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Bulletin for Ireland



June 2006

Devotions & Activities at St John's

Rosary daily at 6 pm

Every Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 am

Every Thursday: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Miraculous Medal Novena after the 6.30 pm Mass (except first Thursday)

First Thursday: Apostolate of Prayer for Priests. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11 am Mass, adoration until 6.30 pm Mass

First Friday: Benediction after the 6.30 pm Mass

First Saturday: Monthly day of Recollection (See details on next page)

Confessions: Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays

Missa Cantata: Fourth Sunday of the month

Doctrinal Conference for Adults: Tuesdays at 7.20 pm (Back in September)

St John's Schola and Choir: Contact Fr. Biéer, Director. Practices on Wednesdays after the evening Mass.

Devotions & Activities in Athlone

Rosary daily at 6 pm

Every Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

First Friday: Benediction after Mass

First Saturday: Benediction after Mass

Confessions: Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays

Missa Cantata: Third Sunday of the month

Children's Catechism: Sundays after Mass

Doctrinal Conferences for Adults: Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Devotions & Activities in Cork

Fourth Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

First Friday: Benediction after Mass

First Saturday: Holy Hour after Mass

Confessions: Half an hour before every Mass

Missa Cantata: First Sunday of the month

Sunday 2nd Collection

1st : For the Seminaries of the SSPX

2nd : For Insurances (buildings, car, health)

3rd : For Utilities (heating, electricity, petrol, phone)

4th : Building Fund St John's Presbytery

5th : For the Missions of the SSPX

SSPX Groups and Pious Associations in Ireland

Eucharistic Crusade: Contact Fr. Portugal

Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Boys: Contact Fr. Portugal

Third Order of the SSPX: Contact Fr. Bufé

Youth Group: Contact Fr. Bufé

St Philomena's Rosary Association: Contact Kay Cronin

Congregation of "mixed life", that is, a blend of the active and contemplative lives. While the Sisters are not a totally active Order like teaching Orders, neither are they totally cloistered like the Carmelites. Our Lord Himself lived a mixed life, preaching and working miracles, then retiring to places of solitude where He could spend many hours in prayer.

At the end of six months of postulancy, the two-year noviciate begins with the taking of the habit. It is only after this second stage of probation that the Sisters make the profession to live according to the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, which they promise to observe. These two and a half years of formation are not filled by prayer alone. They attend

classes on various subjects such as the Church, its History, Sacred Scripture, as well as spiritual conferences. They also have their share of material tasks, such as gardening, the upkeep of the property and of the few animals and fowl kept to provide some food.

After their profession, the Sisters are sent to various houses of the Society, where they will help and complete the priestly apostolate by various works: catechism, visits to the sick, sacristy, primary schools, etc. The knowledge

acquired during the Noviciate might enable them to do more: making of Altar breads, making and repairing of priestly vestments, playing the organ, singing, gardening, as well as daily duties such as cooking, cleaning, washing, etc.

Every day, the Sisters have an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, in order to pray for diverse intentions: for the Pope, for Bishops, priests, consecrated souls, and in particular, to make reparation for the outrages committed against Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is in fact the contemplation and imitation of Christ on the Cross that makes the true Christian and gives all its value and grandeur to the religious life.

Every true Christian, through Baptism, is a missionary, but by their religious consecration the Sisters are totally dedicated to the Church, working to extend the reign of Christ the King through their own sanctification and through their apostolate. If prayer and spiritual growth are the most important aspects in the life of a baptised soul, they are even more so for a Religious, and especially for a Sister of the Society who is an auxiliary of priests far more by her life of union with Our Lord than by exterior activities. Her whole life is centred on the Sacrifice of the Mass, source of all graces. Thus, her interior life - and by extension, her apostolic life - flow from the very Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ and her union with Our Lady of Compassion.



Catechism and training of young girls to the liturgical life

Mother-House of the Sisters of the Society:

Abbaye Saint Michel

7 allée du Château, 36290 Saint-Michel-en-Brenne, France

Traditional Religious Orders

THE SISTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X *(continued)*

Spirit of the Sisters of the Society

To understand the spirit of the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X, we must go back to Calvary on the very day that Our Lord was crucified. Jesus was suffering atrociously. Every once in a while He opened His eyes and looking down, He saw His beloved Mother, several holy women and St. John, His faithful priest, standing at the foot of the Cross. Seeing that His end was coming, Jesus gave Our Lady one last look and said, "Woman, behold thy son", and to St. John, "Son, behold thy Mother". In this Our Lord entrusted to His Mother the treasure most dear to His Sacred Heart: the Catholic Priesthood. Our Lady received from Our Lord a new mission. By her humble and hidden life, she was to do for St. John and the other



Teachers in primary schools

Apostles, the first priests, that which she had always done for her Divine Son. Her prayers, yes, would help them; but she was also to relieve them in their material cares and in the apostolate. She was to serve Christ in His priests.

The Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X find their place at the foot of the Cross. Their spirituality is entirely centred on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the soul of the Virgin Mary under her beautiful title of Our Lady of Compassion.

"The Blood of Jesus and the tears of His Mother flowed together and mingled on Gol-

gotha for the redemption of the human race", says Dom Guéranger.

Many centuries have passed since that first Good Friday when Our Lord underwent His Agony and Passion and at last consummated His sacrifice for our sins. Today, Our Lord is suffering His Passion and Crucifixion again in His Mystical Body. And, since it is the Priesthood and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that are being attacked, He has planted another "flower" in the garden of the Church and it is called the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X. True, this plant is still young, but after 25 years it has taken solid root, and with God's grace it is still flourishing to His greater glory.

The religious of the Society prolongs, in time, the Compassion of Mary and her Immaculate Heart, in associating herself more particularly with the torments that Jesus endured for the souls of today - in offering herself with the Divine Victim and with the Virgin Mary, in praying for priests, in serving Our Lord in His priests.

A Congregation of "Mixed Life"

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X is what is called a

Announcements

Retreats: We still have places for the retreats in Orlagh for men (June 12-16), preached by Father Anglés, and for women (June 19-23), preached by Father Bufé. If you are interested, contact quickly Father Biéer at St. John's. Please note the changes of schedule affecting Dublin and Cork.

General Chapter: The absence of Father Anglés during the General Chapter of July may oblige us to make some changes of Sunday Mass schedules, which will be notified with time on the monthly bulletin. This is the only reason for the alteration in a number of our regular summer activities, like the camps of the Eucharistic Crusade, the retreats, and the first Saturday day of recollection in St John's (July 1st).

Eucharistic Procession on Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi after the 11am Mass in the churches.

Summer Camps for boys (August 14-20) and for girls (August 20-26)

The Month of June sanctified

Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Recite every day the litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Offer 1st Friday Communion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Offer 1st Saturday Communion in honour and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On the 5th starts the Novena of St Anthony of Padua

On the 7th starts the Novena of the Blessed Sacrament (Corpus Christi)

On the 13rd starts the Novena of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Patron Saint of the Youth

On the 16th starts the Novena of St John the Baptist

On the 19th starts the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

On the 21st starts the Novena of Sts Peter and Paul

On the 23rd starts the Novena of Our Lady's Visitation

Intention for the Eucharistic Crusade for the month of June

For the general chapter of the Society of Saint Pius X

Monthly Day of Recollection in St John's Every First Saturday May through December

10.30 am	Confessions, to continue also during Mass
11 am	Holy Mass
11.50 am	First Conference
12.45 pm	Lunch with spiritual reading (bring your own lunch)
1.15 pm	Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross
2.15 pm	Second Conference
3.15 pm	Rosary & Benediction. Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

Next day of recollection, Saturday, July 1st

Letter from Father Anglés

SSPX THIRD GENERAL CHAPTER ON JULY 2006

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Society in Ireland,

Every twelve years, the Superiors and the senior members of the Society of St. Pius X gather in General Chapter to elect the Superior General and his two Assistants. The mandate of Bishop Bernard Fellay coming to an end, forty of us are expected on July 3rd at the seminary of Ecône, Switzerland, to proceed to the election.

How does the Chapter take place? I will give you some details, essentially taken from the article written by Michel Beaumont for the latest issue of the magazine *Fideliter*, of the SSPX in France, and from the official Rules of the General Chapter.

The General Chapter, to which belongs the exercise of the supreme authority in the Society in extraordinary circumstances, is composed by priests designated by their office or by their seniority. In virtue of their office are summoned to the Chapter the standing Superior General and two Assistants, the bishops who are members of the Society, the previous Generals, the General Secretary and Bursar, and the 25 Major Superiors (Districts, Seminaries, and Autonomous Houses). The senior priests who have no charge of superiors, in the proportion of one third of the members by office, are the remaining part of the Chapter; in 2006 they are the priests who entered the Society between 1971 and 1974. This time we will be 30 capitulants by office and 10 by seniority.

The oldest of the Chapter members is 66 years old, the youngest only 32! The senior priest was ordained in 1972, the youngest in 2001. The nationalities of the capitulants represent 11 countries: France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Argentina, Canada, and the United States of America.

