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Trinity Sunday



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

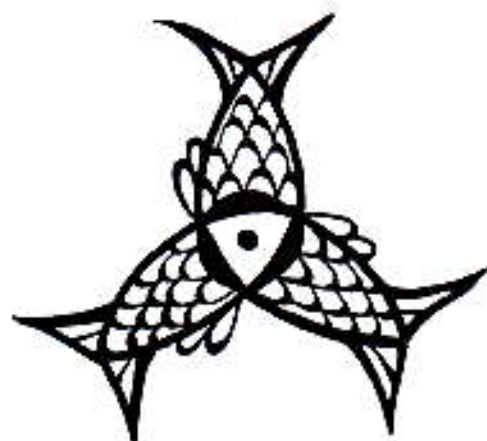


FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

When people decide not to practise the faith, then we have to be mature enough to respect their decisions and conclude that it is their own business. The reverse of this thought process does not apply really; if a person decides to practise the faith, then in a sense it is not just their own private affair. Faith does not entitle us to an exclusive hotline to God. Today's feast, that of the Trinity, reminds us of the fundamental truth of our faith. God is not one individual, but three Persons in One God; in other words, God is a community, a community of Father, Son and Spirit. If God is a community, then if we wish to be like God we too must be a community, and so the decision of faith is never private, but involves us with all peoples as our brothers and sisters, because they too are sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and in their hearts too dwells the Holy Spirit.

Patrick, 2001



Feast of the Trinity GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday 17 June

First Reading:

Genesis 14:18-20. Melchizedek the priest praises the creator and blesses Abraham using bread and wine.

Psalm:

No. 109. The priesthood of Melchizedek continued to develop; it reached perfection in Jesus.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Paul tells the story of what happened at the Last Supper.

Gospel

Luke 9:1-17. Luke's version of the story of Jesus feeding five thousand, where 12 baskets of food were left over.

MOTHER CHURCH

Do you remember your mother's birthday date? The mother's birthday touches a chord in most hearts. It has an appeal uniquely its own. We become aware again of the life she has given us and nurtured in us. The blessings she bestowed are remembered, at least fleetingly. The opportunities she created for us are often recalled with pride and joy. The chances bungled are cloaked in resentment or forgiveness. There is gratitude for the past even when there is a realisation that she was not as perfect as was once thought. Overall, there is a recognition that the bonds between a mother and those she has begotten and formed rarely die totally, no matter how they may be neglected.

Today, Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of our faith mother, the Church. On Pentecost day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the one hundred and twenty disciples to begin a new life between them. This life, this spirit binds them together as a family of believers who sustain each other in faith-filled hope and generous service. This community of believers is the kernel of the church, our mother in the faith. From this mother, we have all received life and grace. Her begetting and her sustenance have been experienced in a myriad of ways by different people. This mother has cradled saints and forgiven sinners. She has inspired heroism and battled

against selfishness. She has been trusted by the poor and exploited by the powerful. Through it all, she has kept faith in Jesus alive over the centuries and handed on to us baptism, reconciliation and Eucharist despite persecution, sin and failure. This achievement shows that God is truly with her and lives within her.

In today's gospel, Jesus promises that at his asking the Father will send an Advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with the Church, his people forever. Jesus also promises that through this Spirit, He himself and the Father will make their home with us forever. God makes his home in us not only individually but, more significantly today, he makes his home among us as a people, his children, brothers and sisters of each other. Today, we are reminded that everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God and so is enabled to overcome our selfish impulses. The Spirit living in our mortal bodies inspires us to use every gift and talent for the good of the whole community. We are not lone rangers carving out personal trails through the trials of life. We are a pilgrim people journeying through life in mutual care and love. The Spirit keeps such a vision alive through the Church. This weekend we salute you, mother Church. We claim you. We own you. We return to you. We rejoice on your birthday and hope that all the family make contact at this time, especially those who have been away for a while.

Homily preached by Fr. Tom Clancy at the Mass broadcast from our church on Pentecost Sunday.



ALL IS NOT WELL

The late Cardinal Hume wrote: "All is not well. A society without a common understanding of what it is to be human and without a shared morality is in danger of gradual disintegration. We are fast becoming such a society. Change is needed." He then offered ten points for reflection and action, saying that society needs to:

- Protect and promote marriage and family.
- Not be obsessed with sex, curb pornography, and put sexual intimacy back into its place in marriage.
- Respect human life from conception to its natural end and abolish abortion.
- Combat racism and welcome within due limits the stranger and the asylum seeker.
- Ban irresponsible arms sales.
- Tackle poverty at home and abroad and relieve the burden of unpayable debt.
- Respect the environment as God's gift for human use.
- Be led by men and women of integrity, worthy of respect.
- Encourage media's rediscovery of its responsibility for shaping society's values.
- Look beyond the here and now to rediscover spiritual values.

*You shall know they are
Christians by their Love*



LETTER

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to our Parish Priest Fr. Tom Clancy and all who helped with the broadcast Mass from our church. We are really proud of them all. The choir and organist were truly top class. Good luck once again next Sunday and God bless you all.

Sincerely,
J.B.



We offer our sincere sympathy to ANNE BURKE, 7 Bishopscourt Lawn, on the death of her mother.



Show your wondrous kindness
O SAVIOUR
of those who
trust in you, O LORD





Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Parkway/Leesdale

The Residents Association are holding an open-air Mass on the main green on Saturday 16th ~~July~~ ^{June} at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Alzheimer Society (Cork Branch)

Carers Support meeting on Monday 11th June at Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m.

Performing Arts Summer School

For boys and girls aged 7-12 years at Rockboro Primary School, Boreenmanna Road. Details from 087-2238747 or 087-9603826.

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Eucharistic Procession



The Eucharistic procession is taking place on 17th June. As it is the 75th anniversary, a big effort is being made to get people to come out and walk in the procession this year. Archbishop Brady from Armagh will preach the homily. Our parish group generally gathers at 2.45 p.m. and moves off at 3.00 p.m.

Pat Keane

Hate and Anger

Hate and anger eat us up inside and easily consume us. If we do not forgive others, we cannot heal. If we do forgive, then it is we ourselves who benefit the most.

Often humility as well as forgiveness are seen as weak-hearted traits, but the famous Lawrence Jenco, the former Beirut hostage, put it like this:

"Forgiving and being forgiving is a liberating experience", and he had good reason to hate.

Encompass Me, O God

May the compassing of God
and his right hand
be upon my form and upon my frame.
May the compassing of the High King
and the grace of the Trinity
be upon me abiding forever.
May the compassing of the Trinity
shield me in my means.
May the compassing of the Trinity
shield me this day.
May the compassing of the Trinity
shield me this night
from hate, from harm,
from act, from ill.