

PENTECOST SUNDAY – BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

Next Sunday we celebrate "Birthday of the Church" when the Easter decorations are dismantled and we enter into "Ordinary Time".

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had a lovely morning on Tuesday last, as part of The Bealtaine Festival we had a coffee morning in The Towers Club which was a great success. I want to thank everyone who helped in any way and McLoughlin's in The Mill Shopping Centre for the lovely sambos, and thanks to Sean for providing the great music.

If anyone is looking for a nice day out, Active Retirement Ireland are having their Trade and Tourism Show on Wednesday 18th May, 11am to 5pm at Clayton Whites Hotel, Abbey Street, Wexford. Our very own Bright Side of Life Choir will be performing, so if you can make it go along on the 18th. Have a good week.

Regards
Clare

PARISH SHOP

There is a variety of religious items suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion mementoes in addition to Mass, greeting cards and the "Irish Catholic" paper on sale in the Parish Shop. Feel free to call in after all Masses today and during the week.

MONDAY CLUB

Tomorrow Monday 9th May we have our outing to the GPO museum. I have booked for all whose names (25) are on the list. I was advised that the earlier we get there the better as there are heavy bookings every day. We will meet immediately after Mass at the main Church entrance to get the bus into town before the big rush. I will have to get the tickets when I arrive. We will not have time for the Rosary or tea/coffee on this occasion and don't forget your travel pass. When we get in we can look around at our leisure. There is also a coffee shop in the museum.

We will host a "Coffee Morning" as part of the "Bealtaine" Festival We will have the usual tea/coffee and cakes and buns. If anyone would like to bring something, please do!

I also wish to remind you of the Bealtaine Competition "As you age what makes you happy". Our group can respond to this competition through submitting various crafts, e. g. poetry, painting, photography, baking, flower arranging or any other interests. I hope many of you will enter. Closing date Friday 20th May.

Kathleen R.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "**PARISH NEWSLETTER**" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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WALK OF MERCY

Last Sunday about 70 pilgrims responded to the invitation to join our local "walk of mercy" pilgrimage. Starting out from Knockmitten Church after ten o'clock Mass we made our way towards the Round Tower and joined our friends in St. John's Church. From there we gathered more pilgrims in the Village Church where Sr. Anne told us about the foundation of the convent and their upcoming anniversary (2017). In the garden we lit a candle for each of the churches in the Clondalkin area. Those will arrive in your local church soon. The next station was St. Brigid's Well where "Localise" lead us in reflection and planted a flower in memory of all who are remembered there. The parish of Sruleen excelled themselves with their hospitality by providing lunch for the pilgrims. We learnt about St. Damien of Molokai, the leper priest and we prayed for all those who are sick. After crossing Corkagh Park Sr. Elizabeth welcomed us in Deansrath and invited us to reflect on Mercy and Reconciliation. New pilgrims joined us here and we made the short walk to Bawnogue where we gathered around the "tree of hope" and prayed for those who are affected by mental health issues and those who died by suicide. The next part of the pilgrimage took us along the canal walk before arriving in Clonburris where we reminded ourselves about our own Baptismal call. Shortly after we arrived in Neilstown where Sr. Carmel and parishioners welcomed us and reflected on St. Peter the fisherman. In silence (we tried) to walk from here to Rowlagh where we finished with the Rosary.

On behalf of the parish team I would like to say thank you to everyone who joined the pilgrimage and those who were involved in any way in the preparation and on the day. Without their help and support this day would not have been such a success.

May the God of Mercy guide you throughout the coming week,

Christina Malone, (PPW)

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Jean Mary Ryan and Stephen Scannell

who received the Sacrament of Marriage

HOOR OF PRAYER

An Hour of Prayer takes place on Thursday, 12th May - 8 to 9pm

There will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for healing and individual blessing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this Hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 10th May Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes.

NOTICES

Monday 9th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 10th May

Lectio Divina under direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass all welcome

The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

Thursday 12th May

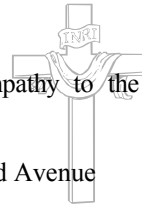
Boys of St. Joseph's in attendance at the 10am Mass

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Kathleen Whitty, Cherrywood Avenue

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



PRESENTATION SISTERS' ASSOCIATES

The Presentation Sisters' Associates will take up their Annual Collection after all Masses next weekend. All monies donated will go to the Presentation Sisters working in Philippines and Slovakia. As always your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mary Dardis

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

Flowers: Teresa Green from 6th May
Decoration of Church for the Feast of Pentecost will get underway after 10am Mass and Rosary next Saturday, 14th May and the Ministers of the Liturgical Environment welcomes help. They acknowledge with thanks the flowers donated for Our Lady's Altar.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday 11th May

10.00am Thomas Moore, B/day Rem

Saturday 14th May

10.00am Bernard Keogh and grandson Aaron Arthur

Sunday 15th May

7.30pm (Vigil) Charles Weily
10.30am Breda Guy, 1st An
12 noon Carol Nolan

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8th May

11.00am Mary Scannell An.

We wish all our parishioners going to Lourdes a safe journey.

ADORATION

Please note: NO Adoration on Thursday morning – Church in use and Sisters' Oratory unavailable

SUNSHINE FUND

Mary Gilligan acknowledges with thanks €1595– the proceeds of the collection taken up after all Masses on Palm Sunday and assures all the money raised goes to providing holidays for children in the Sunshine Home, Balbriggan, who would not otherwise have a holiday.

LOURDES APPEAL “THANK YOU”

Our sincere thank you to all those who gave so generously to our Lourdes Appeal last weekend. The amount donated was €1,070 for which we are most grateful. This money will be shared with the Churches where our Masses are celebrated, the Poor Clare Convent, Seven Dolour Convent and the City of the Poor. A portion will also go to the large candle which the group will present to the Grotto on behalf of the parish community on the final evening of the pilgrimage.

The Parish Community will also be remembered at all our Masses and at the Grotto each day.

Our thanks also to those who helped with the collection.

The Lourdes Committee
(The pilgrims are now in Lourdes and will return on Thursday. We join our prayers with theirs for all the needs of the Parish)

MORAL CONSCIENCE – ARTICLE 6

Moral conscience present at the heart of the person influences him at the appropriate moment to do good and avoid evil. In all he says and does man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right.

Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be prevented from acting according to his conscience especially in religious matters.

Conscience must be informed and moral judgement enlightened. The formation or education of conscience is indispensable for human beings and is a life-long task. We are required to seek the truth in order to live in accordance with it. Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm Presentation Convent, paragraphs 1776-1802.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Friday last the boys of St. Joseph's received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Field and on Saturday the girls from the local schools received their 1st Holy Communion. These occasions bring joy to all parishioners and we thank the children, their families and their teachers.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL,

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690