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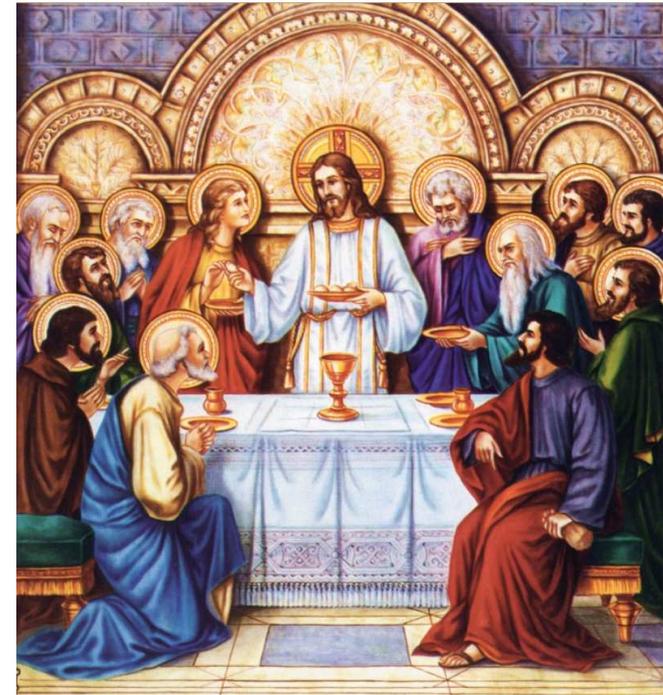
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St John's Bulletin

The Society of St Pius X in Ireland



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April 2009
Month of
the Resurrection of
the Lord

Devotions & Activities at St John's

Rosary daily at 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday at 10.30 am
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 (April to November)
Confessions: 10.30 am on Saturdays and Sundays, and after 11am Sunday Mass
Missa Cantata: Fourth Sunday of the month
Doctrinal Conference for Adults: First and Third Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
Catechism for children: Every Sunday between Masses
Catechism for teenagers: Second Saturday of each month at 11.45 am
St John's Schola and Choir: Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Devotions & Activities in Athlone

Rosary daily at 6.30 pm
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6.30 pm
First Saturday: Benediction and Rosary at 10.25 am
Confessions: 10.30 am on Saturdays and Sundays
Missa Cantata: First and Third Sundays of the month

Devotions & Activities in Cork

Fourth Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Confessions: Half an hour before every Mass and after Mass when announced
Missa Cantata: Third Sunday

SSPX Groups and Pious Associations in Ireland

Eucharistic Crusade: Contact Fr. Biérer
Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Boys: Contact Fr. Anglés
St John's Circle: Contact Fr. Anglés
Youth Group: Contact Fr. Loschi
Third Order of the SSPX: Contact Fr. Anglés
St Philomena's Rosary Association: Contact Kay Cronin

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 (renovations of churches & priories)
 5th : For the Missions of the SSPX

Mass Stipends

1 Mass intention: 16 € / £ 15
 Novena of Masses: 160 € / £ 150
 Gregorian: 640 € / £ 600

NOTE CONCERNING COLLECTIONS AND PRINTED MATERIAL

All collections of money and the distribution of printed material in the churches, chapels, and mass centres of the Society of St. Pius X in Ireland are subject to the superior's previous written permission.

Outside the regular Sunday church collections, the only authorized one at the present is the monthly collection for the Living Rosary Association in Dublin. No other collections are permitted on our property.

The only printed material authorized to be distributed in our chapels is the St. John's Bulletin and the Crusaders and Handmaids monthly bulletins. No other publication can be distributed on our property.

The purpose of this notice is to make the faithful aware that any other eventual requests for funds and distribution of other printed material are not sponsored by the Society.



Intention for the Eucharistic Crusade for the month of April 2009

For the Christians persecuted
in the world

DECEMBER 2008 RESULTS

The Intention was that Crusaders be on fire for the Crusade

Treasure Sheets returned	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
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NOTE CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN THE SSPX

The Society of St. Pius X in Ireland is a Catholic priestly institute with a priestly apostolate, canonically approved as a "society of common life without vows." The only members of the Society in Ireland are the five priests incardinated in the Society and living in the three residences of the Society, and one professed religious brother.

The faithful attending our churches and chapels are not members of the Society, neither are the priests and religious from other dioceses, orders, congregations, or institutes who may collaborate eventually in our apostolate. The Society is not responsible for their actions, writings, or declarations, and none of them speaks for or represents the Society. Similarly, nobody can speak for or represent the faithful attending our chapels.

