



St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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Staff of the Pro-Cathedral - Very Rev Damian F. Canon O'Reilly, Adm., Monsignor Francis Walsh, P.C., Fr Brendan Staunton, SJ, P.C., Sr. Patricia Somers, RSC (Parish Sister)

Mass Times

Monday to Friday - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

Saturday - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*) - (Cantor & Organ)

Sunday - 9.30 a.m. (*St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir**)
11 a.m. (*The Palestrina Choir**), 12.45 p.m. (Cantor & Organ)
& 6.30 p.m. (*Pro Nuova Music Group*) [*during choir term]

Pro-Cathedral closes immediately after Evening Mass

Confessions

Monday to Friday - After 8.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m. Mass

Saturday - 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon & 1.15 to 2.15 p.m.

Penitential Service last Saturday of each month at 11.30 a.m.

Italian Mass—second Sunday of every month at 3 pm in Cathedral.

Thank You - 20th/21st May

1st Collection (*Priests'*) €1,200 2nd Collection (*Share*) €815



Feast of St Kevin - Saturday 3rd June

11 a.m. Mass - with the Members of the
Diocesan Metropolitan Chapter

Principal Celebrant Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

The monastery at Glendalough was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Kevin (or Chaoimhin – the fair-begotten) was born in 498 into a noble family living in what is now West Wicklow. He studied for the priesthood in Cill na Manach (Kilnamanagh) and after being ordained set out to find his calling. Kevin came to Glendalough to follow his dream which was to find God in solitude and prayer. Kevin lived the life of a hermit in his cave for seven years. The legends and stories handed down to us highlight his significant personal qualities. Primary among these was his love of nature and deep respect for all created things. Legend also tells us he lived a very simple life, wearing only animal skins, sleeping on stones and eating very sparingly. Kevin soon became known as a holy man and others came to Glendalough to seek his advice, to be healed and to follow his way of life.

The Ascension is presented through three different lenses in today's readings: Acts, Ephesians and Matthew. In liturgical tradition and iconography, the version in Acts has dominated but it is not the only view. We have all experienced significant "*departures*" in our lives and we appropriate them differently according to the changing phases of our own life. Gradually, sometimes painfully, we find new ways of being with the one who has gone. Something similar may be said about the early Christians dealing with Jesus' presence-in-absence. It involved a new, quite different way of being with Jesus in faith and discipleship. In the Acts, the emphasis falls on the future promise of the Spirit. Matthew is more traditional, falling back on the biblical "*I will be with you*" (cf. Emmanuel at the start of this Gospel). The eloquent prayer in Ephesians really takes us into our present moment on the spiritual journey. So, different lenses on the same experience of closure/transition. *Which one speaks to me at this moment in my life?*



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

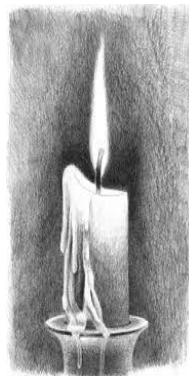
Dr Stephen Ryan, R.I.P.

whose funeral took place here in the Cathedral on Thursday.

Requiesce in pace

A Prayer for Manchester

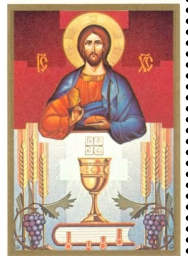
God of compassion, you are at the side of all who undergo the cruelty of human violence. We entrust to you the victims of the terror attack in Manchester and their families. Deeply disturbed by the incomprehensible sufferings of the innocent across the world, we believe that the words of Jesus, Your Son, words of love, mercy and hope, will never pass away. So we implore you: send consolation and healing, grant us your peace, may your kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Congratulations to the children from

Scoil Chaoimhín who received their First Holy Communion yesterday.

We pray that the Lord will continue to watch over and protect them.



The local **Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** will do their **monthly collection** after all Masses this weekend.

Ecumenical Bible Week takes place from Pentecost (4th June) to Trinity Sunday. All details are on www.bibleweek.ie