



Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. Joseph's N.S. and Scoil na mBuachailí who made their First Holy Communion on May 27th.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Barry Shanahan, The Villa Gardens, Clonakilty

There will be a second collection this Sunday for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Next Friday, June 2nd is First Friday. There will be an evening Mass in the Parish Church at 6.30pm for this month only.

The evening Mass at 6.30pm this coming First Friday will be a Station Mass for all the Station areas which did not have a Station Mass and for the town. Station envelopes may be returned to the church at this Mass if not already done so.

The Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel on Friday June 2nd. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Mass will be at 10.30 pm. Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday June 3rd

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will remain on display on Saturday June 3rd and every First Saturday up to and including October from the 10am Mass until after the Vigil Mass. The Angelus and other prayers will be recited at 12 noon.

A Novena to St. Anthony will commence on Monday June 5th in the Parish Church and will continue at the 10am weekday Mass until the Feast of St Anthony on June 13th when a Blessing of Lilies will take place. A relic of St Anthony will be present in the church and will remain there during the day for private prayer and reflection.

Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church next Sunday, June 4th at 5pm.

A reminder to take nomination papers for the Parish Assembly and return them to the box in the Parish church by Sunday May 28th.

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The Ascension of the Lord (A)

28th May, 2017

First Reading: (Acts 1:1-11) This reading describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Second Reading: (Ephesians 1:17-23) Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of Creation.

Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20) Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospels to all nations, and promises to remain with them always.

Reflection

St Matthew's description of the last meeting of Jesus with his eleven disciples, before his ascension to the Father, firmly puts the spotlight on their reaction when they came together at the mountain. "They bowed down though some were hesitant". Why were they hesitant? After all they were the ones who at first hand witnessed all that had happened – miracles, parables, the passion, death and, above all, the radiant appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection. Perhaps they did not feel worthy, maybe not capable of taking on the role and afraid of the consequences at such a time of uncertainty and tumult. But Jesus was quick to allay their fears and reassure them with his majestic assertion: "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Since then not alone the Apostles, but down the ages, we remember all those who have heard the "call". Facing the unknown and no doubt with pangs of uncertainty, fear and loneliness but filled with a spirit of generosity and zeal to minister, they left father and mother for His sake to follow in his footsteps. Today let us write in our own hearts the words of Jesus when he physically left this earth: "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time", as we pray for ourselves and for those preparing for and considering Priesthood and Religious life and in a special way for those who will be willing to become members of the next Parish Assembly.