



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

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

Second reading: 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Dear Parishioners

It has been some time since our last bulletin appeared and we are in very unusual and worrying times. As I sat in my office today, watching my dog sunbathe I wondered what I could write to you so here are some of my thoughts.

There is never a moment in life when you can say, ‘This is it. Now I have arrived.’ It is a journey with many stops. There are frustrating pauses, times when we rush ahead — and sometimes, just a sense of having got seriously lost. The important thing is simple: You just have to keep going. — it’s only about one day after another, about keeping going, and above all, forcing yourself to understand that you never understand it all... Those who delight in life; in never failing to find refreshment in it; who rejoice in their gifts from God... those are the people who have lasted, whose way has been lit by this special lantern of our faith.

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost and we should be doing so together, but we cannot. We should remember that the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was not a one-off experience, for that same Spirit breathes life into the church in every age.

Remember ‘the Spirit breathes where it wills.’ We just need to remain open and give God room. At a time like the present when old structures in family and church are tumbling down many of us are trying our best to hang on to the Christian standards, customs and worship that shaped our lives in the past.

Overwhelmed by change, we wonder what the future will bring. The message of Pentecost is that we are not alone. God is with us on our journey. He is the lantern and the light. So, let go and let God!

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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Pentecost (A)

Week commencing Sunday 31st May 2020

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Masses

Sat 30 th May		Pentecost	First Communion Children
Sun 31 st May		Pentecost	People of the Parish
Mon 1 st June			
Tue 2 nd June			Norah O'Neill-Thomas RIP
Wed 3 rd June			Paul Bunn RIP
Thur 4 th June			
Fri 5 th June			
Sat 6 th June		Most Holy Trinity	Robert Lamb RIP
Sun 7 th June		Most Holy Trinity	Pam Young RIP

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield, Susanna Westmeath.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas.

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all the children who should have received their First Holy Communion on 16th May. We share their disappointment and hopefully we can rearrange their special day soon.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things

and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You

now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat.

We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

If anyone owns a strimmer and has a few hours to spare it would be great if they could please attack the vegetation in the graveyard which is looking rather unloved at present. Thank you.