



Parish News

Sunday 1st May

Do You Love Me ?.

This is the story of the last appearance of the risen Jesus in the gospel of John. It is unusual in that the events seem to take place not in the immediate aftermath of Easter but at some unspecified later period. The disciples seem uninspired and indeed uninspiring. All this changes through the presence of Christ. Suddenly their work is fruitful and now they are around him again as a community, receiving nourishment from him as their Bread of Life. The second half of the story is also of great significance for through it we revisit the events of the passion when Peter, standing beside a charcoal fire, denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Now again beside a charcoal fire, Peter is given the opportunity to be fully reconciled to his Master and to tell him that he does indeed love him and to receive from Jesus his mission to care for the flock. This gospel is a reminder to us that without a living faith in the presence of Christ the church could easily become just another religious institution. To know our true identity as the People of God we must be open to hearing Jesus' question and to observing his command: 'Do you love me? ... then feed my sheep.'

Reflection

The readings from the Book of Revelation will continue until Pentecost and they offer a challenge to us. On hearing of such strange visions we may wonder what is the point of reading this kind of material in the modern world? However, as far back as the fourth century people asked similar questions, but the church had a sense of the value of this writing and kept it in our Bible. This wonderful book is full of hope while at the same time it does not minimise the scale of the problems faced by those who choose to walk the way of faith. It is noteworthy that the theme of praise and thanksgiving is more present here than in any other writing in the New Testament, and that makes it very fitting for the Easter Season.



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Pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Chapel Road PS who received the sacrament yesterday

Trocaire boxes to be returned as soon as possible

Make your voices heard:

A pastoral reflection by the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland on the forthcoming NI Assembly Election



Politics, lived with integrity, and in a true spirit of service to the common good, is a noble vocation. The freedom to vote is a hard won and precious freedom.

For Christians it is also part of our call to shape society in accordance with God's

plan for human dignity, freedom and happiness.

We say to all voters: make your voice heard. Make your vote count.

Speak up clearly and unequivocally for the rights and urgent needs of the most vulnerable in our society.

This includes the rights and dignity of unborn children which are being increasingly relegated - culturally, politically and legally - to the realm of the worthless and sub-human. [Pastoral Reflection](#)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 10th June 7:30pm St Columb's Anointing of the sick
(St Peregrine relic)

Sunday 12th June 6:00pm Blessing of graves in Ardmore

Sunday 19th June 3:00pm Blessing of graves in Altnagelvin and
Ballyoan cemeteries (subject to being confirmed by council)



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
7:15am (Lent) & 10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Rose Doherty, Violet Street, John Mullan, Landsdowne Road,
Charlie O'Donnell, sister of Kathleen Boast, who died in USA

Anniversaries:

Joe Browne, Sheila Kelly, Margaret Holmes, John Carlin, Liam
McColgan, John Monaghan, Marie Coyle, Shawn Quinn, Samuel
Strawbridge, Paddy Loughheed, Sean McHugh, Annie Starrett

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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