

Deacon's Beacons

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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

This introduces the famous passage from St. Paul about the nature of true love. Of course, that is used very often at weddings. It is good that the couples consider that love is not all hearts and flowers like the wedding. I do remind the grooms that they better not forget about the hearts and flowers though. But love, true love, is a commitment and an action. If it remains just an emotion, there is no substance to it that will last. If you do all you can in this life but do it without love, what is the reason and the purpose? We love because God first loved us, as St. John tells us. We cannot love to the level that God does but that does not excuse us from trying our best.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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