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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Ascension of the Lord

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 11th
May

First Reading
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Second Reading
1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Ascension of Jesus is the great moment of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It is important to realise that he has not left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

The resurrection, the ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus comes out of the tomb, returns to the Father, and sends the Holy Spirit. However, as the first disciples saw it, these actions took place at different times. They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; The Risen Lord appeared to them that day and on the following days. Then Jesus was no longer with them. They realised that Jesus was now permanently with God, and they received the Holy Spirit.

St. Mark gives us an account of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Jesus would no longer be physically present to the disciples, but he had not left them entirely. He had simply taken on a new role, assumed a new position. After his years of struggle on earth, Jesus was crowned with glory by his heavenly father, and became Lord of all creation. For all who have faith, Jesus is closer to them than ever, and in a better position to help them. Jesus promises to remain with the disciples always, right to the end of time. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at the time. If he was in Jerusalem he was not in Capernaum. If he was in Capernaum he was not in Jerusalem. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present, and that is everywhere.

RETURNING TO GOD

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of this life, we begin our return. We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.

You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

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PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

Church of the Holy Spirit,

at 8 p.m.

Thursday 8th May

Residents of our parish, who belong to other Christian Churches are especially welcome.

NOTICE BOARD

Parish Dues

A little later than usual, Easter Dues envelopes will be distributed during the coming weeks with the help of our courteous and kind helpers. If you have joined the envelope collection system, please use the purple envelope provided in the box.

Pastoral Services

The annual collection will take place next weekend at all Masses. This collection part funds the personnel and services of the Pastoral Development Office which supports participation and partnership in parish life.



Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in The Rendezvous Bar, Saturday May 10th from 10.00 to 1.00pm. All proceeds will be going to the SERVE projects in the Philippines, where Fionnuala Lombard will be volunteering this summer. Call in for a cuppa and home baking. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Lough Derg

Have you ever thought about a sanctuary for the body, mind and soul? One Day Retreats during May, August and September, cost €27 includes boat fare and lunch; three day pilgrimage between Friday 30th May and Wednesday 13th August, €50 boat fare and accommodation. If you would like to find out more information please contact 071-9861518, email info@loughderg.org or visit our website at www.loughderg.org



The Queen of the May

Rosary Apostolate was established in 2005 in response to the call made by Pope Benedict XVI. The Rosary takes place nightly at Our Lady's Grotto in Curraheen at 9.00pm. We look forward to seeing you during the month of May.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **John Heaney**, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother, Martin, in the U.S.

Bible Corner



Transition Times

When a first novel from a budding author climbs rapidly up the best selling lists, the seasoned (and maybe, cynical) critics wonder openly will the author's second book be as good as the first. That is the test!

It is a test that St. Luke passes with flying colours. His gospel is a powerful presentation of the life story of Jesus. Luke's telling of the story of the Prodigal Son is gripping as is the post-resurrection story of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. But Luke does not finish with the resurrection.

Recounting the establishment and expansion of the early church opens up new opportunities for Luke. In the Acts of the Apostles, he covers Peter's early preaching and joins Paul on his missionary journeys.

This weekend's first reading completes the gospel, as it were, and readies us for the history of the Church after the Ascension.

Fr. Tom

A DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF THE PEOPLE

on

Sunday 11th May 3.00pm

at

the SMA Parish, Wilton

Mass will be presided over by Bishop John Buckley and concelebrated by Fr. Cormac, Fr. Denis and priests from different nationalities.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will also attend.

There will be representations from the Indian, South African, Polish and other communities.. It will include Irish dancing, music, national costume dresses worn by the Indian community and many others. Children from Gael Scoil Ui Riada and Glasheen School will also participate.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

PARISHIONER HONOURED

Pádraig Tyers of The Ridgeway has been awarded the Gradam an Phiarsaigh by Comhaltas Ceoltóiri, the group involved in the promotion of Irish traditional music, in recognition of his tireless efforts in the promotion of Irish through his educational endeavours, writing and lectures.

Pádraig is a former Cork football goalkeeper and U.C.C. lecturer.

Congratulations, Pádraig.