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Ascension of the Lord



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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

TERROR AND LOVE

The powerful make war.

The powerless long for peace.

Stakeholders see themselves with everything to lose.

Suicide bombers see themselves with nothing worth living for.

The secure are blinded by possessions or envy.

The exploited are blinded by poverty or anger.

Many of us have restricted vision, restricted by what we have from seeing what others really need to even live. Until that vision changes, there can never be peace locally or on the world stage. Until we see each other as brothers and sisters, equal in the one human family of God, our Father, injustice, oppression, fear and terror will stalk our world.

We plant seedlings of peace every time we look at each other with eyes of respect, care, kindness and even love.

Love is the only answer to oppression and terror. Everything else has been tried and failed. It is time to give love a chance. Each of us can do it each day in the circles in which we live and so weave a network of peace cells as a safety net for our troubled world. Love or terror is the choice.

Tom Bloney



We offer our sincere sympathy to JAMES O'SULLIVAN, "Gennezzano", 33 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister, Laura Fitzgerald, Doneraile, who died on 5th May, 2003.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



A CHILD'S VIEWPOINT

The children were asked for two comments. The highlight of the Mass and the highlight of the rest of the day.

Mass Highlights

- Receiving the Body of Christ
- Singing all the songs
- Receiving the Bread of Life
- Going up doing my reading
- When I saw my granddad coming into the church
- Bringing up the wine
- My godfather was able to make it from England
- Bringing up a gift to Fr. Tom

Later Highlights

- Opening my cards
- Going for a meal with my family
- Going on the bouncing castle
- Playing with cousins I hardly ever see.
- The desserts in the restaurant
- Going to the cinema
- Taking a lot of photographs
- Having a party. I really had a great day

Last Saturday was a big day in the lives of all the girls from Second Class in St. Catherine's. Our First Communion Day had finally arrived, after not weeks but months of dedicated preparation. It seems a long way to have come since their parents presented them at the Enrolment Ceremony last winter. Then we had First Penance, which received all the recognition due to such a special sacrament. Over the last few weeks the final preparations were meticulously made, with many trips to the church, to make sure everything would go without a hitch on the day. And, except for the weather, it did!

The girls were beautifully prepared by Ms. Canning and Ms. O'Regan, who were honoured to share with the families of the girls, in this special occasion. Once again our Suzuki Violin Group played the incidental music, and a choir from Third Class added their voices, under the baton of Ms. Deirdre Lynch, our Music teacher. The large congregation of families, friends and teachers created an excellent faith community in which the girls received the Eucharist for the first time. We pray that the seed of faith in Eucharist so well sown may be nurtured in the years ahead and treasured by the girls always.



Rest in Peace

Lynda Sweeney, The Grove, Parkway Drive, died in Marymount on 13th May - at a comparatively early age. She had suffered a lot of ill health over the past few years, but nobody expected her death so quickly. Lynda spent most of her young life in Burnley, Lancashire, before coming to Cork with her husband and young family.

We extend very sincere sympathy to her husband Pat, who cared for her with such devotion through her illness, her family David, Jennifer, Deborah and Alan and her sister Joan, grandchildren, relatives and friends,

Sheila Cullinane, Laburnum Lawn, died at the Bon Secours Hospital on Sunday, 18th May. Sheila was the last of the well-known Rose family from Turner's Cross and very proud of her origins. She had been in failing health for some time, but maintained a positive attitude to life - typical of a lady who had made the long journey to Sydney, Australia, more than once to visit her daughter Mary Rose, her husband Billy and four children.

We extend the sympathy of the Community to her husband Paddy, her six children, Liam, Mary Rose, Michael, Noelle, Niamh and Pádraig, her devoted grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Bible Corner



THE BELOVED

John seems to have been the closest friend Jesus had among the disciples. Even Peter acknowledged that relationship when he prompted John to enquire of Jesus who was the one who would betray him.

St. John's memories of the life and teachings of Jesus have a unique place in our biblical heritage. His name is attached to a gospel and to three letters. This is not to say that he actually wrote all four, but he is the source of what they contain.

Over the last few weekends, we have had extracts from the first letter, and this weekend's reading highlights one of John's key messages. God loves us first. His love of us is unearned, a pure gift. It is this gratuitous love that is the foundation of our worth. It is in response to that love that we love God and love one another. To trust in these loves is the cornerstone of our commitment to Jesus.

The full letter is only a few pages in your Bible. Read it through this weekend to be nourished in its spirit.

Bibles that are falling apart are usually read by people that aren't.



MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Kate McCutcheon and Cliodhna Allen in achieving 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the 2003 Cork Final of the Irish Junior Maths Competition on Saturday. This was a great achievement, as there were 45 students participating representing Cork schools.

Well done girls.

LETTER FROM TRÓCAIRE

9 Cook Street,
Cork.

Dear All in Dennehy's Cross Parish,

Thank you once again for the very warm welcome extended to Katy Mitchell, our Lenten visitor and for facilitating a public meeting. Katy thoroughly enjoyed her visit and was very struck by the great support which she found for Trócaire's work.

Kindest regards,
Sheila Dillon

THE PATRON SAINTS OF EVERYTHING

[www.catholic-forum.com/saints/
indexsnt.htm](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm)

Ever want to look up information about a saint or find out the patron saint of something or other? This website profiles thousands of saints and is being continually added to. General information, biographical details, prayers and links to related sites are provided for each saint.

NOTICE BOARD

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at Masses next weekend.

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima
Mass and Holy Hour in St. Maries of the Isle on Monday, 26th May at 7.30 p.m.
Celebrant: Fr. J. Power O.S.A., New Ross.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 1st June

First Reading:

Acts.1:1-11. this gives Luke's description of the event we celebrate today, taken from the very start of the book of Acts.

Psalm 46

Second Reading:

Eph.1:17-23 Paul appeals to Christians to live in peace and unity, and lists some of the gifts the ascended Lord has passed on.

Gospel:

Mk.16:15-20 These last verses of Mark's Gospel shows how Jesus remains with us. When the Church proclaims and lives the Gospel, the Lord himself is at work.

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