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helping one person might not change
the whole world,



but it could change the world for
one person.

THE EASTER GOSPEL

This Sunday's Gospel is probably the heart of Jesus' teaching, and some of the most often quoted.

Yet such familiarity can sometimes make them hard to hear, and still harder to understand. This is Jesus' sermon of the one commandment: **love one another as I have loved you.** It sounds upon immediately hearing it, to be absolutely impossible.

New Book On Sale

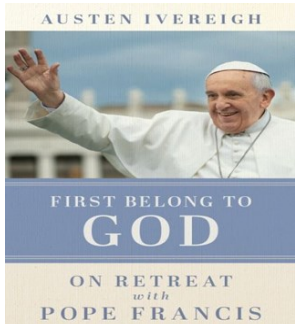
The book called "Stories with a Message" is on sale in the Mass Office at €10 a copy. Worth a read.

The following is one of the stories from the book:

Accept Life as It Comes

There is a story of a woman who was always begging for all kinds of things from God to make her happy. One day God said to her, "I am fed up with you bothering me every day with all kinds of requests to make you happy. One more request and that is it". Now that she had only one more request, she thought hard and long and went to consult her friends as to what she should ask for. Some said money, others good health, others a good job, others a home on a sun-drenched island. She thought and thought but could not make up her mind. One day God said to her, "When are you going to make your final request?" And the poor woman said, "Lord, I am confused, I do not know what to ask for. Please help and tell me what to ask for?" God's answer was, "Ask to be happy and content with whatever life brings you".

Grace Is A Gift; But We Must Respond To It



The parish is offering a parish retreat based on the above book. It's grounded on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius. It's a program that has helped many people grow to a deeper awareness of God in their lives. The book is sponsored by the Parish from funds collected in our Pastoral Fund Sunday collections. We are targeting only about 15 people as participants. If you wish to join you are welcome. All that is expected is you register your name, we meet perhaps once a week for 8 weeks and participants will be asked to keep a journal. This is an offer that might not come your way again! Grace doesn't just happen, we must cooperate.

Parish Charity for May

We wish to respond to an appeal from a very local charity for some financial assistance — Bru Columbanus. It's our way of acknowledging the very important service the charity provides. Let's be generous in our support. We also wish to acknowledge the service of volunteers from our parish who give their time to help there. To date we have collected €865. Donations can be placed in the wall boxes at the front of the church.

SMA Pilgrimages 2024

SMA Wilton Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 25th May. Bus departing from front door of SMA Church, Wilton at 6.30 am. The bus will stop at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis on outbound and return journeys. Estimated time of return is 10 pm. Cost is €30 per person **BUS ONLY**. Bookings: Mass office, SMA Parish Centre, Wilton.

Children's Room in the Church

We have installed a new television in Room 9 beside the sacristy which enables parents with young children to view the Mass on weekends. If parents feel their children might be causing a disturbance in the church, we encourage them to make use of this facility.

Parish Book Program

The first meeting of the group who registered for our Book Program – **First Belong to God** – will meet in Room 9, Wednesday 8th May at 7 pm. People attending are asked to have read the 1st Chapter of the book.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

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

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35 . 44-48
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise', he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024

The joy that Jesus promises is the joy that we find in the type of love which is his. This is the deepest desire of the human heart: Jesus gives meaning to all our hopes for loving and being loved in our lives with others.

of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97)

R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

SECOND READING 1John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

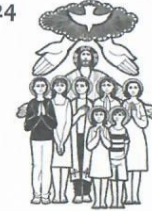
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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 ✠

Pray, brothers and sisters

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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

Through Christ our Lord.