The General superior and the District superior are responsible only for their priests, and they exercise their authority exclusively over them and over their apostolate in Ireland. The superiors of the Society are not the superiors of the faithful, they are the ecclesiastical superiors of the priests.

The Society in Ireland has no other publications at the present time - February 2009- than the following: the St. John's Bulletin, the Corpus Christi Church Bulletin, the Irish Crusader, and the Handmaids Bulletin. The Society in Ireland does not endorse directly or indirectly any other publication.

The Society in Ireland is not affiliated with any organization or publication, religious, educational, cultural, or political, and it does not endorse directly or indirectly any religious, educational, cultural, or political association.

Any contrary claim by individuals or associations is a fraudulent one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **EASTER COMMUNION TIME** : From Passion Sunday till Trinity Sunday
- ◆ **PALM SUNDAY** : Blessing and distribution of palms before Mass. (At St John's before the 11am Mass)
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE OUTING** : There will be an outing for all the children of the Eucharistic Crusade in Ireland in Athlone on Saturday 18 April. It will start with Holy Mass at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church, Athlone (Confession during Mass). Then lunch (BYO) will be in Clonfert, where we will visit the Shrine of Our Lady and the monastery of St Brendan. Return to Corpus Christi around 4 pm for Benediction.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE CAMPS** : The dates for the Summer Camps of the Eucharistic Crusade this year will be:
for the girls : Friday, July 10th at 5 pm to Sunday 19th at 11 am Mass,
for the boys : Sunday, July 19th for 11 am Mass to Saturday 25th at Noon.
They will take place, as usual, in Sandville House, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.
- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday of Lent at 6 pm at St John's and Corpus Christi Church.
- ◆ **RETREATS IN BRISTOL:**
April 27th - May 1st - Women's Ignatian Retreat
July 6th - 11th - Men's Ignatian Retreat
August 17th - 22nd - Women's Ignatian Retreat
September 14th - 19th - Men's Ignatian Retreat
October 19th - 24th - Women's Ignatian Retreat
Please contact Fr Boyle directly on +44 117 9775863

ALL-DAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament



St John's Church in Dun Laoghaire
Thursday 2 April

Starting after morning Mass 11am
until Rosary 6 pm

The intentions are:

- The Holy Church
- The Holy Father and the Bishops
- The Priests and Seminarians
- Priestly & Religious Vocations

Holy Week

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS-CHRIST 5th - 12th April 2009

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH - DUN LAOGHAIRE

Palm Sunday: Low Mass at 9 am
Blessing and distribution of the Palms at 11 am

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th April :

Parish Mission: Rosary and Confessions at 6 pm, Holy Mass at 6.30 pm, Conference after Mass

Holy Thursday: Confessions at 6 pm
Mass in Coena Domini at 6.30 pm, Adoration until midnight

Good Friday: Confessions at 2.30 pm and throughout ceremonies
Stations of the Cross at 3 pm
Good Friday Liturgy at 3.30 pm

Easter Vigil: Confessions at 5 pm and throughout ceremonies
Easter vigil at 6 pm

Easter Sunday: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 9 am
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11 am

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH - ATHLONE

Palm Sunday: Blessing and distribution of the Palms at 11 am

Holy Thursday: Confessions at 6 pm
Mass in Coena Domini at 6.30 pm, Adoration until midnight

Good Friday: Confessions at 2.30 pm and throughout ceremonies
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Easter Vigil: Confessions at 5 pm and throughout ceremonies
Easter vigil at 6 pm

called Rathlin O'Beirne in a lonely area of Co Donegal near Slieve League (Sliaú Liag). Some time later monks from Elphin and elsewhere joined him and founded a monastery there called Rath Cunga of Sereth. Scholars think he died and was buried at Rath Cunga between 470 and 500.

By the 12th century, Elphin was one of the richest Sees in Ireland and had 79 parishes subject to it. Annexed to it were the Sees of Roscommon, Ardarn, Drumclive and others of lesser note and it was enriched by many estates and prebendaries.

St Tassach: St Patrick had his first church in Ireland at Saul (Sáúall, i.e. a barn or granary) in Co Down. A number of other churches were subsequently built within a few miles of that site. St Tassach was said to be of a noble Ulster family and was probably ordained and consecrated by St Patrick. He became Bishop of one of the churches near Saul, at Rahop, meaning rath or dwelling of the calf or an animal, and which became the modern Raholp. He was St Patrick's favourite companion and was also one of his chief metalworkers, making crosiers, crosses, shrines and bells. He was made Bishop but his only administration was at Raholp. However he was there during St Patrick's declining years and final illness, and in close proximity to him, and so to Tassach fell the honour of administering the Holy Viaticum to his beloved master before his death. From an early date, this holy man appears to have been venerated by the Irish Church and we find him in many of the Calendars and Martyrologies of the Saints for the 14th of April. Similarly, in Scotland, there is a Commemoration of St Tassagh on April 14th in the Kalendar of Drummond.

