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Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday

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My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well and looking forward to some relaxation during the summer. Our Easter journey has brought us to the wonderful moment of Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, an event which changed them and which continues to change us today. You might like to reflect on the following comments about Pentecost from Pope Benedict:

“The Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus’ Resurrection their fear was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those same disciples emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the Crucified and Risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of love: something happens, his infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church which, despite the limitations and sins of men and women, continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire.” Pope Benedict XVI

There is no doubt fear does terrible things to us as human beings; we can lose our spontaneity and even our sense of autonomy. Little wonder then that the Risen Christ greeted his disciples with the word, *“Do not be afraid!”* Through our baptism and our confirmation we share in the Spirit of Jesus; may each one of us feel the power of that Spirit in a special way today, on Pentecost Sunday, and may that same Holy Spirit renew the face of the earth.

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday June 4th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday June 5th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 6th June, Requiem for Mr. James Cunningham, St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 8th June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 9th June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday 11th June

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 12th June

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 13th June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Tuesday 14th June, Requiem for Mr. Desmond Henaghan, St. Mary's at 9.30am

Wednesday 15th June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 16th June, Requiem for Mrs. Evelyn McCluskey at 10.30am

Children's Liturgy: some families have been asking if we can restore the special gathering for children during the liturgy of the Word at Mass. With the good help of Mrs Rona Honnett and friends we will be able to do this on the Sundays of June. Hopefully we will get some more volunteers to continue after the school holidays. *Please consider volunteering.*

Music at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: so many people have remarked on how uplifting it is to have music again at the liturgy; very often music lifts our liturgical prayer to another level. In different areas of parish life there is a sense of beginning again after the challenges of the past two years. Would you consider joining the parish choir? *Please speak to Peter Lavery after the 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, June 7th in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rosemary Scanlan

Recently Deceased: James Cunningham, Desmond Henaghan, Evelyn McCluskey, James Clinton, Anne McMenemy, Jane Grieve, Anne Greig, Matthew Hoey

Special Remembrance: Anthony John Baker, James Keeney, Michael Owens, Tommy Maxwell, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*