In preparation for the Chapter, all the priests members of the Society are asked to present in writing their suggestions of points to be discussed by the capitulants. Meanwhile, the General House prepares both the matters to treat and the detailed administrative reports of the completed twelve-year mandate. Prayers are said every day in our houses until the conclusion of the Chapter.

The existing ruins at Glendalough still form a very striking scene in that wildly beautiful mountain valley. Within the area of the original enclosure are the great church, a cathedral, built probably in the time of St. Kevin, a fine round tower still 110 feet in height, the building called St. Kevin's Cro or kitchen, and the Church of the Blessed Virgin, for whom Kevin, like most of the Irish saints, had a particular devotion. The building called St. Kevin's kitchen was doubtless the private oratory and sleeping chamber of the saint, the latter being in the croft overhead, as in St. Columba's house at Kells.

St Kevin's Bed

St. Kevin's Bed can best be described as a man made cave cut in the rock face a short distance east of the Church of the Rock. It is very close to the edge of the mountain and it overlooks the upper lake from a height of about 30 odd feet (10 metres). It should not be confused with St. Kevin's Cell which occupies a site further east.

The approach to the cave is very difficult, with access to it is through a rectangular space and a short passageway 3 ft. high and 2½ ft. wide. The inner or main part of the cave is just 4 ft. wide and less than 3 ft. high.

It is reasonable to assume that the cave could only have been used as a sleeping place, and would have been impossible for an adult to stand upright in it, so it is quite likely that St Kevin only used it as his bed, or a place for pious prayer or meditation

A century ago one historian wrote about the bed: "Here he reposed by night on this stony bed when not engaged in pious vigil and meditation. A ledge of level rock is formed at its entrance. Even yet, adventurous pilgrims dare climb into it from Teampul na Skellig while they ascend by a steep and dangerous pathway. Stations were formerly made there by the devout peasantry and especially of the Patron's festival day.

Dr. Leask expresses the opinion that this cave was constructed long before Kevin's time and it was probably the first and oldest piece of work to be undertaken by man in the glen.

There is also a legend which claims that St Laurence O'Toole used the "bed" as he frequently made penitential visits to Glendalough, especially during the season of Lent.

Michael Dwyer, the famous Wicklow rebel is reputed to have taken shelter in the "bed" while he was on the run from British soldiers. The story goes that he escaped capture one morning by diving into the lake and swimming to the opposite side.

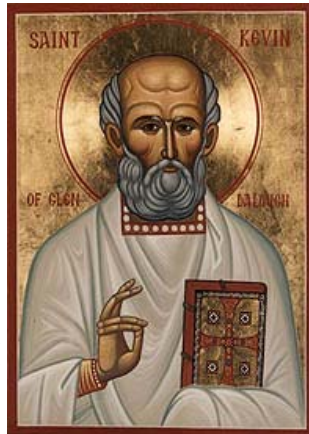
Today, it is highly dangerous to try to approach the "bed" from the side of Lugduff mountain. Visitors, in the interests of their own safety, should be content with a distant view of it from one of the boats which operate during the tourist season.

Saint of the month

June 3rd

Saint Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough

Born at Fort of the White Fountain in Leinster, Ireland; died c. 618. Kevin was born of Irish royalty, but that doesn't tell us much because there were as many kings in Ireland as there were saints in Cornwall. He was baptized as Kevin or Coemgen, which means the "Fair-begotten" by Saint Cronan. As a boy he was sent to be educated at a monastery, where he was fortunate enough to be a pupil of Saint Petroc of Cornwall, who was then in Ireland. Kevin is best remembered as the abbot-founder of Glendalough, County Wicklow, one of the most famous abbeys of Ireland. After his ordination he settled as a hermit in the scenic Valley of the Two Lakes by the Upper Lake, supposedly led there by an angel. This is probably at a place now marked by a cave called "Saint Kevin's Bed," which was formerly a Bronze Age tomb that he reused, and the Teampull na Skelling (the rock church). After seven years as a solitary living on nettles and herbs, he was persuaded to found a monastery at Disert-Coemgen for the many disciples he attracted. He made a pilgrimage to Rome and brought back many relics for his foundation. When the number who gathered around him became too numerous for the site, the monastery was moved after his death (at age 120) down to the Lower Lake. Still more churches were added to the east of the site during the abbacy of Saint Laurence O'Toole. Glendalough has always been a popular pilgrimage site. Saint Kevin is one of the patrons of Dublin. His feast is kept throughout Ireland.



