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St. Mary & St. John

Station Road

Sunday 23-May-2010

Pentecost Sunday

The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving nower

power.

Come Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. Following Jesus' Ascension his disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. They were all together in the upper room when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven. The Holy Spirit was poured out on each one in the form of tongues of fire, giving them the gift of speaking in the many languages of the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem. Having received the gift of the Spirit the disciples were empowered to go out with a renewed enthusiasm to preach the Good News. They proclaim to all how their lives have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit and express the wonders God has worked in them.

Ever since then, the Gospel message has been proclaimed throughout the world. Proclaiming the Gospel today is not easy; so many reject Christ and his teachings and the Church he founded. Our world is made up of many people, many nations, many tribes, and many languages, yet the Gospel preached by Jesus Christ is meant for everyone. We are his Body - the Church. As on that first Pentecost, when through the preaching of the disciples, many people became believers so today in our parish and in our world there are many people longing for an experience of God in their lives. In today's second reading, St Paul writes about the difference between those guided by the Spirit and those who are not. He reminds us that the Spirit of God has made his home in each one of us - we are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. All Christians receive the Spirit and all receive spiritual gifts. Am I open to God's Spirit guiding my daily life? We are called not only to discover how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, and to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people but also to live out in our lives the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

If the Holy Spirit could work such wonders in and through his disciples, then surely he can do great things in us and through us if we allow him. Let us ask the Spirit to make us aware of the gifts we have received and to appreciate the different gifts in other people. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all those in our parish who are preparing for the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love! **Sr. Colette**

Reflection for Parents

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not "lack of



Christ Our Light Innishmore

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As children of God, the Spirit prompts us to call out 'Abba, Father'. Let us present our needs before the Lord, confident that we will be heard.

Reader

For all who preach the gospel; that, filled with the power of the Spirit, they may speak of the great things God has done.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our political leaders; that they may governed by the principles of justice and truth in their decisions.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for peace; that those areas of the world where hatred and violence rule may become places of peace and harmony. **Lord, Hear us,**

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for vocations; that women and men, young and old, prompted by the Spirit, will answer God's call to serve.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick; that they may receive the healing touch of Christ. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be raised to life in the Spirit. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, you sent us the Spirit to lead us in the way of truth. Hear our prayers today, which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Jakub Wiecek, 14 Oak Avenue, Classes Lake. Weshey Gomez Innishmore Drive. Katie Ann O'Brien, Waterville, Blanchardstown, Co Dublin Kyle Michael O'Hea, The Sycamores, Classes Lake. Lila Jeanne Rohead, Victoria, Australia. Hayley Maisie Murphy, Tuairin Glas. Dominik Kucyniak, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter. Julia Kucyniak, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter. Meg McCarthy, Glincool Gardens. William Bobby Daly, An Caislean. Camden Robert Kevin O'Leary, Leeview. Padraigh Joseph Crowley, Oak Drive, Bridewood, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY † PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

John Kitching, Ballyglass, Kiltimagh, Mayo. Margaret "Maggie" O'Connor, Kerry Pike & Powdermills Nursing Home. Joan O'Keeffe, Carrigrohane. John Mullen, Bandon. Maura Baker, Station Road Ballincollig. Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ballincollig & Blackrock.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park. Michael Noonan, Parknamore. Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street. Ann O'Farrell, Ballydehob. Justin & Monica Movnihan. College Road. Maureen Callanan. West Village. Deceased member of the Callanan family. Paddy Long, Parknamore. Norma O'Callaghan, Macroom, Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen. Breda O'Learv. Ceclia Coughlan, Wilton. Bessie & Gerard Higgins, Pouladuff. Donal Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane. John O'Brien, England. John O'Mahony, Castletownbere. Kate Garvey, Dingle. Deirdre O'Callaghan, Douglas. Eileen O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane. Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount, Carrigrohane. Mary O'Leary, Curraheen & Templemartin. Padam Patrick Iyenger, The Quarry. Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane. Neil Barrett, Dripsey. Con Kelleher, Poulavone. Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View. Ann Murray Rosewood. Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel. Emily Moynihan, Rathmore. Val Riordan, Glasheen. Albert & Maureen Donovan, Clonakilty.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feast of Pentecost

23 Sunday Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.

24 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549

25 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551

26 Wednesday 1 Pet 1:18-25. Ps 147. Mk 10:32-45. Lect II: 553

27 Thursday 1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12. Ps 99. Mk 10:46-52. Lect II: 555

28 Friday 1 Pet 4:7-13. Ps 95. Mk 11:11-26. Lect II: 557

29 Saturday Jude 17:20-25. Ps 62. Mk 11:27-33. Lect II: 560

Next Sunday's Readings 30-May-2010 Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

Ballincollig Parish Gospel of John

Following our series of talks of the life and letters of Paul the Apostle last year, a series of eight talks on St John's Gospel will be presented this year. As before, the talks will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. Copies of information leaflets will be available for everybody. Four meetings will be held before the summer and four in the autumn/winter period before Christmas. The schedule of meetings for May and June is as follows.

