# Parish of St. Mary's





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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday - 15th June 2025

This Weekend June 14th / June 15th

**7.00 p.m.** No Intention. **11.00 a.m.** No Intention.

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>June
People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:
June 21<sup>st</sup> / June 22<sup>nd</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Jim McCormack (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.).

Offertory Collection: Sat 7th / Sun 8th June - €875 - sincere thanks.

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u> - Please pray for Andrew (Andy) O'Connor, Clonwhelan, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

<u>Sunday Scriptures - First Reading</u> - This is a reading in praise of wisdom. We are not dealing with mere worldly wisdom but with the wisdom of God. This speculation about wisdom was a groping towards the revelation of the mystery of the Trinity.

Second Reading - Christ made it possible for us to have a relationship of love with the Father. This gives us the hope of sharing in his glory, a hope which sustains us even in time of suffering. It is the Holy Spirit who helps us to recognize the Father's love for us.

<u>Gospel</u> - The Holy Spirit carries on in the Church the work of Jesus. He helps us to grasp the full meaning of all Jesus said and did. What Jesus did was to reveal the Father to us.

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

One of the most profound and unsearchable mysteries of Christianity is the mystery of the Trinity. It is a mystery which was revealed over time, in the pages of the Hebrew Scriptures which we sometimes call the Old Testament and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is Christianity's answer to the question: who is God? In the New Testament there is evidence that first two and then three persons were proclaimed as being part of God. This belief was given fuller elaboration in the following centuries. God is three yet God is one. St Paul's Sunday Missal.

# • Thought for the Day •

We seem to be moving more and more towards a contactless society where our own existence and our own needs are of primary importance and meeting these needs can be done without contact with another live human being. Not only that, but less contact with others means less insight into the needs of others as well, and in that situation others suffer and we are deprived of the experience of developing empathy and of helping our fellow human beings. Our drive towards a contactless society will deprive us of many things, not least the richness that comes from sometimes messy face-to-face contact with another human being.

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<u>Commissioning of Parish Pastoral Councils</u> - Last Sunday in St Mel's Cathedral Parish Pastoral Councils from across the diocese were commissioned for their ministry for the time ahead. Edgeworthstown Parish was represented. Bishop Paul prayed the following prayer over all who attended:

Receive this candle that will be a reminder to you each time you meet that you are children of the light and Servants of Him Who is the light of the World. Receive also the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you are by virtue of your baptism. May you bring the Gospel message to all people. Bless the members of the Parish Pastoral Councils in our Diocese. Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and guide all their actions, that they may be renewed in faith and united in love and bring to fulfilment the work of your Church to your greater honour and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Marriage Jubilees</u> - Congratulations to all couples who are celebrating significant jubilees of their marriages in 2025. Edgeworthstown Parish is pleased to honour your commitment. May God continue to bless you and keep your homes and families united in love and happiness.

### • Points to Ponder •

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. 'What are you doing, my child?' asked Augustine. 'I am trying to empty the sea into this hole,' the boy answered with an innocent smile. 'But that is impossible, my dear child,' said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, 'What you are trying to do comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible.' Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: 'You see the Trinity if you see love.' According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century who came from what is now Turkey in Asia and later lived out his vocation in Egypt, said: 'God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God.'

TRUST - "Be happy to feel that you cannot control your life, that there is so much in you that you seem unable to cope with. Trust yourself to him, take each moment as it comes, for each moment holds him. Let him have the say, let him take charge, even though you are left feeling no one is in charge."

- Ruth Burrows

"Trust is the greatest joy in our relationship with God. Whoever trusts in God has already covered the hardest part of the journey.......God, you are my God, I can count on you. - Carlo Caretto

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

## **READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JUNE**

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite.

# **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARST - JUNE**

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

### WEBCAM

- Fr Tom Healy -