

Religious Bulletin

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The Mass Is Short Tomorrow.

On this day every year the wild rumor starts around the campus that the Gospel of tomorrow's Mass is "a mile long." The so-called "long Gospel", or the Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew, is read in the Mass of Palm Sunday, not Passion Sunday. In reality, the Mass for Passion Sunday is very short, and there is no sermon; the Way of the Cross is said after Mass.

Sermon Tomorrow Night.

A sermon on St. Patrick will be preached before Benediction tomorrow night; the preacher will be the Reverend President, Father Charles O'Donnell.

"What An Irishman Means By Machree."

Pray come and interpret this Gaelic for me,
And tell me what an Irishman means by "Machree."
'Tis the white of the day and the warmth of the sun;
The ripple of waters that laughingly run;
The sweet bloom of youth, the harvest of years;
The gold of all smiles and the salt of all tears;
'Tis the thrill of the hand and the light of the eye;
The glow of the cheek and the lip's parting cry;
'Tis mother; 'tis father; 'tis children and wife;
The music of woman's -- the wine of man's -- life;
'Tis all that he lives for and hopes for above;
'Tis an Irishman's heart making vocal his love;
The whole of creation and one isle in the sea;
And that's what an Irishman means by Machree.

"'Tis Machree that exults in a warm, throbbing heart,
When he takes his colleen until death do them part;
'Tis "Machree" that he croons to sweet, newly-born charms,
When a wisp of a child nestles snug in his arms;
'Tis Machree that he feels in the twilight of days,
When himself and herself look back on life's ways."

-- Francis P. Donnelly, S.J.

Easter Duty.

There are those who act as though it were a mortal sin to receive Holy Communion on any other day than Sunday. Among these there are some who expect to make their Easter Duty tomorrow or next Sunday. They may be fooled. The Masses tomorrow are short, and there will be a great many confessions; on the following Sunday we will have the Masses on a 45 minute schedule in order to start the Blessing of the Palms early. Palm Sunday is always the highest Sunday peak on the Communion graph.

The answer is plain: if you want to be sure of Holy Communion tomorrow or Palm Sunday, go to confession beforehand. You have all day Saturday in the Sorin chapel, and confessions are heard in the Basement chapel after supper every evening.

Prayers.

Paul Lenahan is ill in the hospital; a serious operation may be necessary. Paul Flanagan asks prayers for his sister. Jas. McCann was called home again yesterday by the critical illness of his mother. Wm. Kammerer requests prayers for his aunt. Three special intentions are recommended.