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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A) 14th May 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

6pm Sat: 13/5: Martin Maguinness RIP
10am Sun: 14/5: Wellbeing of Sally Mathews
9am Mon: 15/5: Martha Woods RIP
1pm Mon: 15/5: Joseph Mills RIP
9am Tues: 16/5: That Belinda & Callen may decide to get married in Church
1pm Tues: 16/5: Martha Woods RIP
9am Wed: 17/5: Francis & Kathleen Mc Cullagh RIP
1pm Wed: 17/5: In Honour of the Sacred Heart
9am Thurs: 18/5: For Gerry Anderson & his Son Conan RIP
1pm Thurs: 18/5: George Morris RIP
9am Fri : 19/5: Vincent Gallagher RIP
1pm Fri 19/5: Wellbeing of Mary Trainor (sick)
6pm Fri: 19/5: Theresa Donnelly RIP
9am Sat: 20/5: Intentions of Gerard Matasonia
1pm Sat : 20/5: Mary Sawey RIP
6pm Sat: 20/5: Albert Bealis RIP

Let us remember the SICK in our Prayers: Paddy Gilliland, Michael Ryan, Cunningham, 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 McKervery, 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.

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS: Anne Away – Next week

THIS WEEK COLLECTION: Up Keep of the Church

NEXT WEEK TWO COLLECTION: 1. Diocesan Education of Student Priests

2. Heat and Electricity

FRIDAY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Anne away - Next week

SILVER CIRCLE: Joe McMahon; Eamon Mc Crossan

CEMETERY SUNDAYS DATES AND TIMES:

Milltown Cemetery – Sunday, 14th May at 3pm.

City Cemetery – Sunday, 21st May at 3pm;

Hannahstown – Sunday, 28th May at 3pm

SACRED HEART MESSENGER: A number of Messengers have not been collected from the Repository by those who ordered them, back even as far as March. If the Messengers are not collected and *paid for* it results in a financial loss to the Repository (the Church) because the Repository has to pay the supplier. Would anyone who has an order for the messenger with the Repository and does not want to continue with the order please advise the Repository women

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Background on the Gospel Reading

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT AND INTERNAL REDECORATION OF ST

MARY'S CHURCH : I wish to confirm to all parishioners and to regular attendees Masses and of other services at St Mary's that the external refurbishment and internal redecoration of the Church will commence on Monday 8th May 2017 and is due to be completed by Friday 18th August 2017. Following on from the successful design and tendering of the works required, the parish, in partnership with the Diocese, has appointed "Cleary Contracting of Randalstown" to undertake these works. We ask for your understanding and patience throughout the period of May to August while the work is being undertaken.

STORMONT ROSARY FOR LIFE : Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at **Parliament Buildings, Stormont**, (meet at Massey Avenue Entrance - off Belmont Road) at **2.30pm** on **Saturday 13th May**, the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima beginning with a **9 Day Novena of Rosaries** on **Friday 5th May**. For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on [028 9027 8484](tel:02890278484) or info@preciouslife.com

LOUGH DERG 2017:- Season opens for One Day Retreats on Monday 1st May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (from NI 0035371 9861518) or email info@loughderg.org. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING AT CLONARD: There will be a Day of Prayer for Our Land in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Saturday 20th May 2017 between 1pm and 5.00pm. This follows very blessed Days of Prayer which took place at St Anne's Cathedral in September and at Lisburn Cathedral in February. This day will be an opportunity to help people to find God's peace personally and also to pray for the nation as we approach another election. With all of this in our minds and hearts, this is a very significant time for people to come together and to seek God's help and direction.

MAY 13th The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of God and mother of the Church. **ONE OF MARY'S MOST FAMOUS SHRINES, FATIMA, CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY THIS YEAR ON MAY 13th.**

St Pope John Paul II had a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. On her feast day in 1981 he was shot in St Peter's square, in an attempted assassination – yet he survived and was well enough to visit Fatima on her feast day the following year. He attributed his survival to Our Lady of Fatima. The bullet that entered his body is now enshrined in a crown on the head of a statue of Mary in the Museum at Fatima. This year Pope Francis will visit the shrine at Fatima, praying that Our Lady will continue "to help us to be open to God's surprises". During his trip to Fatima for the centenary of the Fatima Marian apparitions, Pope Francis will canonize the visionaries Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto on May 13th, making them the youngest non-martyrs to ever be declared saints. *Fr. James.*

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR OUR STUDENT PRIESTS SUNDAY 21ST

MAY 2017) There are currently eight young men in training for priesthood for the diocese, one of whom, Manuelito is a deacon. The other students are Tony, Christopher, Stofan, David, Christopher, John, Kevin. Please remember them in your prayers. The second collection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the yearly collection for the education of our student priests. Thank you for your support of this collection last year. Your continued support of this annual church collection on Sunday 21st May 2017 is again requested. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

