

6th November, 1983.

Descent of the Holy Spirit

Thirty-second Sunday

Bulletin Board

Parish Finances

In this diocese, people are asked to contribute to their parish mainly in two ways:

- A. The Sunday Collection: goes to paying for and maintaining the Church and other parish buildings (repairs, renovations, heating and lighting costs, etc.) People want their church to be worthy of their Lord, efficient and reasonably comfortable.
Part of the Sunday collection goes to a central diocesan fund.
- B. Christmas and Easter Dues: provide the main source of income for the priests of the parish, sufficient to cater for their personal needs and cover housekeeping costs, telephone, travel, etc.
*Part of the dues goes to a central fund to help priests working in lower income areas.

We would like to make a few points about the payment of Parish Dues:

- a) All priests recognise the importance of visiting homes.
- b) The purpose of the priest's visit is pastoral: to get to know and keep in touch with his people.
- c) It's not good that the priest's visit be seen as always connected with money.
- d) In a large area (about 800 homes per priest) the twice-yearly visit can't be more than a token call.

We are not happy with this situation and, with your kind co-operation, we propose:

- a) to visit each home in our area once a year.
- b) to distribute envelopes twice a year - at Christmas and Easter - for the payment of parish dues.

We suggest that these might be either handed in by the following week or collected by authorised voluntary collectors, according to the arrangement which seems to best suit each locality.

We would greatly appreciate your views and observations on these proposals.



A PARISH
depends on
PEOPLE



With God, the love of the giver matters more than the gift of the lover. The widow's mite is a symbol of the generosity of those who give to God from the little they have, entrusting their lives and their future to him.

ENTRANCE RITES

Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
Listen, and answer me. (Psalm 87)

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

1. *Lord, you know that my heart is not proud, and my eyes are not lifted from the earth.* R/
2. *As a child rests on his mother's knee, so I place my soul in your loving care.* R/

Prayer God of power and mercy, protect us from all harm. Give us freedom of spirit and health in mind and body to do your work on earth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



1. 1 Kings 17 The generosity of a poor widow is rewarded. God is not outdone in kindness.
* R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.
2. Hebrews 9 The one eternal sacrifice of Jesus Christ has now become our offering To God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life, alleluia!

The Gospel: A widow's penny becomes as big as a generous heart.

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

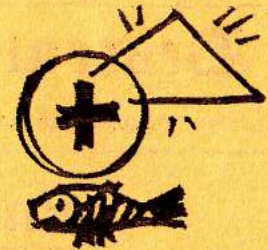
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

God of mercy, in this eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord.
Accept the gifts we present, and help us to follow him with love,
for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



Eucharistic Acclamations

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord ...
2. Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.
3. Priest: "Through him, with him, in him ... for ever and ever"
People: "A--ME--N"

Communion Rites

Ar nAthair ata ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do riocht,
go ndeantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dheantar ar neamh.
Ar n-aran laethuil tabhair duinn inniu, agus maith dhuinn ar bhfiacha
mar a mhaithimidne dar bhfeichiuna fein,
agus na lig sinn i gcathu, ach saor sinn o olc.

Communion Hymn

I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give
He who comes to me shall not hunger, is my flesh for the life of the world,
He who believes in me shall not thirst. and he who eats of this bread,
No one can come to me he shall live for ever,
unless the Father draw him ... he shall live for ever ...

And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we thank you for the nourishment you give us through your holy gift.
Pour out your Spirit upon us and in the strength of this food from heaven
keep us single-minded in your service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember to pray for: Kieran O Donovan and Mrs May O Neill, Gilbert O Connell,
Jim O Regan, RIP, and for their bereaved families.

BISHOPSTOWN MEALS-ON-WHEELS A.G.M. Wilton Park House, Thursday 8.00 p.m.

*** More drivers are badly needed for this service.

BISHOPSTOWN CREDIT UNION A.G.M. Credit Union Building, Wilton Rd. Tues. 8 p.m.