It is quite peculiar that St Tassach was not put in charge of a Diocese or monastery like most of St Patrick's disciples, such as Saints Asach, Mel, Naithi, Muiredach, Munchin, Jarlath, MacCartan, Benignus, Secundinus/Shaughlin, Fiacc, and Fortchern (another metalworker), even Declan, Ailbe, Ibar, Kieran, etc. However, if he was really St Asach in another guise, it would explain it. He could certainly have filled both roles, or indeed, all 3 roles.

St Assan/Assanus, whose name may be derived from the Gaelic Ossian (Oisín), is Patron of the Church at Raheny, Dublin and is mentioned in a number of the Martyrologies or Calendars of the Irish Saints. His feastday, April 27th, is the same as that of St Asach, a coincidence of over 350 to 1 - unless they happen to be the same person. The original Church at Raheny perished when the area passed under the control of the Viking rule of the Norse of Dublin in the 8th century. Furthermore, after the Norman invasion, many ancient religious establishments were superseded by new foundations. In all these, new patrons replaced the previous Irish ones, so as to obliterate all traces of early Irish Church history. Cultural and religious "cleansing" was alive and well in those days also! However, there remained a St Assan's well. Further, Fr Moran's edition of Archdall's 'Monasticum Hibernicum' states that Bishop Assan, was the patron saint of Raheny. Then, after the end of the religious persecution of Catholics in the 19th century in Ireland, a new Catholic Church was built after 1859 and dedicated to St Assan in 1864 by Archbishop, later Cardinal, Cullen. The dedication had returned after a lapse of some 11 centuries. Also, about 3 miles west of Bandon, Co Cork there is an ancient graveyard called Killhassan, which reputedly refers to our saint as Asach or Tassach. He may have died around 683.

Irish Saints

St. Asach, Bishop and Patron of Elphin Diocese

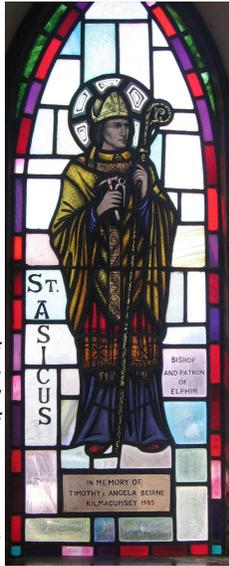
Feastday: April 27th

St Assan, Patron of Raheny Church, Dublin

Feastday: April 27th

St. Tassach, Bishop of Raholp, Co Down

Feastday: April 14th



As mentioned previously, many of the early Irish saints had often a number of different names. The Latinised forms usually added an -us or -ius ending for men. E.g. Virgil, the Latin poet became Virgilius, from the Gaelic Feargal (Fergal) where f and v are extremely close labial consonants. St Aidan of Ferns had about 14 names and St. Maolruadhan about 20. For the 3 names listed above many hagiographers think they are one and the same person. Both Assicus and Tassach were disciples of St Patrick's and both were said to be the top metalworkers at making sacred vessels for him. Yet when they are listed with other famous metalworkers or Saints, they do not appear together on any list, but one appears on one list while the other appears on another. This would occur naturally only if Assicus and Tassach referred to the same person. Furthermore their careers seem to complement each other so that if we start with St Asic operating in Elphin, he soon seems to disappear for a while but during such a period we find St Tassach operating elsewhere, and vice versa. There are no birth details given for St Asac, a rather unusual circumstance for the founder of a Diocese and those of St Tassach are quite vague of his coming from Ulster nobility. If we look at the Gaelic for each and describe churches ascribed to these we can get Cill (h)Asic, Cill xAssic, respectively. The lenited T (Th=x) here is sounded as h, or becomes mute. Thus, the Gaelic pronunciation of the two could be identical. Similarly St Assan would appear to derive from St Asic (from Gaelic Oisín?). Like St Peran of Cornwall, who has no existence except as St Kieran of Saighir (Seir), there is almost no information available about St Assan. This is the tradition in both Ireland and Cornwall.

