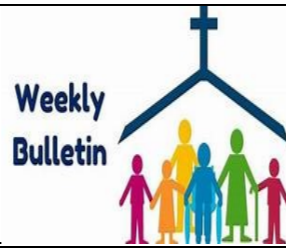




PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK
 31ST MAY 2020
 FEAST OF PENTECOST
 A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



FEAST OF PENTECOST

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the shape of tongues of fire. We also celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit threw open the doors of the room they were in and went out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News of Salvation.

The word Pentecost means **fiftieth** and was the second of the 3 most important of the annual feasts in the Jewish calendar. It occurred 7 weeks after Passover and was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. Later on in Jewish history, the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai was also commemorated on this feast day. And so all Jewish men not legitimately impeded were expected to go to the Temple for the Feast. Hundreds of Jews from outside Palestine also came, and the city was usually full to overflowing. It was fitting therefore that this feast day was chosen by God for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. **Why?** Because the Christian religion was first and foremost to be universal, and the gift of tongues showed its universality. The law given by God to Moses was for the Jews only, but the new law given by Christ and confirmed by the Holy Spirit was for all people. And the vast gathering of Jews from Palestine and from all the nations was a very suitable occasion on which to publicize the message of Christ. Today was the day chosen for the opening of that mission and from that day forward the Apostles were dedicated to one purpose and to one purpose only-to spread the Good News of Salvation to the world.

But what about us? We too received the same mission from Christ by virtue of our baptism. We too were sealed with the same gifts of the Holy Spirit as the Apostles at our Confirmation for our mission. But are we fulfilling that role? To be a Christian is to live as part of a whole community that follows Christ. A community built on love, truth, morals, charity, kindness and forgiveness. Following the life outlined by Christ and obeying all His commands. And then giving witness to this in our lives and passing on all these values to all those around us, to those who come after us. That was the Mission entrusted to the Apostles and that is the Mission entrusted to each and every one of us.

And so today as we celebrate Pentecost, take a few moments and ask yourself: **I believe in God.** But can anyone tell that from the way I live my life? I believe in Christ But can anyone know from the way I live that my life is filled with the joy and love that our faith can bring? **I believe in the Holy Spirit.** But can anyone tell from the way I live that I have a mission from Him to spread my faith to the world.

The Apostles allowed the Holy Spirit to come upon them and give them all they needed for their mission. We too should do the same and see the difference that will make, not only to ourselves but also to our world.

Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth

REFLECTION

Come, Holy Spirit, Come with strength for the weak, courage for the fearful, light for those in darkness, comfort for the sorrowful, healing for the sick and injured, guidance for those who are lost, faith for those who are in doubt, hope for those who have no hope and love for those who have no love. Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, and we shall renew the face of the earth.



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

“Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God’s healing and love in today’s world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ.”

Anniversary and remembrance Masses

Sunday	31st May	11.30am	Av’s	George, Geraldine & Andrew Duffy.
Tuesday	2nd June		Av’s	Peter & Kathleen Carroll & deceased family members.
Saturday	6th June	10.00am	Av’s	1st Anniversary Patricia O’Brien. Rose O’Connor & Mary O’Brien.
		6.00pm	RIP	Sean McCooley Birthday Remembrance.
Sunday	7th June	10.00am	Av	Mary Lappin.
		6.00pm	Av’s	Josephine, Kevin Ciaran McKeever & Seamus Hearty.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Paul Maddy, Marian Park. Agnes Whelan, Woodview Park. Patricia Byrne, Marian Park. Margaret (Peggy) McCormack, Marian Park Liam Gerard White, Bay Estate. Patrick (Paddy) McIntyre, Mount Avenue. Thomas Mulholland, Ashling Park. Jack McQuillan, Ard Easmuinn. Eugene (Gene) Kelly, Clann Chullain Park.



An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

TROCAIRE BOXES Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways: 1. Online at www.trocaire.org 2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI) 3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI) 4. To the Parish office or Church Sacristy.

Prayer against the Coronavirus

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven & Mother of God, You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God’s Creation. I place myself & all my loved ones under the power, protection & sovereignty of your Crown. Under the protection of your crown & through your immense intercessory power, I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the coronavirus. Dearest Mother & Queen, more Mother than Queen, we, your children in Christ Jesus, ask you to obtain for us an end to the spread of the virus.

Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY This weekend we remember in a special way all our children who have had their confirmation day postponed due to Covid-19. A special candle will be lit for you in the sanctuary and prayers offered up for you at all Masses throughout the Diocese this weekend.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE OF KNOCK Due to the pandemic the Shrine is closed at this time but the Pilgrimage is thankfully available online. This coming Sunday May 31st the Armagh Pilgrimage is being celebrated as usual but of course it will not be the same without you. It will be broadcast on Knock Shrine webcam at 2:30 p.m. beginning with the Rosary and Novena prayers, followed by a video Message from the Archbishop and ending with the celebration of the Pilgrimage Mass at 3p.m.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT: The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Thomas Fox 042-93-34259.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES All Anniversary Masses which have been booked are still being celebrated by Fr. Sheehan and Fr. Shajan in private.