

Ascension of the Lord



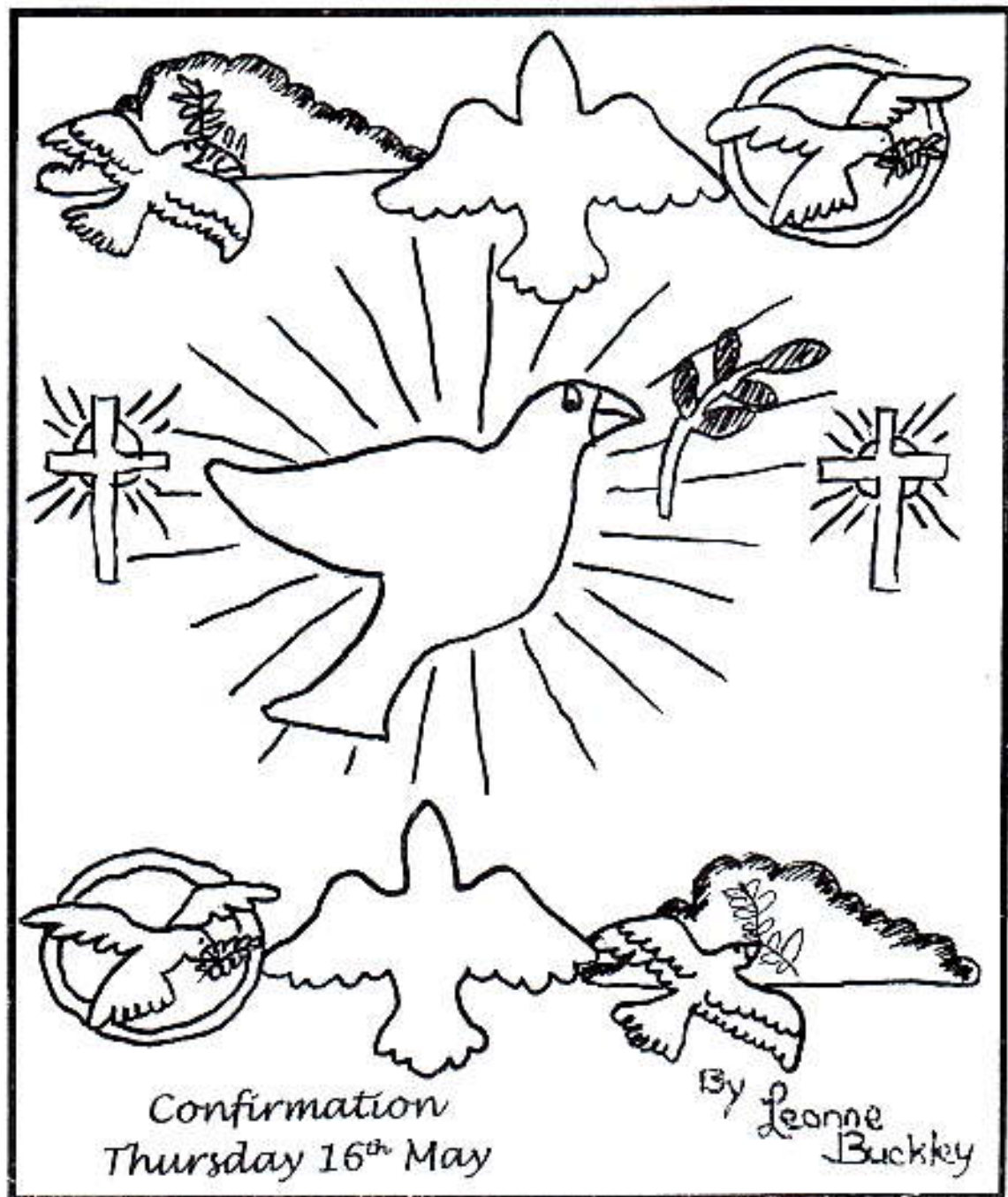
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Confirmation  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

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THE PARISH  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

When the disciples of Jesus met him for the first time they asked him where did he live. He responded by the invitation to "come and see". As Jesus disappeared behind the clouds at the Ascension, they had to conclude that Jesus' home was certainly not on earth, and so, if his wasn't, then theirs was not either. Where he had gone they would surely follow. And yet, the command of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations was anything but a head in the clouds job. The concern and focus of the early church was that of the world and people around them. Our true home may be in heaven, but our work is here on earth.

**Saint of the Week**

**St. John I : 18<sup>th</sup> May**

There have been at least 23 popes called John, but only one has been canonised so far. Pope John I died as a martyr in 526, three years after he was elected. He was unlucky enough to get on the wrong side of the ruler of Italy, Theodoric. Pope John was thrown into prison, where he died. His tomb records that John I was a 'victim for Christ', who once said: "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you."

