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New publication from the SMA

I would like to recommend a new publication by Fr. Tim Cullinane SMA. The book is entitled *"The Catholic Faith through Stories"*. Much of what we remember from Jesus are his parables and stories. Tim, in this book, using stories and parables, addresses such varied topics as *"Meaning of Life"*, *"Who is God for you?"*, *"The will of God"*, *"Devil and Temptation"* and many more. It's an interesting way of putting before us some of the deep mysteries of our faith. The book is on sale in the Mass office at €5 a copy. Here is a sample of one such story:

Be Thankful.

A blind boy sat by the corner of the road with a signboard beside him which said, **"I am blind, please help me"** and with a hat for passers-by to put coins in. As the day wore on there were only a few coins in the hat. In the afternoon, a certain man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. Then he took the sign, turned it around and wrote a few words on it. He put the sign back so that everyone who passed by could see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That evening the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognised his footsteps and asked, "were you the one who changed my sign earlier in the day? What did you write?" The man said, **"I only wrote the truth." I said what you said but in a different way**". What he had written was: **"Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it."** The boy said, "But the meaning is the same, what made the people help me more than usual".

The man said, "yes, you are right", but the first sign said simply that you were blind. The second sign made the people aware that they were not blind. The boy now understood it very well. You don't value a thing unless you don't have it. Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing? Of course, both signs told people the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective.

Be thankful for what you have.

ADORATION IN OUR PARISH.

In addition to the regular periods of Adoration, Monday - Saturday, 10.45am- 12.30pm we are inviting people to come and join in a period of Adoration on Wednesday's from 6pm to 9pm. During the long evenings it might be a nice opportunity to spend some time in Quiet Prayer.



The heaviest burdens that we carry are the thoughts in our head.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. **The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew.**

BISHOPSTOWN TIDY TOWNS are currently looking for volunteers. The area they cover is *Wilton to Dennehy's Cross, Model Farm Road over Melbourne Road and the Curraheen area*. As well as keeping the area tidy this is an opportunity to meet like-minded people and great for keeping fit. For more information, contact: 083/4077781 or follow them on Facebook.

INDIA CORONAVIRUS APPEAL.

Our Appeal to support the plight of the people of India, as they seek to address the consequences of the Virus, is proving to be a very positive challenge to our parish. The response from our members has been fantastic, now we are combining with the Syro-Malabar Indian community who use our church and have been active in our parish. With their contribution and with what we have collected we are just short of collecting €11,000 for our appeal. This is way beyond any appeal we have supported to date. Wonderful.

With the advice of Fr. Sibi, the Syro-Malabar chaplain, we have identified an appropriate charity in India which we will use the money to assist. It's nice to know that our contribution will be administered properly and can make a practical difference to the challenge facing the people of India. Details of the charity will be announced; we will continue the appeal until mid-June.

CHURCH SANITIZING

It is a responsibility of ours to see that the church is sanitized after each Mass.

I would like to express my appreciation to the people who undertake the task on behalf of all of us who are happy to come to our church to pray.

Having a second collection on Sundays is a way of acquiring the funds to pay for the exercise. Thank you for your understanding and generosity in this regard.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Trinity look down on our world and see that many people, old and young, black, white and all colours, rich and poor, are lost and need God's presence. Thus they send Jesus among us, the one who saves us, who befriends us who is God's love and companion among us.

30th May 2021



✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4: 32- 34.39 - 40

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 32

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

- The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. [R]
- By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; and they sprang into being. [R]
- The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 8: 14 - 17

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.



For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are hearts of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit Go in peace. Thanks be to God.**