

## The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the three Persons of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In a way, today's Gospel is a repeat of the Ascension story. Its highlight for us today is the commission that it contains; Jesus instructs his disciples "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

The prophecy of John the Baptist was now complete. He baptized with water, but after the Messiah came the people would be baptized with power, anointing and the Holy Spirit. This baptism would bring them into full inheritance in the kingdom of God, and they would share in the life of the Trinity. That is why Pentecost Sunday is today followed by Trinity Sunday. The work of Jesus is now complete.

Entering into the life of the Trinity is to be surrounded by the love of God, to be energised by his power and to be filled with His life. We begin the Mass with the words 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' and leaving the Church we go with a blessing in the name of the Trinity.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen*

### Summer Exams



We pray and remember all students who are preparing to sit the Junior and Leaving Cert. examinations and those coming to the end of their full-time Education in Third-Level Colleges - that they may have success in their exams and make wise decisions for their future.

#### EXAM PRAYER

DEAR LORD, PLEASE HELP ME IN THE EXAMS I NOW FACE. SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO ENLIGHTEN MY MIND SO I WILL REMEMBER WHAT I HAVE LEARNED. LORD HELP ME TO REMAIN CALM AND SERENE. IF I GET STUCK, PLEASE GENTLY SHOW ME THE WAY TO MOVE ON. ABOVE ALL LORD HELP ME TO DO MY BEST. I MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH CHRIST OUR



## Parish Newsletter

St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth

31 May, 2015



Dear Reader,

On Sunday, June 7, we celebrate the feast of *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ. It is a unique feast because it celebrates Christ's presence in the bread and wine in a unique way: 'Jesus Christ is present in a true, real and substantial way with his Body, with his Blood, with his Soul and his Divinity' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Compendium, par,282). Some of Christ's disciples were shocked at this teaching and 'they walked no more with him'. In the Eucharist Christ invites us to enter into an intimate union with him. The Eucharist is the celebration of a memorial of Christ's death and Resurrection and it is also an anticipation of our future union with Christ in Heaven. Indeed some of the saints have described Holy Communion as 'a foretaste of Heaven'. The word 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving'. We express our thanks to God for all that he has done for us through creation, redemption and sanctification. In the Eucharist our lives, our prayers and our work are united in an intimate way with those of Christ and, as a result, they acquire a new value.

When we receive Holy Communion, we deepen our union with Christ and his Church and renew the life of grace received in Baptism and Confirmation. It is no wonder that we say before receiving so great a sacrament, 'Lord, I am not worthy....'

For this reason also, the Church requires us to be in the state of grace, i.e., not conscious of being in a state of mortal sin, before receiving Holy Communion and to observe the fast prescribed, abstinence from food and drink, other than water, within one hour before going to Communion.(CCC, par 291.).

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**Mass times**  
**St Mary's Church**  
Saturday Evening:  
7.00 pm (The Folk  
Group every 2<sup>nd</sup> week)

Sunday  
08:45, 10:00(Family  
Mass Group), 11:30  
(Choir) 1.00, & 6:00  
(Maynooth Gospel Choir  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)

**Ladychapel**  
Sunday 10:00  
(Adult Choir)

Live streaming  
available @  
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## Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

You are invited to walk in the Corpus Christi Procession which will begin in the National University car park on the Kilcock Road (opposite Aldi). We will begin at 9.40 a.m. and process to the Church for the 10.00 a.m. Family Mass. The children who have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. This Mass is being organised by the Parish **Do This in Memory Team**. **All are welcome.**



## Painting of St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church will close on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July for painting for about 7-8 weeks. During this time Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St Patrick's College, has very kindly given permission for the Parish to use the College Chapel for Sunday Masses and St Joseph's Oratory for the weekday 10.00 a.m. Masses.

A special word of thanks to all those who have sent in donations to the Church Refurbishment Fund. Acknowledgements will be going out shortly. The amount donated to date is €4,362.47. Donation Envelopes are available in the Church and can be returned to the Priests, the Parish Office or the collection baskets.

## Trócaire Climate Justice Mass – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Bishop Theotonius Gomes, Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka, Bangladesh, will celebrate a special Mass in St Mary's Church at 10.00 a.m. ahead of their Conference which takes place in Maynooth University. The music will be led by the schools' choirs.



<b>Monday 1 June</b>	Monday is a Bank Holiday. There will be only one Mass in St Mary's at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday 2 June</b>	Pilgrimage to Glendalough for the boys and girls from Gael Scoil Ui Fhiaich and Educate Together School Confirmation Classes.
<b>Thursday 4 June</b>	<b>Bible Study Group</b> meets in the Parochial House at 8.00 p.m.
<b>Friday 5 June</b>	<b>First Friday.</b> Masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
<b>Sunday 7 June Do This in Memory Mass</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Procession</b> beginning at 9.40 a.m. at the National University car park, Kilcock Road.
<b>Monday 8 June</b>	<b>Parish Finance Committee Meeting</b> will take place in the Parochial House at 8 p.m.
<b>Thursday 11 June</b>	<b>Mass of Thanksgiving for all Confirmation Candidates</b> will take place in St Mary's at 11.30 a.m.
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## Ordinations to the Priesthood

We pray for Rev. Chris Derwin and Rev. Paul Glennon who will be ordained priests for the Dublin Diocese by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the Pro-Cathedral on the Feast of St Kevin, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. We wish every blessing on them in their Ministry. We also remember all those who will be ordained for other Dioceses over the next few weeks.

## Family Fun Day

The Presentation Girls' School will hold a **Family Fun Day** on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May** from 2.30–5.30 p.m. **Tickets €10 per family.**