St. John I, you paid the ultimate price for your faith; pray for us.

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**This Sunday is the Church's World  
Communications Sunday**

Many of the secular media would have us think that the only news about the Church is bad news. Maybe it is a backhanded compliment, they still expect a high standard of the church. Pope John Paul once said: "Where the respect for truth was lacking, the media could be a powerful voice for injustice."

The Church has the good news, but we must make sure it is heard and seen.

We have Catholic newspapers and magazines and don't get the idea they are just pious reading. They have high journalistic standards, but they tell the truth in charity. In this week's Irish Catholic Breda O'Brien, the well-known columnist of the Irish Times, writes a stimulating article on communications.

***Lent on the Edge Update!***

Following our *Lent on the Edge* talks Ovidiu Mattiut, the asylum seeker who gave the first talk this year, has been granted refugee status which means that he cannot be deported and is free to work in Ireland. Deo gratias!

**Help Needed**

Have you two hours to spare every third week? Cooks required for Bishopstown Meals on Wheels to keep the service going, particularly on a Friday. Please ring Pat at 4545790 between 6-7 p.m.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

087 - 251 9940





## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the sacrament of receiving the fullness of the Spirit of God as inspiring each of us to be a witness to Jesus by how we live, as well as committing ourselves to be active participants in the worshipping community of faith. To enable our young to fulfil these daunting roles, we pray that they may be blessed with the fullness of these gifts.

**WISDOM:** To know the true and lasting value of God's creation.

**UNDERSTANDING:** To see their own place in God's plan and to appreciate the role of others in their lives.

**RIGHT JUDGEMENT:** To have God's compassion in their hearts for themselves and others.

**COURAGE:** To do what they know to be right no matter what pressure they are under.

**KNOWLEDGE:** To be enriched by the human exploration of our wonderful world.

**REVERENCE:** To treasure the precious relationships in life.

**WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE:** To be aware of God's presence in nature, in life, in each other, in the Eucharist.

Confirmation is here next Thursday morning 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 a.m. Mass. You are invited to come and pray God's blessing on the pupils of St. Catherine's who will be confirmed by Bishop Buckley. If you cannot join us on the day, please remember these young adults and their families and teachers on the day.

Fr. Tom Clancy

## BIBLE STUDY



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

8.00 p.m. C. P. Centre

The group continue its monthly reflection this week under Fr. Tom Clancy.

### Mass Change

Thursday next 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 a.m. Mass as usual. 10.30 a.m. Confirmation Mass.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 8.10 p.m.

### Bulletins to Homes

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

## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

**Q.** I heard somebody say that the Hail, Holy Queen has too much emphasis on being 'banished in this vale of tears'. What do you think?

**A.** This prayer was composed by Hermann the Cripple, a paraplegic of the 11th century. His crippled body housed a brilliant brain and charming spirit. Yet every movement he made brought him pain. His sufferings paled into comparison with his anticipation of heaven. He composed the words and music of the *Salve Regina* (Hail, Holy Queen). It is a beautiful prayer of hope to be prayed for all who are experiencing the valley of darkness.

Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.



**NOTICE BOARD**

*A date for your diary:*

On **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** you are invited to a meeting, to discuss how we might respond to the growing needs of asylum seekers and refugees in our community. **The results of an assessment of these needs have recently been made available.**

**Fr. Angelo Lafferty, SMA**, who is involved in multicultural ministry and a member of Nasc – The Irish Immigrant Support Centre and **Fr. Kevin Kiernan, OFM.Cap.**, psychotherapist, will facilitate the group discussion.

**When?** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
**Where?** In the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit.  
**What time:** 8pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Ursuline Past Pupils Re-union**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 p.m. in Blackrock. Tour of new school - all past pupils from St. Angelas and Blackrock are most welcome to join us in a glass of wine.

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

**A Night to Enjoy**  
Three One Act Plays at Cork Arts Theatre from 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May at 8 p.m. - *Below Stairs* by *Charlie Conway*, *Conversations* by *Terry Layton* and *Dinner for One* adapted by *Charlie Conway*. Tickets €7. Box Office 4508398.

**PENTECOST  
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
CRYPT AT 8 P.M.**

Our annual prayer for Christian Unity with our friends from each of the Churches will be on the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Rev. Ken Todd of the Methodist Church will preach.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**First Reading:**

Acts 2:1-11. The events of the first Pentecost are described vividly.

**Psalm 103**

**Second Reading:**

1 Cor.12:3-7,12-13. The Spirit binds all the members of the Body of Christ into one.

**Gospel:**

Jn.20:19-23. The promise of the Holy Spirit is given in today's Gospel.

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING  
AT MASS**

He who wants to enjoy the glory of the sunrise must live through the night.