrate a stage of his initiation into the Church. So you are invited to be there to pray with and for him.

Parochial House,

Model Farm Road,
Cork.

My dear friends,

Sunday next, 18th May is the feast of Pentecost. It's a very special day for us in this Parish - as you know our Church is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. Because it's so special, we have chosen this day to commission new Ministers of the Eucharist. These men and women are chosen from different districts of the Parish, to make sure that the people of each area are represented.

So they are YOUR representatives. They will feel privileged to be of service to you in any way they can; - to bring Holy Communion to anyone unable to attend Church - to notify the priest of the district if needed.

Those who have already given one and two years' service are being re-commissioned on Sunday. Those who have served as Ministers for three years are 'retiring', and I thank them for their loyal service. I invite you all to pray, with me, for all those to be commissioned this Sunday, that the Lord will pour out His Spirit on them.

And may I take this opportunity - on behalf of the priests of the Parish and on my own behalf to wish you and your families all the gifts of the Holy Spirit - joy, peace, gentleness, forgiveness and the special Love of the Lord.

Very sincerely,

Denis O'Leary P.P.

→ → → WOULD ALL THOSE MINISTERS WHO ARE TO BE RE-COMMISSIONED ON SUNDAY, PLEASE HAND IN THEIR CERTS, DURING THE WEEK -(BEFORE FRIDAY EVENING, PLEASE).....Thanks.