



St. Colman's Parish
The Most Holy Trinity
6th /7th June 2020

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today's feast presents God as a mystery. We can never fully know God – at least not in this life. The greatest temptation for people of all religions is to seek to domesticate God, to reduce God to *our* image and likeness or simply to what we want God to be for us. This enables us to control God, a subtle way of ensuring that God does not challenge us. God is perceived as being on our side.

The mystery of the Trinity reminds us that we cannot control God, because we do not fully know God. God is always beyond our imagination. We need to respect God's otherness. Like Moses before the burning bush, we need to take off our shoes and acknowledge mystery. On Mount Sinai Moses encounters both the nearness yet otherness of God: 'A God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'. And yet God has chosen to make us in God's image and likeness and has given us the faculty to yearn for him. God has also chosen to reveal God's self in human history: in creation and nature, in the history of the Jewish people and, more fully, in the person of Christ. As Jesus reveals in his relationship to the Father, when we truly love we no longer seek to control. We allow the one we love to take possession of our hearts.

There is only one God, but there is more than one way of understanding God. The Trinity gives us various perspectives on the Divine nature. In the Bible we encounter God as Father, Mother and creator, who calls; as beloved Son and Word Incarnate who saves; and as life giving Spirit, who renews.

What matters is not so much that we understand everything about God. Far better that we own our ignorance, for then we are open to learning something new about God. The mystery of the Trinity invites us to be always willing to expand our understanding of God, to let go of false images that we may have acquired. The Trinity presents God as dynamic reality, always creating, always redeeming, always renewing and reconciling.

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Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat. June 6th – 6:00 p.m.

Sun. June 7th – 11:15 a.m. Ann Fitzgerald, Kilcolman

Sat. June 13th – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday June 14th – 11:15 a.m. John Devane, Lisheen

Livestreaming of Masses in the Parish

This facility is available for funeral Masses in the parish if the bereaved family wish for the Mass to be streamed.

Graduation Mass

Bishop Ray will celebrate Mass for all 6th class pupils in the Diocese on Tuesday June 16th at 7:30 p.m. This will be livestreamed from The Cathedral. Link to webcam:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-marys-cathedral-killarney>

or Google: 'St Mary's Cathedral Killarney Live Webcam'

Parish Office

The Parish Office will re-open to the public from next week. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Faith via media consumption is ‘not the Church’

Pope Francis said the forced isolation devised to stop the pandemic was presenting the danger of people living the faith only for themselves — detached from the sacraments, the Church and the people of God.

“This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always,” Pope Francis said.

In a recent homily, the pope reflected on serious concerns about the faithful not being able to come together as a community to celebrate Mass or to receive the sacraments because of government restrictions against people gathering in groups as part of efforts to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Masses, prayers and faith-based initiatives have been offered online, and the faithful have been encouraged to make an act of spiritual Communion given their lack of access to Holy Communion, but “this is not the Church,” the pope said.

One’s relationship with Jesus “is intimate, it is personal, but it is in a community,” and this closeness to Christ without community, without the Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together and “without the sacraments is dangerous,” he said.

It is dangerous, he said, because people could start living their relationship with God “for just myself, detached from the people of God.”

As the Gospels show, Jesus’ disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord as a community — they gathered “at the table, a sign of community. It was always with the sacrament, with bread,” the pope said.

“I am saying this because someone made me reflect on the danger of this moment we are living, this pandemic that has made all of us communicate, even in a religious sense, through the media, through means of communication,” he said.

By broadcasting his morning Mass, for example, people are in communion, but they are not “together,” he said.

The very small number of people present at his daily morning Mass will receive the Eucharist, he said, but not the people watching online who will only have “spiritual Communion”. “This is not the Church,” Pope Francis said.

People are living this “familiarity with the Lord” apart from each other in order to “get out of the tunnel, not to stay in it.”

“The Church, the sacraments and the people of God are concrete,” the pope said. The faithful’s relationship with God must also stay concrete, as the apostles lived it, as a community and with the people of God, not lived in a selfish way as individuals or lived in a “viral” way that is spread only online.

“May the Lord teach us this intimacy with him, this familiarity with him, but in the Church, with the sacraments, with the holy faithful people of God,” he said.

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