



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday: 19 May 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 19 May

Noel Kelleher (MM)
Paddy Burke (1st A)
John Mongan (2nd A)

Lola Stedmon (A)
Paddy & Bridie Murray (A)
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 20 May

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
St Bernadine of Siena, priest is not celebrated this year*

Niamh Murray (B)
Anne Byrne (A)
Agnes Marley (A)
Margaret Bilsborrow (A)

Tuesday, 21 May

Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest, & Companions, martyrs

Kelsey Kinsella (1st A)
Anthony McMahon (1st A)
Mary Breen (A)
Margaret O'Reilly (A)

Wednesday, 22 May

St Rita of Cascia, religious

Frances Dignan (1st A)
Theo Carberry (A)
Maureen Dalton (D)
Noel & Rose Kelleher (D)
Murphy Family (D)

Thursday, 23 May

St Joan Antide Thouret, virgin

Nellie Delaney (BR)
Patsy McCauley (D)

Friday, 24 May

Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Marie Connaughton (MM)
Myles O'Brien (BR)
Annie Maughan (BR)
Mary & Tom Larkin (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 25 May

St Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church, St Gregory VII, pope & St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)
Meanie Mongan (BR)
Mae & Sean Germaine & Alice Raftery (A)

This is the feast of Pentecost. It is the birthday of the Church. Pentecost was a harvest festival for Jews, probably still is. The apostles and disciples were gathered in one room when the Spirit of God came on them like a powerful wind from Heaven. *Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. These separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2)*

Things were never going to be the same for them again. As a result of the coming of the spirit, they went into the streets of Jerusalem preaching the good news of the message of Jesus of Nazareth. They were no longer afraid. Devout Jews from many nations who were gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost heard them preaching in their own language. *How is it, they said, all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language. (Acts 2)* It was an extraordinary outpouring of the spirit.

Under the influence of the spirit, the apostles were to leave their homes and families and fishing to preach the message of Jesus of Nazareth all over the Roman Empire. Thomas according to tradition went to India. Philip went to Spain; Peter and Paul went to Rome. Nearly all of them were martyred as witnesses to their faith in Jesus of Nazareth, and his message. All that travelling and preaching began on Pentecost Sunday with the coming of the Spirit.

There is no blue print for the coming of the Spirit, except they were all gathered together. The Spirit of God comes in the most surprising ways and in the most unexpected circumstances. We cannot earn the coming of the Spirit. We cannot force the Spirit's coming. The Spirit comes when the spirit comes.

Patrick Kavanagh, the poet said in the poem *Having Confessed*:

*We must not daydream to-morrow's judgment—
God must be allowed to surprise us.*

Fr Mark Noonan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Paddy Forbes, Tom Brady, Eithne Scott and Marie Connaughton.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

ST PETER'S CHURCH – REMEDIAL & RESTORATION WORK

Two meetings will take place (this coming Tuesday 21st May and Sunday 26th May, both at 7.30pm) in the Church to afford parishioners an opportunity to engage with the design team regarding proposed remedial and restoration work which it is hoped will take place over several months next year.

A plan of the proposed work will be posted in the Church to give us time to reflect and formulate any questions or observations we may have. All are encouraged and are welcome to attend.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 19 May 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are! How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my

thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high: Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine: that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sun 12 May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,444.08
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 550.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 315.88
SVP (Monthly Collection)	=	€ 488.81

Thank you for your support to the parish and to the Diocese.

MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING

Organised by the Legion of Mary, the Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Angels'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, then we gather to talk about what we have heard followed by some light refreshments. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm to St Peter's Club.

ST PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYCROSS - Sunday 26th May

Bus leaving Church Street Church at 8.00am, cost €40.00 including full breakfast. Contact Mary at 087 294 2465.