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Sunday 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 Saturday Vigil 6.15pm Weekdays 9.30am Eve of Holydays 7.30pm Holydays 9.00, 10.30 & 7.30pm

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 21st April, 2019 First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43 Psalm: 117 Second Reading: 1 Cor 5: 6-8 Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9

PARISH BULLETIN

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SPRINGTIME HAPPINESS

New life is in the air. Love, commitment, engagement, marriage awaken creative love in many hearts. But this blessing is not just for the starry-eyed. It is the call of the Lenten and Easter season for each one of us.

Friendship blossoming into love is God's great gift to us. To be accepted and treasured as a friend is the cornerstone of lasting happiness. As well as offering such friendship to us individually and as a community, God also enables us to enrich our human relationships with such love. Such is the invitation, the privilege, the challenge and the gift.

It is a multifaceted gift, powerful, yet fragile. So fragile, loving is pockmarked with failure. So powerful, that failure can be the occasion of deepening growth in love, when it evokes forgiveness, offered and accepted.

Forgiveness is a pure gift. It can never be earned. Forgiveness can only occur between friends and loved ones. It is an opportunity to celebrate once again the goodness of the forgiver. It is not really about the failure of the offender. It is about a recommitment to the friendship offered by a loved one or by God. God always loves unconditionally. As a child said recently, "God loves me always, even though He does not always love some of the things I do".

Fr. Tom

"Come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion".

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - TODAY SUNDAY 14th APRIL AT 5.00pm

PARISH NOTICES 14/04/2019— Palm Sunday Bulletin no: 1403

Holy Places:

The annual collection for Holy Places will take place at the Ceremonies on Good Friday, 19th April, 2019.

Is God calling you to be a Priest in our Diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday, 12th May from 3pm to 6pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane, Cork. Contact Fr. Charlie Kiely at (021) 4537474.

Mount Mercy Clothes Recycling:

The Parents Association at Mount Mercy are hosting a Clothes Recycling Drive to raise funds towards their Sports Hall. Old clothes, shoes, ties, handbags, household linens (no duvets, pillows or underwear). Drop off at Mount Mercy College until 7th May, 2019.

Spring Dues

Spring dues envelopes are now available at all the Church doors or from the Parish Office (weekdays). Contributions can be dropped into the Parish Office, the Sacristy, either of the Priests houses or with the Sunday collection.

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

This Lent Trocaire walks the journey of Jesus in solidarity with communities in Uganda, Guatemala and Lebanon. Their land is being stolen from them in different ways - by corporate land grabs, by war, or simply because they are women. As we pray we walk with them and with all people who are experiencing the Way of the Cross in their lives today.

