THEY HAD NOT EVEN HEARD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



In chap. 19 of the Acts of the Apostles we read of Paul's encounter with some the new converts in Ephesus where he asks them if they had received the Holy Spirit. They replied

that they knew nothing about the Holy Spirit – they had never even heard of him.

Who is the "Holy Spirit and how does he fit into our understanding of God? The Holy Spirit is the 3^{rd} person of the Trinity. The greatest force in our lives is Love – the giving and receiving of love is what we value most. St. John tells us "God is Love" – he is the source of all the love there is around us. For God to be love there must be a Trinity – he is not some lonely bachelor living in splendid isolation above and beyond us. For God to be the source of love he must be three in one, there must be unity in diversity.

Love is always a Trinity because there has to be a lover, the beloved and the bond of love between them.

The Father loves the Son who is the beloved and the Spirit is the bond of love between them. The love between the Father and the Son is so powerful that it generates a 3rd person, the Holy Spirit. The love between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is in turn so powerful that the three becomes one in their love. This is not "airy fairy" semantics. The Trinity is replicated all around us. God gives us a share in the Trinitarian love when a man and woman come together as lover and beloved, each giving and receiving love as God does. The ecstatic love between them is so powerful that it generates another human being – a child. Then in turn the love between father, mother and child is so powerful that three becomes one in their love – a family.

The Holy Spirit is everywhere there is life and love. It is he who gives life to our souls and leads us to do God's will by loving God and loving our neighbour.

The Holy Spirit is also the life of the church given to the Apostles on Pentecost to inspire them to bring the Gospel message to all. The Spirit is everywhere leading us to the particular presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle, the Mass and Holy Communion. We pray that we will respond to his promptings to come to a stronger faith, a joyful life and a will to love our neighbour as ourselves!

Fr. Padraig

PARISH SHOP

In addition to the usual cards and religious items we have on sale "Praying with Christian Mystics" by Annetta Maguire and "Francis – Bishop of Rome" by Michael Collins. Please feel free to drop in after all Masses this weekend.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had <u>no</u> entry last week and were very disappointed!

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

"O Mary we crown thee with b...... today Q.... of the A.... and Q.... of the ...



letters in the hymn very popular for the month of May Your entries emailellenteresacoyne@eircom.ne t by Tuesday or Wednesday morning to the Sacristy

Can you fill the missing

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "**PARISH NEWSLETTER**" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.



WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to: Sarah McHale and Robert Gawthorpe

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 23rd May Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be In the Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am In the CHURCH: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The summer has eluded us so far, but hopefully it will arrive in time as the children of the Gaelscoileanna will receive their 1st Holy Communion next Saturday at 11am.

Mass for the usual Mass-goers will be at 9.30am

"FATIMA" CLONDALKIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Date: 11th to 19th September 2013 Hotel: Domus Pacis Fare: €699 per person sharing – single supplement €175 Deposit €200 non refundable For further information please contact: Eileen Carty at 4574832

NOTICES

Monday 20th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am 12 noon Mass and Rosary. Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 21st May

Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

DEATHS

Angela Whelehan, Multifarnham, formerly Floraville Avenue and lifelong member of the Parish Secular Franciscans Joan Carroll, Oak Lodge, New Rd Maura Watchorn, The Bungalow, Orchard Rd Peg Murray, Mill View

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fitzpatrick and May Stynes. Flowers: Moira Connolly, Friday 24th May to 6th June

30 – 40 SOMETHING CLUB

Are you aged 35 to 45? Dublin 40 Somethings is looking for members. We organise spiritual and social events for those with a Catholic ethos. A special weekend of events starts on Friday 24th May, including walks, mass and a party. New members are welcome. Contact dublin40somethings@gmail.com or 087 760 8268, for more information

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 21st May 10.00am Teresa Corcoran, 6mths

Sunday 26th Mav

Margaret McInerney William Noonan Mary and Phil Smith Joe Cullen, MM Robert and Michael Cullen Marie Treacy May Power Eddie Harris 5.30pm

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th May 6.30pm Paddy and Kathleen Cooke An. Frank and Ann Pitts An. Ena Reilly B.R.

Sunday 19th May

11.00am Collette Brown An. Thomas Burke An. Mary Scannell An,

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny this week's winner. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

JOAN CARROLL RIP

Joan and her husband Jack were part of the influx of people, who in the early 50's dramatically increased the population of the small, sleepy village of Clondalkin.

Joan was a woman of many talents: and even when she was wad rearing her large family, she found time to pursue her hobbies.

She loved her garden and greenhouse and spent many hours propagating seeds and plants. She was dept with her camera and photographed flora and fauna from which she drew inspiration for her paintings.

She took delight in organising dinner parties for her friends when one could be assured of delicious and delectable foods.

Needlework was another great interest. These skills she passed on to Melissa. Together she produced colourful 'Teddies' and there is many a child in the 3rd world who happily goes to sleep cuddling the toys donated through the Apostolic Society.

Joan was a great friend and she spread her friendship far and wide. "Ní beidh a leithead ann arís. Beannacht Dé ar a hanam dílis

Breda Grace

FRANCISCAN 3RD ORDER MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Saturday next, 25th May in the Front Room. Presentation Convent. New members are always welcome

CLONDALKIN ANIMAL AID

Clondalkin Animal Aid is holding a Ballad and Country and Western evening on Friday 24th May in the Steering Wheel Pub commencing at 8.30 music by Sean Coughlan. Raffle in the interval -Admission €5.

Come along and join the sing along and support a worthy cause.

Mary McCoy

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks $\notin 1,905$ – your planned giving contributions this week.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a most informative morning last Monday. We had a visit from Stephen, the pharmacist, and Vivienne from Doc Morris Pharmacy in the Mill Centre. Stephen gave a general talk on medications - its values and side effects – in a engaging way. Vivienne passed around a new type box called "the pill wizard" which has been designed and developed by the Doc Morris chain and would be invaluable to anyone on multiple tablets. Both Stephen and Vivienne took questions from the floor and gave very clear and precise answers. The "icing on the cake" was our bag of goodies which we were all given at the end of the session

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, Lord of Love