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May 8th/9th 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

❖ **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus' love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son.

First Reading: (Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48)

The baptism of Cornelius, the first pagan to receive the grace of Baptism, shows that God's salvation is offered to all.

Second Reading: (1 John 4:7-10)

This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God.

Gospel: (John 15: 9-17)

Jesus leaves his friends the supreme commandment of love.

REFLECTION

If only the heart was right, we could give so much more.

But, alas, the heart is often empty.

It is cold and unwelcoming,

It is often hard and unyielding,

It is often weighed down with worry; it is often sad and lonely.

It is often in darkness. It is often wounded.

And it is sometimes broken.

We have to heal the wounds of the heart,

In order to be able to love.

Lord, touch our hearts and heal them,

So that we may be able to bear the fruits of love. Amen.

- ❖ **A Prayer Card and Blessed Holy Oil** is available from the table at the back of the church for all those doing exams during the coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

❖ **Welcome to the Re-Opening of our Church**

From Monday next 10th May Mass will be celebrated in public subject to a maximum of 50 people in the church.

❖ **Mass times from 10th May as follows:**

Monday to Friday: 10.00a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30p.m.

Sunday Masses: 9.30a.m., 11.00a.m. and 12.30p.m.

We will continue to take measures to ensure your safety when attending the church and that all guidelines are adhered to.

- ❖ **Blanchardstown Centre Oratory** opens daily from 7a.m. to 3p.m., 7 days a week for private prayer.

Mass: Monday to Saturday at 1p.m. All welcome.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

- ❖ *Pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased:*

Irene Nolan (*mother of Renee Fowler, Maple Glen*),

Michael Kearney (*C/nock Elms.*)

Sean Moran, John Murphy,

Susan Daly-Stanek and Fr. Ardle McMahon

- ❖ **Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Margaret Reddy – 1st Anniversary

Joe Maher – 1st Anniversary

Tom O'Keeffe – 1st Anniversary

Edward, Kathleen and Billy Flood

Thomas Connolly, Josephine Rainey, Ted Smyth,

Eileen Bolster, Fr. David Gaffney,

Annie and Christopher Jennings,

Tommy and Sally Cantwell, and

deceased members of the O'Dowd and Killock families.

May they Rest in Peace.