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Ascension of the Lord

29th May, 2022

Luke 24: 46-53

MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

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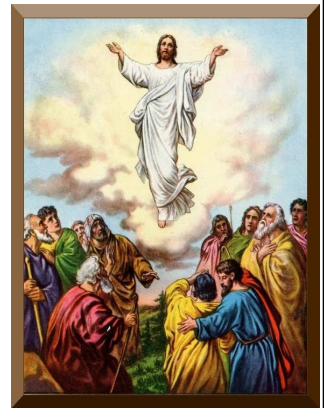
7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

The passion and death of Jesus had shattered the apostles. They had lost their close companion with whom they had travelled the roads for months, sharing joys and sorrows, miracles and pain, fame and hardship. He was their hero in whom they placed their hopes, their commander-in-chief, who would lead His people to freedom from oppression. Now He was gone without even a semblance of resistance. Since His resurrection, His occasional appearances were easing the pain of loss a little, but they were still paralysed by fear of being ridiculed, ostracised or even worse, as being known followers of Jesus, the Galilean. They had failed to even glimpse the richness of His promise that He would be with them and among them always, in a new way of presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. They would be losing His human companionship but gaining a new intimate friendship with Him. Then, as we read in this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gathered them together for His dramatic final appearance. He reassured them that His promises to them would be fulfilled at the approaching Pentecost. He challenged them to witness to His all enabling love through their lifestyle.



There are many parallels for us in our time. The same Spirit is promised to us especially at this Ascension/Pentecost time. The gift of deepening a personal friendship with God is offered to us if we make space in our lives to unwrap it through reflective prayer every day.

Our world and Church needs committed witnesses as never before. A heresy of our time is neutrality about values. Jesus was never neutral about justice, generosity and love. We witness to Jesus by how we speak, love, forgive, share, lead, respect each other and all God's creation.

Will we remain trapped by fear in our little havens of selfishness or enflamed by the Spirit will we proclaim to the whole world that our loving God binds us all together in energising love filled joy?

Come Holy Spirit, empower each of us this week with your life giving love.

Fr. Tom Clancy.



PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU TO SHARE AT HOME OR WITH FRIENDS.

Parish Notices

Cork City Marathon:

The Cork City Marathon will take place on Sunday of the June Bank Holiday Weekend (5th June). The Gardai and stewards will do everything possible to facilitate traffic heading to the churches on the marathon route. Again this year to avoid Dennehy's Cross, we'll be running the course along Orchard Road and Farranlea Park. Please be aware though that there will still be extensive traffic restrictions in the locality.

