

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament

to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorify to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father,

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud,

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,

from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,

there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,

before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,

or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,

when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,

when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries

-and the waters will not invade the shore-when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 8: 4 - 9

R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? [R]

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. [R]

3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 16:12 - 15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt, and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has in mind; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine. **The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For our men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

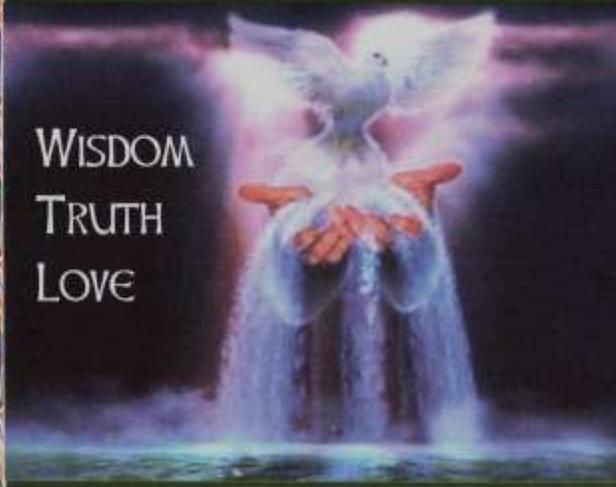
May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

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focus on sunday

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 22nd May 2016

The message of Jesus can reach all people - through his Church and the Gospel, love and justice can spread to all peoples.



Wisdom, truth and love seem to be the themes of the readings. We need ways to name God. Some religions have hundreds of gods. All different names for God. We have our names given us by God - father/giver of life; son/ the one like us; spirit/the energy for goodness in the world.

A strange feast! God has three names, three persons called by name. We don't grasp this mystery, but it invites us to faith in total love.

I like it that my God has these three names - he is father and mother also, and a Spirit of love between himself and the Son. He is not a lonely God. God wants us with him and to be with us.

The Trinity infuses goodness in three different ways. Like a parent, like a friend, like the goodness of love in a family or a group. The Trinity is active: they are goodness poured out.

AN OPEN SPACE

The space in the love of the Trinity is open to all, our faith, other faiths and no faith at all. We extend a big welcome to people who have rejoined us.

Pope Francis: "Those who approach the Church should find the doors open and not find people who want to control the faith. We are many times controllers of faith, instead of becoming facilitators of the faith of the people." (May 25, 2013). Deciding who can go to communion and who cannot, who are in favour with God and who are not. Placing burdens too heavy on people - this is not the open door. God is an infusion of goodness and mercy. Goodness includes mercy and forgiveness, but first of all, love. Today is a feast of thanks rather than a problem. Thanks for the open space of the Trinity. God is good!

Donal Neary SJ, (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
The Most Holy Trinity
22nd May 2016

Mass Times Saturday 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon
Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10 am
Mon. 7:30 pm Sat. 11 am

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We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us

Saturday 21st May 6:00 pm

Michael Proctor 6th Anniversary

Joe Bateson 21st Anniversary

Sunday 22nd May 12:00 midday

Joe Greaney
Months Mind

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Iris McKelvey recently deceased and Paul Whelan Anniversary*

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May they rest in peace

Coffee Weekend

We are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the masses this weekend. All proceeds will go to the Fr. William Stewart, Schools for Syria Appeal.

For anyone who would like to contribute but doesn't have time to drop into the Pastoral Centre, there will be collectors outside the church doors.

The Irish Episcopal Conference has decided that in preparation for the **World Meeting of Families**, which will take place in Dublin in 2018, a **national Church Collection** will be held each year until 2018. The first of these collections will take place next weekend 28th & 29th May. **This will replace the Share collection.**



Novena to the Sacred Heart

St. John Vianney Church, Artane, will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart from **Thursday 26th May to Friday 3rd June.**

For further details see our notice board or ring 8474 123.

Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Procession

will be led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the grounds of Clonliffe College on **Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm.**

Children who received their First Communion this year are particularly welcome.

Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

A meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th of May at 8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

CROSSCARE

The Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE Youth Services** taken up at all masses last weekend amounted to **€980.** Many thanks for your generosity.

Blessing of Remembrance

A Little Lifetime Foundation is holding a special Blessing of Remembrance for all parents, family members and friends in Glasnevin Cemetery at the **Old Angels Memory Garden** on Sunday 29th May at **3.00pm.**

If you need any further information about the service please contact 01 8829030.



Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the next edition of Ayrwaves is **Saturday 4th June.**
Email: ayrwaves@gmail.com



First Holy Communion

We congratulate the girls and boys from St. Paul's J.N.S. on the occasion of their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning **21st May.**

May they always walk as children of the light and be prepared to share that light with those whom they meet.

We thank their class teachers, Ms. Maguire, Ms Dutton & Mrs Kenny who did such excellent work in preparing the children for their First Communion. Thanks to our Principal Síle Ní Chuinnegáin who leads her team of teacher so ably. A special thank you to the children from the third classes in the Senior School who formed the choir and sang beautifully under the leadership of Ms. Fallon assisted by Ms Dineen. To organist Peter Roycroft and Ms McDermott who helped with the music.

We acknowledge the wonderful work and preparation carried out by the members of the **Do This In Memory Team** who organised the monthly masses, co-ordinated by Elaine O'Hanlon and the Cool Side of God mass group. Thanks to Mai our sacristan to Anne Kane for arranging the flowers to decorate the church. and all the volunteers who keep the church in good condition and

Thought for the day: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, May 22nd

The Trinity, St. Patrick and the Shamrock

There are several popular legends about how St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity. According to one story, St. Patrick went to Connaught where he met two of King Laoghaire's daughters, Ethne and Fedelm. St. Patrick had been unable to persuade the king to convert, but he convinced the king's daughters. During their time of instruction St. Patrick used a shamrock to visualize the mystery of the Trinity, how a single plant with three leaves is analogous to the one Triune God with three separate and distinct Persons (*Thurston, H. J., ed., Butler's Lives of the Saints, Vol. 1, 615.*)

According to another legend, St. Patrick used a shamrock to help explain the Trinity in a sermon he preached directly to King Laoghaire.

According to a third legend, St. Patrick was travelling and happened upon a number of Irish chieftains along a meadow. The tribal leaders were curious about the Trinity and asked St. Patrick for an explanation. So he bent down, picked a shamrock, and showed it to them, and explained how the three leaves are part of the one plant, and how similarly the three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, are part of one Supreme Being.

Prayer:

*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.*

Notice to Coeliacs: If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.