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The Ascension of The Lord ~ 2 June 2019

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:50-53

First Reading + Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading + Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel + Luke 24:46-53

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, June 3

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, June 4

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Anna GREEN, RIP – F Gallant

Wednesday, June 5

8:00am+Deacon Des CARROLL, RIP – S Hayes

Thursday, June 6

8:00am+Bernard MURPHY, RIP – J/R Farrugia

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, June 7

12:10pm+Jean GALLANT, RIP – J/C Orr

Saturday, June 8

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Cletus CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

5:00pm+Brian BULLIS, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday, June 9

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+John MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Why isn't the world a better place?

In 1841, the British Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, gave a speech at the opening of a 'Reading Room and Library' in Tamworth, England. John Henry Newman, a leading Anglican and fellow of Oriel College in Oxford (and later a Cardinal in the Catholic Church), responded in a series of letters to the *London Times*, which were then published together as *The Tamworth Reading Room*.

What Newman objected to in Peel's speech was the idea that the acquisition of knowledge in itself leads to moral improvement. Newman gives the gist of Peel's speech in these words: "Education is the cultivation of the intellect and heart, and 'useful knowledge' is the great instrument of education. It is the parent of virtue, the nurse of religion; it exalts man to his highest perfection, and is the sufficient scope of his most earnest exertions."

Newman appreciated the great benefits of public libraries. The Tamworth library was particularly intended for those who did not have the advantage of a formal education and could not afford to purchase books. What he objected to was the notion that advancement in scientific knowledge meant progress in morals. He wrote:

Taking human nature as it is actually found, and assuming that there is an 'art' of life, [it is foolish to think] that grief, anger, cowardice, self-conceit, pride, or passion can be subdued by an examination of shells or grasses, or calculating the longitude. If virtue is a mastery over the mind, if its end be action, if its perfection be inward order, harmony, and peace, we must seek it in graver and holier places than in Libraries and Reading Rooms.

The great increase in human knowledge over the past centuries has not been matched by a corresponding increase in moral virtue. The same technology that led to the great improvement in living conditions in the 20th century also facilitated the destruction of human life in two world wars.

Even today, as Pope John Paul II has said, "Along with scientific and technological progress there arise new forms of attacks on the dignity of the human being." The Pope is referring, above all, to the deliberate taking of innocent human life which has now become commonplace, and which we mask with euphemisms such as "reproductive health services" and "medical assistance in dying."

There are many kinds of human excellence. We rightly celebrate excellence in sports, in the arts, in scientific research and its applications. But none of these equate to moral excellence. As Newman said more eloquently in his later work, *The Idea of a University*:

Quarry the granite rock with razors, or moor the vessel with a thread of silk; then may you hope with such keen and delicate instruments as human knowledge and human reason to contend against those giants, the passion and pride of man.

Saint of the Week:

For our Leader, the Divine Word does not demand a strong body and beautiful countenance, or high and noble birth, but a pure soul, well-grounded in holiness.

- *St. Justin, Martyr (1195-1231), Christian Apologist, Feast Day June 1*



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Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

**Parish Goal \$55,500. Balance to-date \$37,075.45
Donate on-line at www.sharelife.org**

MARYGROVE CAMP

On the weekend of June 15/16, a special collection will be taken up in our parish to support Marygrove Camp. Over 1,000 girls ages 5 – 13 will attend Marygrove this summer and enjoy all the experiences that make a week at camp so special: swimming, canoeing, bare feet, campfires, watching for shooting stars, and so much more. Without your support, these young girls would miss out on this adventure. Since 1962, thousands of children have experienced all that Marygrove has to offer. We thank you for your support.

SENIOR'S SOCIAL & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

11:30 – 1:30p.m.

St. Paul's Church,

Fr. Bennett Hall

Refreshments & Entertainment

All Out Parishioners & Neighbours

Are invited to join us!



Volunteers Needed!

God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do. Stewardship teaches us to be grateful and responsible with the blessings and gifts that God has bestowed upon us. This week we ask those who have the talent of Reading and able to articulate the Word of God, to please consider joining us for two hours a month to read at Sunday masses. Please contact the office 705.435.6325 x21

Our 2019-2021 Pastoral Council:

On behalf of the nominations committee we wish to thank all nominated parishioners who let their names stand for the 2019-2021 Pastoral Council. Our council consists of twelve members; 6 representing the groups and schools in our parish and the 6 elected by the parish.

We wish to thank and congratulate our newly elected members for accepting the call to Stewardship on our parish council: John BEYNEN, Miklos BORSOS, Theresa BIRMINGHAM, Anne PENDERGAST, Katherine RUSIECKI and Sheila HANDS. Our thanks also go to the retiring Pastoral Council for their hard and inspiring ministry. We appreciate all those who took the time to fill-in nomination forms.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting with the old and the new councils is scheduled for Monday June 17 @ 7 pm. In the Father Bennett Hall.

THANK YOU!

The CWL Council says "THANK YOU" to all who supported our Annual Garage Sale. We are very grateful to our faithful crew for pricing, cleaning, selling, pickups and deliveries. The \$3,400 raised will be donated to the charitable works of CWL. As always; we are very grateful for our parishioners continued support and dedication, for the development and growth of our parish through our events.

Year End CELEBRATIONS



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night ~ Monday, June 10 ~ 7pm



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

Life Teen Night, Saturday, June 15

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