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St. Patrick's Rochestown

18th June '17



Eucharistic Procession Today, Sunday 18 June

Our parish group will assemble at Parliament Bridge at 3.15pm to walk together over to Daunt's Square and receive the Blessing of the Lord. Guest Preacher: Most Rev. Dr. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne, Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Fr. Ben Hodnett. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

Once again this year – it is planned to broadcast the entire Daunt's Square Ceremony live on the Cork Community Television Channel 803-Virgin Media and on the Internet on www.corkcity.ie/tv from 2.45pm approx. By kind permission of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council and the Board of Management of Cork Community Television. We hope this live stream will facilitate the housebound, patients in hospitals and nursing homes and, also, Cork people across the world.

News Desk

2nd Collection next week end: Peter's Pence



From your Parish Assembly: World Meeting of Families, Dublin, 22-26 August 2018 Held every three years, the World Meeting of Families is a major international event that brings together people from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the importance of all families – and not just the perfect ones! – as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Started by St John Paul II in 1994 and involving exhibitions, cultural events, musical performances and gestures of solidarity to those I need, the last such meeting was held in Philadelphia in 2015 and Ireland was personally chosen by Pope Francis to host the 2018 World Meeting of Families. The land from which so many missionaries set forth to bring the light of Christianity to far-flung corners of the world will now invite families and individuals to join us for this great celebration. Indeed, it is also hoped that the Holy Father will come to Ireland as part of the three-day congress which will culminate in a solemn Eucharistic celebration in Dublin. However, the WMoF is intended to be far more than a once-off event but rather a process through which the Church can celebrate and explore the riches of the "Gospel of the Family". As such, the Parish Assembly will organise a series of activities between now and the end of 2018 to raise awareness of this meeting in Douglas and Rochestown.

MUSINGS: The Unveiled Beauty

Eating is a very powerful way of changing another substance into our own. Food, when eaten and digested, is transformed into our own flesh and bone and brain cells. But when we eat the bread which is the Body and Blood of Christ, it is Christ who transforms us into himself, making us into the Christ-persons which our name 'Christian' calls us to be, and indeed presupposes that we are. Baptism is sometimes called 'Christening'; this is a very meaningful word: Christening, it means our becoming transformed into Christ. The Eucharist is a most powerful means for being thus transformed into Christ. Julian of Norwich spoke of being 'substantially oned' with Christ. The purpose of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is to become more and more 'substantially oned' with Christ, so that, as St Paul puts it, for us to live is Christ, and the life we live is the 'life of Christ who lives in us' (cf. Gal 2:20).

The poet Paul Durcan has a marvellous phrase; 'Heaven ... is a place ... /that would surprise you.' Heaven is endlessly repeated surprise at the unveiled beauty hidden in the mysteries we now know – faintly and darkly but truly – by faith.

From Bread of Life by Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, Veritas Publications, 2011

Notices

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospels John 6:51-58

1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?
2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?
3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?
4. The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.
5. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you? **Intercom**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.