

Trinity Sunday The touch of the Master's Hand



Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile: 'What am I bid, good folks,' he cried, 'Who'll start the bidding for me? A dollar, a dollar, then, Two! Only two, two dollars, and who'll make it three? Three dollars, once, three dollars, twice, Going for three'.

But no, from the room far back, a grey-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody pure and sweet as a carolling angel sings. The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low said: 'What am I bid for the old violin?' And he held it up with the bow. 'A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand twice, and going, and gone,' said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried, 'We do not quite understand what changed its worth.' Swift came the reply: 'The Touch of a Master's Hand'.

And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd much like the old violin. He travels on. He is 'going' once, and 'going' twice, He's 'going' and almost 'gone', but the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul and the change that's wrought by The Touch of the Master's Hand.

The scriptures tell us that is the kind of God we believe in, 'a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness' (Ex 34:6). That is further confirmed in the new testament when Jesus said, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16). Embrace this God with all aspects of our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth

Hume family donate late leader's peace awards to Derry writes Seamus McKinney

THE family of the late John Hume are to donate his three world peace prizes to the people of Derry. The former SDLP leader's Nobel Peace Prize, Martin Luther King Award and Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize will be presented to mayor Brian Tierney today. They will be placed on permanent public display in the city, with the Tower Museum or Guildhall suggested. Mr Hume, who died in August last year at the age of 83, is the only person to receive all three accolades - considered the world's foremost peace awards. They honour his lifelong work for peace, culminating in the Goody Friday Agreement. After receiving the Nobel Peace Prize along with Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble in 1998, he was presented the Martin Luther King Junior Non-Violent Prize in 1999 and the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize in 2002. While he is the only holder of all three awards, previous individual winners include Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Mr Hume's wife Pat said her husband accepted all three awards with a "tremendous sense of honour". "John accepted them in the name of all the peace-makers who helped nourish the peace process and all the people of Ireland, north and south, nationalist and unionist, who never wavered in their commitment to peace and reconciliation," she said. Honoured in her own right for her work towards peace, she added that while Mr Hume worked in Westminster, Brussels and Washington, he always remained rooted in Derry. "We believe it is right for the people of Derry to have the opportunity to share these peace awards. It is our intention to give the peace prizes to the Derry and Strabane council to be exhibited in a public place," she said. Mr Tierney said it was an honour to receive the awards on behalf of the people of the city.

"As President Clinton rightly said, 'he was Ireland's Martin Luther King', Mr Tierney said.



The Silage Contractors are in top gear this weekend with the fine weather so the roads and farms are busy with these huge machines. , the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) and the

Road Safety Authority (RSA) are appealing to drivers of farming machinery and other road users to share the road safely There are more people out walking, cycling

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 29th 7 pm John Wade. Patrick & Trinity Sunday May Hayes & Bridget Hayes

Mon 31st 10 am

Tue 1st 10 am

Fri 4th 10 am

Sat 5th 7 pm

Knockea

Sun 30th 11am Parish Intentions Trinity Sunday

Wed 2nd 11am Frank madden. Peg Noone

Sun 6th 11am Alan Howell. Douglas & Margaret Howell Feast of Corpus Christi

Roxboro

on the public road at this time of year, **Be Safe**

Mass times Sat. 7pm Donoughmore. Sun. Knockea 11am. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am

Recently deceased Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Aine Maher Bohercoyle funeral Mass was Friday 11am in Donoughmore. May She rest in Peace.

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Parish of Donoughmore/ Knockea/Roxboro

May, The Month of MARY



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The Roses are coming into flower. It has been a long cold spring but at last



our gardens are coming into full colour

Parish Office open on Saturday 11-12.15pm for Certificates, Mass cards etc.

Thanks for your continued support to the parish by way of weekly envelope, standing order, donate online through the webpage. Our Parish property is with Allianz paid last week €4,316.93

