

# DUBLIN LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2024

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During this month we celebrate many wonderful feast days. The **Ascension** may seem a sad feast, since it marks the end of Our Lord's visible presence on earth, but in fact it is very joyful, since it also marks the entry of our human nature into Heaven. Where Our Lord has gone, we hope to follow. In the meantime, however, He has not abandoned us. The feast of **Pentecost** recalls the sending of the Holy Spirit to be the soul of the Church, the mystical Body of Christ on earth; and the feast of **Corpus Christi** reminds us that we have the sacramental Body of Christ ever present in the Eucharist. Members of His mystical Body, we are sustained by His sacramental Body as we make our way to our goal: the vision of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, set before us on **Trinity Sunday**.

As well as celebrating great liturgical feasts, during May we give special honour to Mary, the Virgin Mother. Without her the events of our salvation would not have been possible. As nature breaks into flower around us, we think of the sinless beauty of Our Lady, and we ask her to pray for us as we make our pilgrim way through this life. The annual **May procession** will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

The feast of **St Philip Neri**, founder and patron of the Oratory, falls on Trinity Sunday this year, and so is transferred to the following Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a High Mass in the evening at 7.00 p.m., followed by individual blessings with our first-class relic of the saint.

One of St Philip's favourite activities was to lead the youth of Rome on a pilgrimage to the seven great churches of the City. In that spirit, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a **seven-church pilgrimage** after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to come along, but there will be a good deal of walking involved. A cup of tea will be available in the hall after Mass before we set out, but please bring along your own breakfast food. The pilgrimage will end around lunchtime.

The **youth group**, for those aged 18 to 35, will meet in the hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Trinity Sunday. The meeting involves a cup of tea followed by a short talk on some aspect of the faith.

On the afternoon of **Trinity Sunday**, the Archbishop will consecrate Fr Donal Roche as auxiliary bishop of Dublin, on the same occasion welcoming Bishop Paul Dempsey, previously bishop of Achonry, as a further auxiliary bishop. The ceremony will take place in St Andrew's, Westland Row. We pray that the Lord may bless both men abundantly in their new ministries. There will be no Vespers that Sunday.

The **book of the month** is *Thomistic Mystagogy: St Thomas Aquinas' Commentaries on the Mass* by Urban Hannon. Just published, this very helpful book gathers together the various teachings of St Thomas on the liturgy of the Mass, which for him was, of course, the traditional Latin Mass. On sale after Mass in the rear right-hand porch from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> for €13.

Please note that photography or recording of any kind, video or audio, is not permitted during Mass.

Thanks to all who have made offerings of **Easter Dues**. If you have taken a Dues envelope but not yet returned it, you are requested to do so by Trinity Sunday.

*Liturgical calendar and Mass times overleaf.*

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