	Mon, 7.30 pm	Wed, 10.00 am
Talk 3	31 st May	2 nd June
Talk 4	14 th June	16 th June

Irish Blood Transfusion Service Blood Donor Clinic

The GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig

Monday, May 24

3 pm – 5 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm

Tuesday, May 25 5 pm – 8 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17

We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-today lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.

Mary Immaculate College

The Department of Theology and Religious Studies here at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, is hosting its third conference in the McAuley Conference Series on May 27th next. The title of this year's conference is "The Emerging Challenges for Leadership in Ireland Today". Given the fact that the leadership in so many of our institutions has been found less than satisfactory, it is time that we looked critically and constructively at how leadership is being exercised in Irish public life and explore ways in which fresh vision and Christian values can be brought to bear on it. The forthcoming conference offers the opportunity for this kind of exploration through a series of workshops lead by key figures in public life, the Churches, education and the community and voluntary sectors.

Our speakers from the community & voluntary sector may be of interest to you, we are delighted to have Paddy Flannery (Manager of Moyross Community Enterprise Centre) and Tony Crooks (Adjunct Professor of Applied Social Studies at NUI Maynooth) discussing the challenges for leadership in the Community & Voluntary Sector. Our keynote speaker is Dame Nuala O'Loan.

Please visit our website to read more and to view our conference poster and flyer. http://www.mic.ul.ie/theology/leadership.html

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Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 12th after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday 12th June, at 9.00 am.

First Communion 2010

Scoil Mhuire Saturday 29th May

Parish Account Balance 2009

On the notice boards of both Churches is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Parish Account for 2009. One page an account of income for the year and the other the expenditure under various headings. Thankfully there is a reasonable credit balance. Thanks to you all for your generosity and support.

Examination Time

We ask For your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts. Fr. George

Summer Fair

We are holding a Summer Fair on Sunday 23rd May in the gardens of St Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Home baking, Books, Plants Face painting, Wheel of Fortune, Crazy Golf and Refreshments. All are welcome. Proceeds to the Church Renovation Fund.

The Pyke Theatre Ballincollig

Will be holding their final social before the summer recess, on 8th June in Tanner Park Rugby Club! The theme for the night is "Summer Madness" There is a prize for the best costume on the night . Music is by Fergal Doody and all are welcome!! Season starts again in Sept.

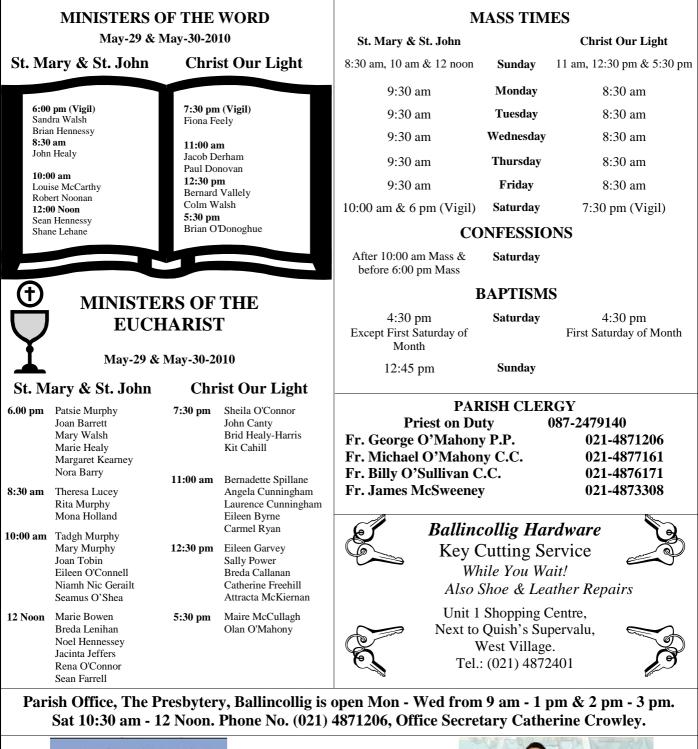
The Annual Garden Party at Benny & Charlie Conways in Shanagarry is being held on 7th August. The charity is Cairde Mhuintir Mhuire. Mass is at 1 pm. There will be a bus leaving Coolroe at 11.30 am SHARP picking up in Wilton and Ballyphehane on the way. Further information available from Charlie or Benny on 021 4646223 '



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