



Bl. Edmund Rice (1762-1844) came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor.

To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. They shared a common vision where they combined a semi-monastic life with the hard work of teaching unruly boys under primitive conditions. They were focused on the poor and especially the young. The Presentation Sisters had already opened a school in Waterford city and were educating the girls. In 1808, following the example of the Presentation Sisters, Edmund and his companions took vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, and devoted themselves to the education of poor boys. At this time he and his companions were known as the Society of the Presentation. They lived together in community, and began to follow an adaptation of the Presentation Sisters' Rule from 1809 onwards. It helped to guide their first faltering steps along the path of religious life.

All of Edmund's educational activities were illegal in the eyes of the authorities in Ireland at the time. He identified education as the key to survival.

Most Irish Catholics were effectively cut off from education and consequently cut off from social and political progress. By founding schools and teaching congregations, Edmund Rice, like Daniel O'Connell, was a liberator. That is one reason why O'Connell greatly admired the man he called "patriarch of the monks of the West.". Appropriately, therefore, one of Edmund's first Dublin Schools, namely O'Connell School in North Richmond Street, was named after Daniel O'Connell. Edmund sent Brothers to open schools in many parts of Ireland. Schools were opened in England in 1825, India (1841), Australia (1842), USA (1843), New Zealand (1876), South Africa (1897), Rome (1900), Canada (1913), China 1920 and South America 1948. .

In 1838 Edmund Rice retired as Superior General of the Order and returned from Dublin to live in Waterford. He was then 76 years of age and suffering from painful arthritis. He spent the last two years confined to his room suffering from periods of memory loss. In his lucid moments he loved to read the Bible and prayer remained central to his life. Edmund died on Thursday, 29th August 1844. He was buried at Mount Sion in the heart of Waterford city.

He was beatified on 6 October 1996, by Saint John Paul II .

Saints of the Week

- Mon 3 SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
- Tues 4 St Conleth, bishop
- Wed 5 Bl Ignatius Rice, religious
- Sat 8 Bl John Sullivan, priest

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.

So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

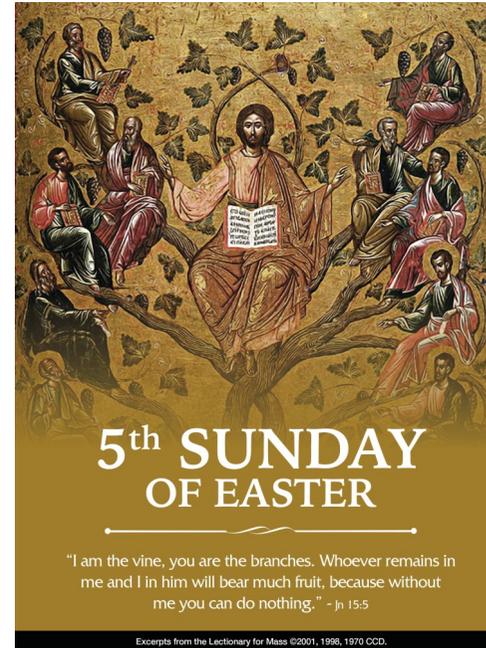
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st May 6pm Mass:-

Alannah Dunn (Months Mind)

Sunday 2nd May 11.30 am Mass:-

Jean O' Byrne Months Mind

Dick Byrne Anniversary

James Doyle (Anniversary)

William Wade (30th Anniversary)

Max Ryan (8th Anniversary)

Enda Hession (5th Anniversary)

Annie & Joseph Kearns / Anniversary

Nuala O' Shea / Anniversary

Months Mind for those whose Funerals took place in March:-

Bette Garland Gabriel (Gay) Walsh

Frank Meehan Thomas (Tom) Finn

Ross Doyle John Furey

David Laurence (Larry) Martin

Helen Kernan

Other intentions:-

Recently Deceased:-

Fionnghuala Barry

Anniversaries:-

Christina Wallace Pauline O' Rourke

Denis Mc Kenna

Michael Delaney / 1st Anniversary

Frank & May Griffin / Anniversaries

Recently deceased

Helen Pattison

May she rest in peace





May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective centre around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such

a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple

(Acts 9:26-31)

PSALM

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

(Ps 21:26-28,30-32)

SECOND READING

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active.

(1 Jn 3:18-24)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine, and my father is the vinedresser.

(Jn 15:1-8)

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