

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Most Holy Trinity (Cycle A) 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

6pm Sat: 10/6: Intentions of Jackie & Anne Rose  
10am Sun: 11/6: Intentions of Donor  
9am Mon: 12/6: Wellbeing of Mc Guigan Family  
1pm Mon: 12/6: Kevin Killeen RIP  
9am Tues: 13/6: Marian Kane RIP  
1pm Tues: 13/6: Elizabeth Hannon RIP  
9am Wed: 14/6: Thanksgiving Bridget Mc Kenna  
1pm Wed: 14/6: Joe Donnelly & Martin O' Cleary RIP  
9am Thurs: 15/6: Holy Souls  
1pm Thurs: 15/6: Gavan Mc Gibbon RIP  
9am Fri : 16/6: Sacred Heart  
1pm Fri 16/6: Intentions of Toal, Rooney & Wade Families  
6pm Fri: 16/6: Intentions of Camplisson Family  
9am Sat: 17/6: Holy Souls  
1pm Sat : 17/6: Conversion of Sinners  
6pm Sat: 17/6: Intentions of Paddy Mc Cormick

*Let us remember the SICK in our Prayers: Paddy Gilliland, Michael Ryan, Peter Monaghan, Joe Faszczka & Betty, Jack Burns, Jan & Malachy, Martin Donaghy, Anne Rose, James, Clare, Terry Fullerton, Elsie Cooney, Eileen Delaney, Anne Lambe, Donna Carey, , Danny Mc Kee, David, Dolores Kelly, Dinny Murphy, Sinead Ward, Colette Kearney, Sarah Keyland, Cian Travers, P McCloskey, Mary O' Neill, Maria Antonia Peres, Shannah Smyth, Pat Carville, Sheila Smith, Barry Mulholland, Paul Connolly, Joan Smith, Kumacho, Nora Mc Mahon, Marie Mc Guigan, Paddy Mc Geough, Annie Crawford, Nuala Mailey, Paul Mc Larnon, Patsy Mullan, Larry Mc Gurk, Bernadette Boswell, Seán & Phyliss Smyth, Netta Tracy, Linda McDonald, Terry Laverty, Christopher Browne, Kevin Heaney, Martha Foley, Louise Green, Marian Hunter, Colm Gallagher, Margaret Mc Cafferty, Anna, Kohl Thelis, Deirdre O'Neill, Sally Matthews, Dominick Mc Crossan, Bridie Mc Crossan, Brenda McKervy, Donna, Margaret McCriskin, Sr. Eileen Ryan, Margaret Mc Kenna, Jean Kelly, Joseph Duffy, Elizabeth Magee, Arder Carson, Al Mc Comb, Joel Rivera, Nora McDonagh, Maire Mc Kenna, Eddie O' Neill, Margaret & Frankie Goodman, Dave O' Farrel, Martha Foley.*

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS: 1. £590, 2. £290

NEXT WEEK TWO COLLECTIONS: 1. Diocesan Peter's Pence  
2. Running expenses of the Church

THIS WEEK COLLECTION: Heat and Electricity

FRIDAY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: £391

SILVER CIRCLE: Tommy Thompson, Sally McGreevy

**COME AND CELEBRATE** 50 years of Charismatic Renewal in the Concert Hall, RDS, Dublin on Saturday, 24th June 2017 10 a.m., concluding with Mass at 6.30 p.m. This is a one-day national event. Tickets: €20

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION:** In July our Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place. Each year the diocesan organisers of the pilgrimage tries to bring some people who are sick and unable to afford the fare. On the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June we will take up a door collection to pass on to the organisers. Please be as generous as possible.

# SUNDAY READINGS

## **First Reading**

*Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 : Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.*

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Daniel 3:52-56 :We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

## **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13:* Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 3:16-18:* God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**THANK YOU:** We thank those who support St Mary's by their weekly Offerings and the Friday Building Fund collection. As you are aware we are in the process of RE - SLATING the Church, with proper roof insulation. Also inside and outside the Church will be decorated. The Grotto area will be re-slabbbed and the garden landscaped. It is all going to cost – but worth it for St. Mary's, that revered Sacred Space at city Centre. We are launching a fundraising appeal through inviting you and your friends to **BUY** or **DONATE** towards a **SLATE**. Please take an envelope and read what is said on the enclosed slip. *Fr. James*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SAFETY REASONS THE GROTTA AREA IS OUT OF BOUNDS UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK.** *Fr. James*

**REGISTRATION EVENT** St Dominic's Grammar School for Girls for transfer  
2017 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 4pm – 6pm.

**SUMMER SCHEME:** There will be a summer scheme in St Dominic's Grammar school Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August (10am-3pm). The summer scheme cost for one child is £60 for the week or £14 per day. Activities include a wide range of sports, Arts and Crafts and Drama. If you would like your child to attend please complete and return the registration form which can be found on the school website, along with payment, to Mrs Bannon in the PE Department or contact the school on (028)90320081.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO CAME AND EXPERIENCED ITS**

**MEANINGFULNESS NOT ITS LENGTH** As masses go, the Pentecost Vigil last weekend was considerably longer than our usual Saturday evening mass. Thanks to those parishioners and others who came and *experienced its meaningfulness, not its length*, and allowed what was happening to touch their inner being. – ***5 adults being baptised, 16 others from different denominations being received into full communion with the Catholic church, our Bishop here to Confirm them all and them all receiving First Holy Communion.*** Some said they cried. As I said it was longer than usual but as vigils can go it was relatively short. We cannot rush a vigil. In our daily lives we might keep vigil for much longer as we wait by the bedside of our dying parent or child or as we wait in the hospital waiting -room for news of the diagnoses. These kinds of vigils take as long as they take. We bear with them. The same ought to have been true of our Vigil of Pentecost last Saturday night. *Twenty Two* new members were being added to the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. Thank you for being there and expressing appreciation afterwards. Your presence greatly affirmed the RCIA team who journeyed with them to their very happy day. *Fr. James*