



Parish News

Sunday 9th MAY

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. “

These verses continue the text from last Sunday and tease out the implications of the vine symbolism and what it means to abide or remain in Jesus. The underlying reasoning is simply this: everything arises out of the loving relationship between Jesus and the Father.

Throughout his life Jesus is responding to the Father's love and making it known. As the disciples come to faith in Jesus they are being drawn into that loving relationship and they too can share the joy that enthuses Jesus and inspires him to reveal his Father to the world. The one sure way of knowing that their faith is true is their love for one another. Just as Jesus was prepared to lay down his life for them, so too must they be willing to live in humble service of one another.



This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will generate love.

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

The gospel and letters of John were probably written around 100 AD and were among the last parts of the New Testament to be penned. It is as though the prayer and reflection of the first generations of believers finally brought them to an understanding of what the whole Christian experience was all about and it could be summed up in three simple words: God is Love. This is neither pious sentimentality nor a bland cliché for, if it is taken seriously, nothing can ever be the same again. Peter and Cornelius both discovered that this is a love that makes changes and shatters old certainties. This is the love which proves that God will stop at nothing to convince a weak and wounded humanity of its immeasurable worth and dignity. The sad thing is that we often still choose to live in the darkness surrounded by our prejudice and fear. Or worse still, we imagine that being a follower of Jesus is about intellectual adherence to dogmas rather than a living out of a relationship of love

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SYNODAL PATHWAY

“As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years.

The Bishops’ Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly.

Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations.

Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to how the national conversation might best be conducted, what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.

For further information on making a submission go to www.catholicbishops.ie/synod . Please note that submissions are sought by 23 May 2021 and can be made directly online through that website.”

Sincerely

Donal



The Little Way Novena will take place in St Eugene’s Cathedral from Saturday, 8th May until Sunday, 16th May. Theme: Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be. Due to current restrictions tickets will be required.

Pray in May for an end to the pandemic.

Pope Francis urges Catholics to Pray in May for an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic [The initiative](#) will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic.

Holy Hour. Join us in the Church of the Immaculate Conception each evening Monday to Friday @ 7:30pm and at 6:00pm on Sunday evening.

Second Envelope - Diocesan Purposes collection next weekend



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:30am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12 noon Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

06:00pm St Columb's

NB! Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings on Wednesday at 11:00am

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website
All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Shawn Quinn, Tamworth Crescent

Anniversaries:

Kathleen Sweeney, Mary Mullan, Thomas Parke, Annie Quigley, Roseann Quigley, Maryann Duddy, Willie McCauley, Tommy and Teresa Nicholas, Kathleen Whoriskey, Thomas Mclaughlin, Harry Bryson, Attracta McChrystal, Anna Canning

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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