



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th May 2016

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of priests of this parish, shared with the priests of the Diocese through the Common Fund. The **SECOND COLLECTION** is for SHARE, the diocesan fund for development, the provision of central pastoral and administrative services.

CROSSCARE Youth Services Annual Collection (Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin) will be at all Masses next weekend 14th/15th May replacing the normal SHARE Collection. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls from The Teresian Schools who made their First Communion this weekend!

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS SITTING EXAMS A book in which you can enter the names of those sitting Exams this year is at the main entrance of the Church. Prayers will be said for the intentions of all those, whose names are entered into this book from now to the middle of June.

FR. JOHN SULLIVAN, S.J. The annual anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of The Servant of God, The Venerable Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College this Sunday (8th May) at 3:00pm. Principal Celebrant – Bishop Denis Nulty. All are welcome! On Wed 27th April 2016 Pope Francis approved the Beatification of Fr John Sullivan SJ.

DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION 'Relaxation – using Human Givens method' with Aine Monahan will take place this Tuesday (10th May) in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm. Also, member's trip to Clongowes Wood will take place on 19th July – please mark your calendars!

FIRST COMMUNION Candidates for First Communion from St Mary's School will celebrate their First Communion here next Saturday (14th May) at 11:30am.

DONNYBROOK TIDY TOWNS Reminder - Donnybrook Tidy Towns are holding an information / AGM evening in Bective RFC on Tuesday 10th May @7:30 - all welcome.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS: This weekend is for *GORTA*, the Freedom from Hunger Council of Ireland.

FEAST THIS WEEK:

- St Matthias, apostle (Sat, 14th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Daniel Parkinson RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Brian MacMahon (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Jane Ward (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: William and Margaret McCarthy (*Anniversaries*)
- 12:00pm: Avril and Louis Arigho (*Anniversaries*)
- 5:30pm: Clelia Corbally (*Anniversary*)

Also: Edward Bannan, Tom Broe (*Anniversaries*) and Oliver Plunkett (*1st Anniversary*)



AMOR LAETITIA:

CHAPTER ONE

IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of very clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that “God created man in this own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (1:27). It is striking that the “image of God” here refers to the couple, “male and female”.

The fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective “image”, a visible sign of his creative act.

The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon - not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue – capable of revealing God the Creator and Saviour. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God’s inner life (cf. Gen 1:28; 9:7; 17:2-5, 16; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3-4). This is why the Genesis account, following the “priestly tradition”, is interwoven with various genealogical accounts (cf. 4:17-22, 25-26; 5; 10; 11:10-32; 25:1-4,12-17, 19-26; 36). The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple’s fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. Saint John Paul II shed light on this when he said, “Our God in this deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit”.⁶ The family is thus not unrelated to God’s very being.⁷ This Trinitarian dimension finds expression in the theology of Saint Paul, who relates the couple to the “mystery” of the union of Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:21-33).

⁶ Homily at the Eucharistic Celebration in Puebla de los Angeles (28 January 1979), 2: AAS 71 (1979), 184.

⁷ Cf. *ibid.*