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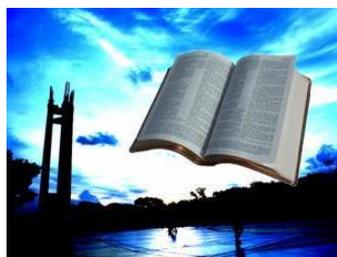
POPE TAWADROS II, VISITS ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN



Pope Tawadros II, visited the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin on Thursday 18 May. It is the first time that Pope Tawadros, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark, has visited Ireland as head of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Last month, Pope Francis visited Cairo at the invitation of Pope Tawadros and the grand imam of the mosque of al-Azhar, Sheikh Ahmed Mohamed el-Tayeb, as well as Catholic Bishops and the Egyptian government. Coptic Christians currently represent 80% of Christians in the Middle East. Following a meeting between Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros in Egypt, a new common declaration was issued. It emphasised the need for intensified prayers for all Christians who are persecuted and killed for their faith, especially in Egypt and the Middle East. The declaration from Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros also called for a deepening of their shared roots in faith through common prayer, a common translation of the Lord's Prayer and a common date for the celebration of Easter. In a letter to Pope Tawadros published on Wednesday 10 May, to mark the day of friendship between the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church, Pope Francis said "I assure Your Holiness of my continued prayers for you, and for peace in Egypt and the Middle East. In this Easter season I pray that the Holy Spirit, the strength and tenderness of God, may fill our hearts with his grace and kindle in them the fire of his love. May the Spirit of peace bestow on us an increase of hope, friendship and harmony. Following his visit to Archbishop Martin, Pope Tawadros went to Áras an Úachtaráin where President Michael D. Higgins greeted him.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK



takes place from Pentecost (4th June) to Trinity Sunday. There's a wide variety in the programme this year, including a symposium on the Reformation and Thinking Allowed It is recommended to book for the Symposium which will be held on Friday, 9th June, from 2.00pm, chaired by Archbishop Michael Jackson) consists of two papers and a discussion. Prof. Tony Lane will open the proceedings with a discussion of the agreed statement on justification, signed by the World Lutheran Federation and the Roman Catholic Church. The second

paper, by Prof Salvador Ryan, asks the question "How should we remember the Reformation?" The Thinking Allowed event, also on Friday 9th at 7.30 pm, offers again reflections, this time from four different traditions. They will all respond to one question: Is the Reformation over? All details are on www.bibleweek.ie

THE CHOIR AT 11.30AM SUNDAY MASS

is still interested in recruiting new members. You don't have to be able to sing opera - just sing. Why not give it a go!

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 14 May 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Mick and Patty Mills

Sun 11.30: Christopher and Josephine Hughes.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls and boys of our three parish schools and their families, who, this weekend, are celebrating their First Holy Communion at the 11.30am mass on Sunday.



Fruits of the Spirit

Prepare for Pentecost in the beautiful surroundings of the Chapel of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on Monday 22 May at 8.00 p.m. when a prayer service on the Fruits of the Spirit will take place. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in this imaginative and reflective experience.



Evening of Music & Reflection

in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin on Sunday 28th May at 8.00pm for a delightful evening full of music and reflection. Performances on the night given by Soloists Susan Dowling, Mary Flynn, Patricia Bourke D'Souza and Paul Cahill. Orchestra led by Mary O'Donnell, MD. Tickets cost €15 (€10 concessions). Contact Tom 087 7405018 or Susan 087 2244048. All

welcome.



Corpus Christi - changed in Rome

Pope Francis is to celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday rather than Thursday next month.

Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, said the Pope had decided to postpone the celebration next month from June 15 to June 18.

He said a Sunday procession would be easier for people to attend and would also cause less inconvenience in Rome. Pope Francis made the decision, he said, "in favour of a better participation of the People of God, of priests and of the faithful of the Church in Rome." He added: "There is a second reason: Thursday is a weekday and so there will be less inconvenience in Rome."

In the rest of Italy and in countries such as Britain and the United States, the feast is already celebrated on the Sunday, but until now the Vatican has kept the traditional observance.



SUNDAY LITURGY - 6th SUNDAY EASTER

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 65 Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds'. R/
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R/

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R/
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

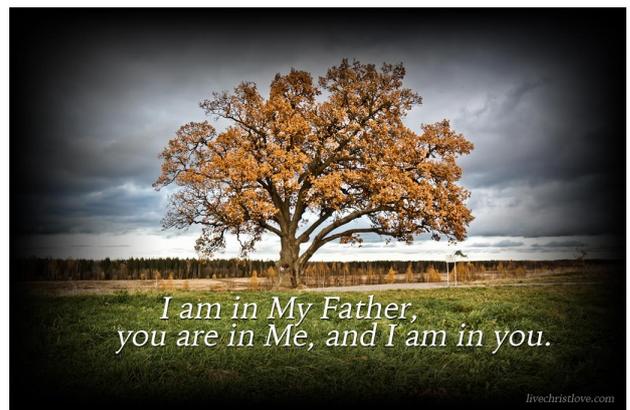
Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand
that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me
will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The trouble with the world," said the Master with a sigh, "is that human beings refuse to grow up". "When can a person be said to have grown up?" asked a disciple. "On the day he does not need to be lied to about anything".

From 'One Minute Wisdom' by Anthony de Mello