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Gospel Reflection for Pentecost Over To Us

20th May 2018



The disciples who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction. What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us. The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday–Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

6.30 Vigil and 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately following the 10.30am on Saturday and at the parish office by request

ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

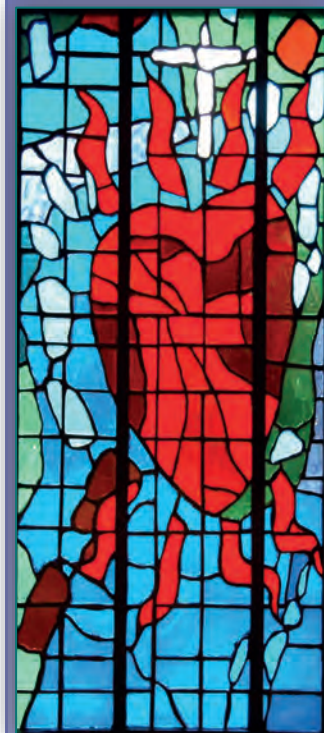
7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

First Friday:

9.30am



IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

The Most Holy Trinity

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20

Rm 8:14-17.

Mt28:16-20

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Katie May Connor Dalton* who was baptised recently. Please keep her and her parents and godparents in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection

€ 2,325

Thank you for your generous offering

Amoris

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

**A Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families
for St Lawrence Pastoral Area**



MONDAY 14th MAY
SESSION ONE
The Reality of Family Life Today



MONDAY 21ST MAY
SESSION TWO
The Christian Vision for the Family



MONDAY 28TH MAY
SESSION THREE
God's Dream for Love



MONDAY 11TH JUNE
SESSION FOUR
Married Love Growing to Maturity



MONDAY 18TH JUNE
SESSION FIVE
God's Mercy – No One Excluded



MONDAY 25TH JUNE
SESSION SIX
A Gospel of Hope for our Families

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE
14th May - 25th June
7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Based on the Pope's Francis' document on
Love, Marriage and Family
(The Joy of Love: 'Amoris Laetitia')**

**Using engaging short videos, animations and
activities to encourage discussion, the programme offers
an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for
family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift
that family is to the world.**

It takes place over six weeks.

***We are All part of one Family
and all are Welcome***

Pentecost Sunday

On this Feast Day of Pentecost, we take inspiration from Pope Francis. He says that "the Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways". At the 12noon Mass, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a special focus on the Spirit of God at work throughout all creation.

We pray that the Spirit will move in us and help us to nurture God's wonderful creation and not be destroyers.

25th May : Day of Prayer

On Friday, 25th of May 2018, a Day of Prayer will be held in the church of St. Joseph & Benildus from 7.30am to 10.00pm, starting with 7.30am Mass as usual. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.30am Mass until 10.00pm.

At various times of the day, there will be Rosary, Lectio Divina, Taizé Prayer, Music & Reflection, Stations of the Cross, Prayer & Praise (Weds & Thurs groups), Stations of the Cross, plus Divine Office Hours (Morning / Midday / Evening Prayer, finishing with Night Prayer 9.40-10.00pm).

All are welcome to join us for any part of the day. The finalised schedule for the day will be available on the parish website and Facebook page. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day. ***Please come and join us!***

IN LOVING MEMORY
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY
CHRISTOPHER O'SULLIVAN (EARLS COURT)
 Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :
 Nora Lyons
 Mai & Michael Quaid



There will be no 10.30am Mass on Saturday 26th May, as the pupils of St. John of God school will receive their First Holy Communion that morning at 11.00am.



ISSUE NO 15
 Choose Life 2018 @ChooseLife2018
 Find us online at www.chooselife2018.ie
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 This newsletter is designed by the Catholic Communications Office. Its purpose is to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life.

“Defending the right to life of the unborn is the most important social justice issue of our time. It will shape the kind of Ireland we live in for years to come.”

Finola Bruton is chair of the Parish Pastoral Council of Dunboyne & Kilbride >



Finola's Story “This referendum on the right to life of the unborn child will challenge us as a society to look at our basic moral vision and to examine our attitude towards the value of every human life. Defending the right to life of the unborn child in the womb is the most important social justice issue of our time. The coming weeks will shape the kind of Ireland we live in for years to come.

“As a society, we proclaim our belief in equality as one of our fundamental values. So how can we reconcile that value with removing the equal right to life of the unborn child from our Constitution?”

“Advances in science have made it clear to us for some time now that the unborn child is undeniably one of us. Unborn children are not potential human beings but are human beings with potential. We can no longer talk about the unborn child as a ‘bunch of cells’. Often, before a woman even knows that she is pregnant there is a beating heart and a rapidly developing baby, a little boy or a little girl.

“The right to life is the first and most fundamental of all human rights, without which there can be no others. We cannot exercise any other human right if we are not allowed to exercise the right to live. We cannot say this often enough. Without being allowed to be born, one can have no civil rights, no free speech, no right to bodily integrity.

“Removing this constitutional protection will result in a very inconsistent version of equality is being granted to those who can make their voices heard – but denied to those who cannot. This is the first time in Irish history that a constitutional right may be taken away.

“At every stage of development, life is sacred. Commitment to our beliefs takes remarkable courage, no more so than at this time.”

What can I do?

Have a conversation with a friend or family member about the fact that at least 100,000 Irish lives have been saved by the Eighth Amendment.

Your Questions

Does life begin at conception?

Yes. But this is not just a question of belief – it's a scientific fact. At the moment of conception a new, unique human being with his or her own DNA comes into existence. In recent years, amazing advances in ultrasound technology provide us with a window into the womb and reveal the truth that the unborn child is undeniably one of us – a human being and much more than ‘a clump of cells’. In the past, some people may have pleaded ignorance to the humanity of life in the womb but today we no longer have this excuse.

When does a baby's heart start to beat?

The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development for a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception – this is sometimes before a mum even discovers that she is pregnant!

MASSES

19th/20th May 2018

26th/27th May 2018

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

Ralph Pheasey

10.00am Sunday

Rita McEvoy
 Pauline Waldron

David Ellickson

12 Noon Sunday

Nora Kennedy

John Bradley

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

Thomas & William Power

John Quann

11.00am: Sunday

Dick Cullinane
 Marie Dwyer

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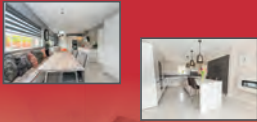
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