St Asach/Asac/Asic/Ascus/Asicus/Ascius/Ascycus was a disciple of St Patrick's and was probably ordained and possibly consecrated by him. He became the 1st Bishop and Patron of Elphin on land obtained from a Druid called Ona at Imleach Ona (modern Emlagh) near Cruachan, Co Roscommon. His feast is First Class in Elphin and is a Major Double in the rest of Ireland. Some scholars maintain he was the father of Bishop Bite, but this probably means spiritual father, as other scholars maintain that St Bite was his nephew. He was one of St Patrick's chief metalworkers, specialising in gold and copper work. He embellished books, chalices, Patrick's staff and other articles. Tradition says he travelled to Connaught with St Patrick around 435 and when Patrick founded a church and monastery at Elphin (Ail-finn – meaning, fair rock [a huge stone] or rock of Finn?) where he placed Asach in charge. It is doubtful if Asach was Bishop at that time, but was consecrated later. Tradition tells us that Asach was a man of extraordinary piety and led a life of great austerity. He sometimes retired to some solitary cave or lonely place in the mountains and there spend days in prayer, meditation, penitentials and fastings. He would sleep on the cold ground and exist upon berries and herbs. While on one of these retreats, it is said an angel appeared to him and instructed him to go and follow Patrick as he would be put in charge of a great house from which many blessings would flow. At one time he sought solitude and retired to to an island

Easter Sunday: Confessions at 10.30 am
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11 am

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH - CORK

Palm Sunday: Blessing and distribution of the Palms at 11 am

Easter Sunday: Confessions at 10.30 am
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11 am

OUR LADY OF KNOCK AND ST PATRICK CHAPEL - NEWRY

Palm Sunday: Blessing and distribution of the Palms at 8.30 am

Easter Sunday: Confessions at 8 am
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 8.30 am

SAINT PIUS V CHAPEL - BELFAST

Palm Sunday: Distribution of the Palms before 11 am Mass

Easter Sunday: Confessions at 10.30 am
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11 am

The Month of April sanctified

Month dedicated to the Resurrection of Our Lord

Follow with devotion the Mission and ceremonies of Holy Week
Offer Good Friday Communion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Offer Easter Vigil Communion in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
On the 23rd starts the Novena of St Joseph
On the 25th Feast of St Mark, Litany of the Saints before the Mass
On the 25th starts the Novena of the Holy Cross
On the 26th starts the Novena of St Monica

Suggested resolution for the month :

Remembering the Passion and the Resurrection of Christ, I will accept with joy my daily discomforts, difficulties, pains, or trials by saying immediately in my heart "Deo gratias!"

SSPX Masses in Ireland - Locations and Times

Liturgical calendar for April 2009					St John's	Athlone	Cork	Belfast	Newry	Tralee	Cashel
Wednesday	1	Ferial, III class		1	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	2	Ferial, St Francis of Paula, III class	FIRST THURSDAY	2	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	3	Ferial, Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, III class	<i>Abstinence</i> FIRST FRIDAY	3	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	4	Ferial, St Isidore, III class	FIRST SATURDAY	4	11 am	11 am					
Sunday	5	Palm Sunday, I class		5	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	5 pm	
Monday	6	Monday of Holy Week, I class		6	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	7	Tuesday of Holy Week, I class		7	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	8	Wednesday of Holy Week, I class		8	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	9	HOLY THURSDAY, I class		9	Please see next pages for the time of the offices during Holy Week in the churches						
Friday	10	GOOD FRIDAY, I class	<i>Fast & abstinence</i>	10							
Saturday	11	HOLY SATURDAY, VIGIL OF EASTER, I class		11							
Sunday	12	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, I class		12	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		
Monday	13	In the Octave of Easter, I class		13	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	14	In the Octave of Easter, I class		14	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	15	In the Octave of Easter, I class		15	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	16	In the Octave of Easter, I class		16	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	17	In the Octave of Easter, I class	<i>Abstinence</i>	17	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	18	In the Octave of Easter, I class	<i>St Laserian of Leighlin</i>	18	11 am	11 am					
Sunday	19	Low Sunday, I class		19	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		
Monday	20	Ferial, IV class		20	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	21	St Anselm, III class		21	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	22	Sts Soter & Caius, III class		22	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	23	Ferial, St George, IV class		23	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	24	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, III class	<i>Abstinence</i>	24	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	25	St Mark, II class		25	11 am	11 am					
Sunday	26	Second Sunday after Easter, II class	<i>St Asicus of Elphin</i>	26	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		
Monday	27	St Peter Canisius, III class		27	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	28	St Paul of the Cross, III class		28	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	29	St Peter of Verona, III class		29	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	30	St Catherine of Siena, III class		30	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	1	St JOSEPH the Worker, I class	<i>Abstinence</i> FIRST FRIDAY	1	11 & 6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	2	St Athanasius, III class	FIRST SATURDAY	2	11 am	11 am					
Sunday	3	Third Sunday after Easter, II class		3	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	5 pm	