Monastery of Glendalough

Glendalough (the Valley of the Two Lakes) is a picturesque and lonely glen in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains. The fame of its monastic school is chiefly due to its founder, St. Kevin, and to Laurence O'Toole, the last of the canonized saints of Ireland.

The Chapter is preceded by a retreat of five days, in complete silence. Two days of conviviality and informal meetings allow the capitulants to prepare for the solemn inauguration of the Chapter, which includes the reading of the Rules of the Chapter, the verification of the credentials of the members, the calling of each one of the capitulants, and the double oath of secrecy and of voting for whom one considers before God that must be elected.

The officers of the Chapter are selected to act as secretaries, scrutineers, and notaries, and the exiting Superior General presents the reports of his mandate. Then the new Superior is elected by secret ballot, at least 2/3 of the votes. He must be a member priest, of at least 30 years of age, having made his permanent engagement in the Society.

Nothing prevents a reelection or even the election of a bishop for this charge; it is false that our Constitutions forbid it, and it is equally false that Archbishop Lefebvre did not want a bishop as Superior General—he saw it convenient in 1988 not to consecrate bishop the Superior General, to avoid complications in our relations with the Holy See at that sensitive time.

Once the new Superior and his two Assistants have been canonically elected, an announcement is made to all the houses of the Society and friendly religious communities.

Then the Chapter continues under the presidency of the new Superior General. Commissions are established to audit the accounts, to discuss the different issues at hand, to prepare reports and make proposals to the Chapter, which pronounces the pertinent resolutions. These meetings take a number of days until the conclusion of the Chapter.

As you can infer from this information, July will be a very important month in the life of the Society and in the future of our apostolate. We ask for your fervent prayers, certain that whoever is elected will be received as a gift from God, to guide and protect our priestly family in these extraordinary times.

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And continue to pray for your priests, who bless you with grateful hearts,
in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Father Ramón Anglés

Liturgical calendar for June 2006

SSPX Masses in Ireland - Locations and Times

						St John's	Athlone	Cork	Belfast	Newry	Kesh	Tralee	Galway	Cashel
Thursday	1	St Agela Merici, III class		FIRST THURSDAY	1	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	2	Ferial, Holy Martyrs, IV class	<i>Abstinence</i>	FIRST FRIDAY	2	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am	7.30 pm						
Saturday	3	Vigil of Pentecost, I class	<i>St Kevin of Glendalough</i>	FIRST SATURDAY	3	11 am	11 am	9.30 am						
Sunday	4	FEAST OF PENTECOST, I class			4	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	4.30 pm	5 pm		
Monday	5	In the Octave of Pentecost, I class			5	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	6	In the Octave of Pentecost, I class	<i>St Jarlath of Tuam</i>		6	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	7	Ember Day, In the Octave of Pentecost, I class	<i>St Colman of Dromore</i>		7	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	8	In the Octave of Pentecost, I class			8	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	9	Ember Day, In the Octave of Pentecost, I class	<i>St Columba of Iona</i>	<i>Abstinence</i>	9	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am	7.30 pm						
Saturday	10	Ember Day, In the Octave of Pentecost, I class			10	11 am	11 am	9.30 am						
Sunday	11	Trinity Sunday, I class			11	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am				5 pm
Monday	12	St John of San Facundo, Holy Martyrs, III class			12	6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	13	St Anthony of Padua, III class			13	6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	14	St Basil the Great, III class			14	6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	15	Feast of Corpus Christi, I class			15	6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	16	Ferial, IV class	<i>Abstinence</i>		16	6.30 pm	11 am	7.30 pm						
Saturday	17	St Gregory Barbarigo, III class			17	11 am	11 am	9.30 am						
Sunday	18	Second Sunday after Pentecost, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, II class			18	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am			4.30 pm	
Monday	19	St Juliana Falconieri, Sts Gervase & Protase, III class	<i>Ded. of Cathedral of Limerick</i>		19	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	20	Ferial, St Silverius, IV class			20	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, III class			21	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	22	St Paulinus, III class	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral of Cashel</i>		22	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	23	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I class	<i>Abstinence</i>		23	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Saturday	24	Nativity of St John the Baptist, I class			24	11 am	11 am							
Sunday	25	Third Sunday after Pentecost, II class			25	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am				
Monday	26	Sts John & Paul, III class			26	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	27	Ferial, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, IV class			27	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	28	Vigil of Sts Peter & Paul, II class			28	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	29	The Holy Apostles Peter & Paul, I class			29	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	30	Commemoration of St Paul, III class			30	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am	7.30 pm						

Please note changes
St John's : June 12-16
Cork : June 23 & 24