



The Most Holy Trinity

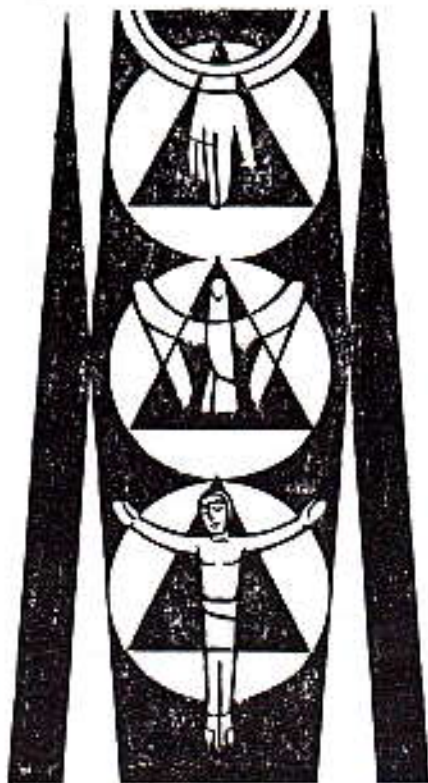
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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

Last Saturday we had First Holy Communion in our parish. It was a beautiful ceremony and a credit to all concerned. The children looked lovely and their innocence and enthusiasm touched all those present. I saw a tear or two being wiped surreptitiously from more than one eye. The day was warm and sunny and I'm sure the children enjoyed themselves.

I heard a comment some time ago which saddened me very much. "They look lovely on their First Holy Communion Day," someone said, "and there's a great deal of hope, but many of them may not see the inside of a church for the rest of the summer and perhaps for a long time afterwards."

I can't vouch for the truth of that statement, but how sad it would be if even one child had that experience. The schools and teachers do so much to prepare them and then it could become an empty charade. A depressing thought, and a great burden to put on a seven year old child.

Here in our parish we have, thank God, something very different. A group of young Mums have got together to look after the liturgical needs of their children. We have a family Mass each month in the crypt. The parents train the children to take part in the readings, prayers of the faithful, offertory procession, etc. More and more families are getting involved, Mums and Dads

come early to get the crypt ready and there is a wonderful community atmosphere. To me it is a seed of hope and a pointer to the way forward for our Church - lay involvement and downright hard work and commitment!

All is not doom and gloom and our priests are, once again, getting the support they need and deserve.



Ashling Quarterly - A Review

This magazine is published in Co. Galway, with contributors from Ireland and abroad writing about religious issues with an interest both in renewal and in tradition, on spiritual issues particularly with regard to questions concerning women, and also the psychological aspects of the faith journey and prayer.

Other articles cover social, historical, economic, environmental, political, Irish and world situation. Bionn alt i nGaeilge i gconai ann.

It is a very stimulating read, original, challenging, refreshing, liberating, a magazine to be lent, passed around, discussed or meditated upon. It is an excellent example of a spiritual gift, for oneself and for one's friends.

Further details are available from : ASHLING Quarterly, Inismor, Arainn, Co. na Gaillimhe. Phone/Fax (099)61245. Email asmag@iol.ie Cost £2.50 per issue or £10 by subscription.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE FIRST LAST, THE LAST FIRST

One day during the week just passed, Mark's gospel ended with the well-known line, "The first will be last and the last first." It set me thinking.

We have, in recent days, seen Dail Eireann smarting with righteous indignation over the Anthony Duncan case. In circumstances like these, reputations can be shredded and people's good names tarnished.

One's good name is sacred. In fact, in some civilisations the name itself is sacred, a matter of greatest pride and dignity. It is uttered with gravitas. There is little enough evidence of this in today's society.

While personal awards are an acknowledgement of personal achievement, do they tend to trivialise the importance of affirmation? Are they, somehow, contributing to an already elitist society?

I recently read of a very private and unpretentious way of saying 'thank you'. Daily, a woman in a shabby coat stood begging in front of a church. All were greeted with a smile and a 'good morning'. Then she disappeared.

When she finally re-appeared on a sunny day, a regular contributor went to give her something but she was stopped. "Thank you for helping me all those days," she said, "you won't see me again because I've got a

job." And then she reached into a bag and handed her a package.

She had been waiting to say 'thank you' to all her regulars. In the package was a doughnut, her way of saying "I appreciate your thoughtfulness."

I think Mark would have been impressed!!



"WHY DO WE PRAY, GOD, KEEP THIS OLD CAR GOING? LET'S JUST PRAY FOR A NEW CAR."



Ms. Winnie O'Keeffe, Glasheen, would like to convey her very sincere thanks to all the people of this Parish who showed concern and support for her - following the violent attack on her person some months ago.

Rest In Peace

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to MAY GATELY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her brother in England.



Monday 3rd June

As this Monday is a Bank Holiday, 7.30 p.m. Mass will not be celebrated.

Corpus Christi

Next Thursday, 6th June, is the Feast of Corpus Christi and a Holyday of Obligation. Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Confessions on Wednesday evening after Mass.

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th June, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.



Special Mass for Students

Will take place on Tuesday night, 4th June, at 7.30 p.m. for the intentions of all those beginning exams on Wednesday next. We invite students and their families to pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Mass Missalettes

Please collect your missalettes at the door before Mass and return them to the box after Mass. This would help to keep the church tidy.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m. next Thursday, 6th June.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Asscn.

New members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will be enrolled at the Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 14th June - feast of the Sacred Heart.

Anyone of 25 or 50 years membership requiring a silver or gold pin or badge may contact J. Coffey (345281) or L. O'Driscoll (544682) before June 8th.



ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Next Sunday 9th June. Parishioners will assemble in the grounds of the church at 2.45 p.m. and move off promptly via College Road.

1996 is the 70th anniversary of the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork. Do you know of anybody who took part in this Procession in 1926? A special place will be provided for these people near the Altar at Daunt's Square. Relatives are invited to bring them along.

Procession night Hurling Match between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarr's will take place at Paire Criostoir Ui Rion at 7.30 p.m. Adm. £2.

Glasses Found

On a wall on the Wilton Road. Please contact 541703.

Readings for next Sunday

The readings for Sunday, June 9th are : Hos.6:3-6, Psalm 49, Rcm.4:18-25 and Matt.9:9-13

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