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30th May 2021 Trinity Sunday www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414 mstrev@gmail.com

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Dick Fitzgerald, Railway Bar Anniv.
 Mary Feane, Reens Ardagh

10am Maria Delariza / Fernandes 1st Anniv.
 Mr Vila Nova Fernandes died recently.

12noon Niall O'Mahony, Collins Park Anniv.
 Mary Ita McCarthy, Shanbally Anniv.
 Anthony O'Connor, Mountamhon Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Denis & Mary O'Connor, Kilconlea
 Mass for Exams Students

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Purgatorial

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend.

6.30pm Eddie Lyons, Coolaneelig Anniv.
 Michelle O'Connor 2nd Anniv
 Joe O'Connor 2nd Anniv.

Kathleen Wrenne, Hillary Close Month Mind
 Mary Ann, Daniel, Francis and Joe Collins and
 Michelle Hardke Ballymacgordon Anniv.
 Joan McCarthy, New Street Anniv.

10am

12noon Bertie Collins, Convent Street 1st Anniv.
 John Jackie Broderick, Ballaugh Month mind
 Michael Houlihan, Ballaugh Month Mind

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family
 Breda McAuliffe, Dromtrasna Collins whose
 funeral took place on Monday.
 To the family of Margaret Dempsey / Colbert
 formerly Killarney Road whose funeral took place
 on Saturday. May they rest in peace.

**St Antony's Novena each Monday evening
 during the 7pm Mass.**

A Reflection for Trinity Sunday

**"Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire,
 as you have heard it, and remain alive?"**

This is a breath-taking image from the reading from Deuteronomy for the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Nowadays, unfortunately, we have less and less opportunity to spend time at a real open fire. A lighted candle is a good echo of the fire in this time of increasing restrictions on open fires. But like the desert people in the time of Deuteronomy we need to expose ourselves to fire. The great warmth, and indeed mystery, of the heart of the fire is a privilege to enjoy.

It can foster deep reflection and can aid the pondering of mystery. In the quotation above we are told that, if we let the fire speak to us, the Divine voice can be life changing.

The creed we use at Mass is rich in its articulation of the meditation on the Trinity.

We hear the formulae but I wonder if we miss the music behind the words.

How often do we bless ourselves hastily with the Sign of the Cross?

Has the encrustation of frequent use dimmed the mighty energy of this prayer?

The Deuteronomy reading asks if we are willing to let the heart of the fire speak to our own hearts.

It reminds us of another fire story, from the last chapter of St John's Gospel:

"As soon as the disciples came ashore, they saw that there was some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it."

The well-reared Jesus is inspired to have a welcoming warmth after the struggle in the dark depths.

It is a welcoming sight for hungry and weary workers.

The love-fire is so necessary to burn the fog of gloom and anxiety of the present pandemic and reveal glowing opportunities of the everyday.

We truly need, each in their own way, to let the heart be continuously purified and caressed by the ceaseless fire of the God-Heart. *Jim Owen*

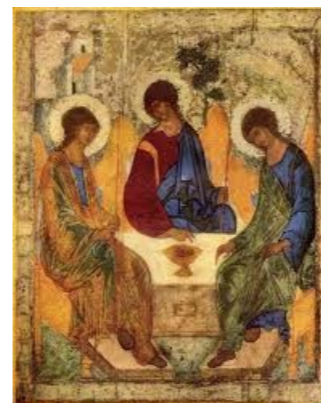


Image: The Trinity by Andrei Rublev.

Trinity Sunday

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is widely celebrated by Western Churches. It falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is the 50th day after Easter. Trinity Sunday celebrates the mystery of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not mentioned in Scripture, but Christians belonging to Western Churches celebrate it. Many Western Churches celebrate the occasion with symbols of fire, wind, and a dove.

The Trinity teaches us the importance of relationship, as the three persons of God share in a communion of love that offers us a model for our own Christian life. As the Father, Son, and Spirit are one God, we as Christians are the many members of the One Body of Christ, distinct but united in our love for God and each other

Traditionally, Trinity Sunday was the final day to fulfil our 'Easter Duty', -to receive Holy Communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. For us it was always associated with a good Confession beforehand. Nowadays of course we receive Holy Communion much more regularly, usually each time we are at mass. Many will have missed the opportunity for Confession this year but please God we will soon be returning to normal again.

Meanwhile lets keep each other in the prayers. *Fr Dan Lane*

First Communion and Confirmation

Under the current guidelines the celebration of First Communion and Confirmation are not permitted for the time being. Parents should note that the dates we have issued from the parish are **provisional**. Hopefully come the end of June restrictions on these ceremonies will be lifted.

Abiding in Christ - Staying with God in a Busy World by James Keating, PhD

Abiding in Christ Staying with God in a Busy World by Deacon James Keating, PhD Deacon James Keating's book Abiding in Christ: Staying with God in a Busy World is a how-to-pray resource. This book helps readers to find a quiet space wherein they can be present to God and offers suggestions of how they can be more open to God's movement within them. (from the publisher) People, both clergy and lay-faithful, can become busy with work, family, friends, clubs, etc. Especially when we are busy, remaining in the presence of God lightens our burdens and makes our work a blessed time of growth. [available through Amazon]

The Digital Hub

The Digital Hub is a new resource from the Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. The resource has been designed to assist dioceses and parishes to effectively 'put out into the deep of the net'. The resources available on the Digital Hub are gleaned from best practice in the Church across Ireland. You will find a mixture of guidelines and principles for engaging on the digital highways. You can access the resource on www.catholicbishops.ie/digitalhub and read a complementary monthly column in Intercom magazine

Official Prayer and Hashtag launched for WMOF2022

The official prayer for the 10th World Meeting of Families, to be held in Rome from 22 to 26 June 2022, has been launched. The official social media hashtag has also been launched as #WMOF2022. The prayer is inspired by the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 2022 meeting which is: "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". For more on the World Meeting of Families 2022 see www.laityfamilylife.va.

Trocaire Boxes/ donations can still be handed in to the church during Mass times.

Thank you for your very generous contribution so far.

St Ita's Day Care Centre, Abbeyfeale are now doing Meals on Wheels. If anyone is interested or would like further information please contact Jane/Norma at 068 51850.

**If you believe you can, you probably can.
 If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't.
 Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the
 launching pad.**