



Trinity Sunday

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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

A THOUGHT FROM MY RETREAT

I was in retreat last week at the Dominican house in Ennismore. The priest who conducted the retreat is professor of New Testament at Maynooth. As you might expect, he had many new insights to share with us from the Scriptures – very good too. But one point he made as a kind of “throw-away” stayed with me. We heard it before of course. But you know the way something you have heard a dozen times can strike you with new force, new insight.

He spoke of the powerlessness of Jesus. In his work and preaching Jesus depended entirely on the power of the truth in his message – and the power of love in his dealings with people – no force, no threats. Come to think of it, of course there is no other way to change the world for the better – and the people in it – that includes you and me. He did none of the things we associate with greatness. He died in abject poverty – alone and disgraced in the eyes of his own people. And yet he is God, the

King of the whole universe. He had no credentials but himself. Almost twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race.

“All the armies that ever marched, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of humankind on this earth, as that one Solitary Life”. An extraordinary truth – makes you think – makes us all think, and reevaluate our priorities – makes us see in a new light the power of truth and love in our world, in spite of all the emphasis on wealth and worldly power.

Postscript – Banning a crucifix at the County Hall is scarcely a fitting response.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

ADVANCE NOTICE

SUNDAYS

12TH JUNE AND 19TH JUNE

Our mid-morning Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. on both Sundays and will be broadcast by R.T.E. Radio.

Please join us to fill our beautiful church with songs of praise and worship.

The 9.00 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Masses remain unchanged.

**ST. CATHERINE'S NATIONAL
SCHOOL**

CONFIRMATION DAY

The Holy Spirit smiled on the parish and in particular on the St. Catherine's girls when sixty-five of them were confirmed by Bishop Buckley on Friday last. We know he was smiling because despite the forecasters and the best efforts of the clouds to make a downpour the day remained fine. He had good reason to smile, if only because of the heavenly music played in His honour when Eimear O'Donovan, Aoife O'Callaghan, Sorcha O'Sullivan, Heather Kiely and Daniel Geary accompanied the singing along with Paddy Killeen, the organist.

The commitment of all of the girls, including Margaret Finnegan who returned from another school to be confirmed with her old classmates, was evident in the wonderful artwork and photographs they produced to make the church a riot of colour for the occasion. The pride on the faces of the girls' parents told its own story of quiet dedication. Sponsors, relatives and friends had travelled, in some cases from as far away as Singapore, to be there.

Great credit is due to the teachers, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Nolan for the wonderful work they did in preparing the girls for the ceremony. The readings, the prayers of the faithful and the presentation of the gifts were performed with the confidence which comes from much practice. A particularly nice touch was the symbolism in the presentation of a balloon which only comes alive when someone breathes into it, just as we

become alive to the Spirit when He breathes life into us. Equally touching was the warmth of the pupils of other faiths who came along to wish their classmates well on their special day.

Finally, a word of thanks to some of those in the background who helped to make the occasion a splendid one: to the Parents' Association who provided refreshments after the ceremony and to the fifth class girls who served the Mass.



We offer our sincere sympathy to **BETTY O'HALLORAN**, Cherry Grove, Model Farm Road, on the death of her mother, Mary Ryan from Rathdowney.



CORPUS CHRISTI VIGIL

Saturday next, 28th May

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 to 10.00 p.m.

7.00 p.m: Family Prayer before the Eucharist - Dean Denis O'Connor

8.00 p.m: With Mary before the Eucharist - Fr. Tom Clancy

9.00 p.m: Healing & Blessing with the Eucharist - Fr. Declan Mansfield

Bible Corner



ROOTS

People identify us by a surname springing from our roots and may often categorise us by our social origins. The people of Jesus' time did it to him. He was son of Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth and a child of Mary, whose relations were all around the place. Jesus was comfortable and grateful for these roots. Without rejecting them, he gradually grew in a wisdom that enabled him to realise that he was much more, that he was son of one whom he called Father.

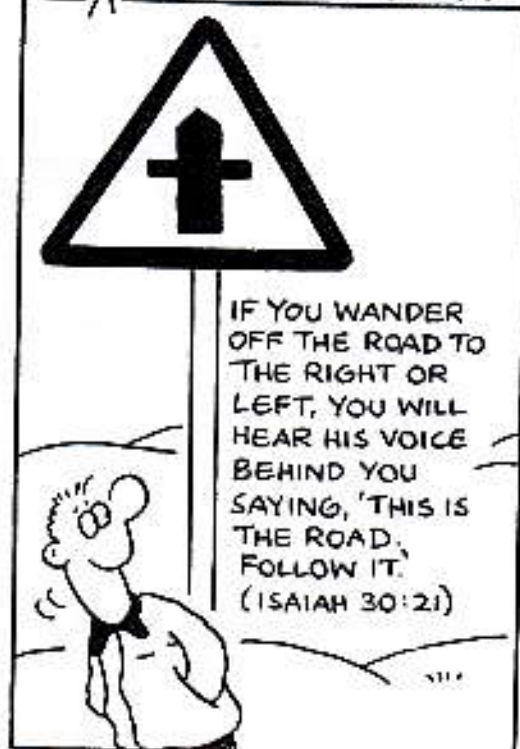
The wonder of this relationship possessed him more and more throughout his life and he strove to share it with the disciples and in turn, with us. This living love relationship between the Father and himself, he called the Spirit whom he promised to send to live in our hearts. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the awesome core of faith which we celebrate on Trinity Sunday.

Our roots are human but they are more. We come from God and are rooted in God. This is the reason for the hope that is in us, a hope that we must never let any person or circumstance steal from us. To lose such roots would be to be impoverished forever.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Tom Clancy

the CHRISTIAN
HIGHWAY CODE





YEAR OF EUCHARIST

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

SUNDAY NEXT 29TH MAY

Parish Group assembles near Proby's Restaurant at 3.30 p.m. and walks over South Gate Bridge to Daunt's Square.

All invited.

Preacher:

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor

Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross

The Annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May. Bus departs Opera House at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Cost €10. Tickets from Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00 p.m.

Eucharist – Centre of our Lives

Sacred Heart Novena from 26th May to 3rd June, 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. daily at the Sacred Heart Church, led by Fr. Finbarr O'Halloran, Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. All-Night Vigil on 3rd June, Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Novena at Curraheen Church continues all this week concluding on Saturday May 28th at 10.00a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Prayers travel faster when said in unison.

Latin proverb

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 3rd June (Feast of the Sacred Heart) at 7.30 p.m. New members will be enrolled at this Mass.

Any Pioneer of 25 or 50 years who would like to be presented with silver or gold pins, please contact Judith Coffey (4345281) or Liam O'Driscoll (4544682) before 23rd May, as pins and brooches have to be ordered.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 29th May

First Reading:

Deut.8:2-3,14-16. Contains Moses' reminder of how God sustained his people in the desert with the gift of manna.

Psalm : Ps.147

Second Reading:

1 Cor. 10:16-17. Paul reminds us that in sharing the bread of life at Mass, we become one body.

Gospel:

John 6:51-58. In the Gospel, Jesus says he himself is the living bread for believers.

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