

19<sup>th</sup> June, 1983.

# Descent of the Holy Spirit

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

BULLETIN BOARD

**MASSES** Sunday: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 (Folk Mass) & 5.30 pm  
Weekdays: 7.30 (except Saturday); 9.00 and 10.00 am

**CONFESSION**  
Wednesday 7.30 pm; Saturday 12.00-1.00 and 7.30-9.00 pm

**EXPOSITION** (time for quiet prayer)  
Saturdays from 7.30 pm. Benediction & Night Prayer 8.45.

**BAPTISMS**  
7.00 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. (please notify)

## EXTRA SUNDAY MASS IN BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- \* On and from Sunday next the time of this Mass will be 9.30 am
- \* Please note that this Mass is for the benefit of parishioners in the new housing areas off the Model Farm Road who find it difficult, without transport, to get to the parish church. It is hoped that all who can do so will continue to come to Mass in the parish church.

## COLLECTION OF PARISH DUES

Fr. O'Mahony and Fr. Keohan wish to express their sincere thanks to all who have co-operated in our effort to separate the Dues from the priest's visit to homes.

We wish very specially to thank our volunteer collectors in each area. Without their help this initiative would not have been possible.

The visitation of homes will continue independently of the Dues.

- \* We also wish to thank those who have opted to send or hand in their Dues personally.

## MEETING FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

All Special Ministers please take note of a meeting in the Crypt on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. We feel that it is very important for Special Ministers to meet on a regular basis and a full turnout is confidently expected. The meeting will last for one hour.

## SUMMER RECREATION SCHEME - JULY 18 - 29 (AGE 6 - 14)

Registration: Saturday next, Wilton Park House 2.30 - 4.30 pm.  
Fee: £3 per child. £5 per family.



## THE DAILY CROSS

*"If anyone wants to be  
a follower of mine,  
let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross every day  
and follow me."*

*(Today's Gospel)*

It seems hard, that saying of Jesus. Not for everybody, you might say. Yet, there it is, plain and simple. No escaping it, if we want to be Jesus people: his way of life our way of life, our way to life. No cross, no resurrection.

Why did he say it? Not, surely, to take the joy out of living. 'He went around doing good to all, healing the sick, cleansing the lepers ...' He put no premium on pain, or death. 'I have come', he said, 'that they may have life and have it to the full'.

I can't believe either, that he only meant what people sometimes say he meant: that you must be *resigned* to the raw deals you get from life or from people - sickness, disappointments, hurts of one kind or another. *Offer it up, it's the will of God*. I think Jesus meant something more than that.

Jesus didn't ask for a cross. He asked for justice and truth, befriended the victims of a corrupt society. For that he was hounded and hurt, and finally crucified. To follow him today, you too must stand for the same values. For you too it will mean being hurt and even crucified.



**ENTRANCE** God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever. (Psalm 27)

Let us pray (that we may grow in the love of God)

Father, guide and protector of your people, grant us an unfailing respect for your name, and keep us always in your love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. The prophet foresees a death which will change the hearts of those who caused it.

2. Distinctions between people have no meaning for the baptised: we are all one in Jesus-Christ.

R/. For you my soul is thirsting,  
O God, my God.

Alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia

THE GOSPEL The test of a genuine follower of Jesus is simple but demanding.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: With confidence in the power of the Cross, let us turn to our Father recognising our sinfulness and asking his help.

1. We pray that the Church of Christ may continue to defend the truth of the Gospel in spite of persecution.
2. We pray for the safety of Pope John Paul and for the success of his appeal for justice and freedom in his native Poland.
3. We pray for priests and missionaries who are unjustly tried, imprisoned and tortured for bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. We pray for all who have been made redundant in the present recession, and for young people who cannot find employment.
5. Let us pray also for the sick, for the handicapped, and for all who care for the sick and the elderly in hospital or at home.

Priest Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who have died ...

Father in heaven, be the support and strength of your people. Help us to accept our crosses for the love of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, receive our offering, and may this sacrifice of praise purify us in mind and heart and make us always eager to serve you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you give us the body and blood of your Son to renew your life within us. In your mercy, assure our redemption and bring us to the eternal life we celebrate in this eucharist.

ENTRANCE HYMN

My God, accept my heart this day,  
and make it wholly thine,  
that I from thee no more may stray,  
no more from thee decline.

Let every thought and work and word  
to thee be ever given;  
then life shall be thy service, Lord,  
and death the gate of heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. *My soul is longing for your peace, near to you, my God.*

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

1. *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.*
2. *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*
3. *The Great Amen.*

COMMUNION SONG

O the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see  
he has given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment  
have been blessed by the strength of his  
love. At the turn of each tide  
he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name  
in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

RECESSIONAL SONG

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

(He said) *Freely, freely you have received.  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live.*