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Pentecost Sunday

9th June 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Pentecost : Unlocking Your Talent



The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight?

The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.

Best wishes to all our young parishioners as they sit the State Exams, from June 5th—25th.

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Thursday June 20th at 7.30pm.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 pm

Monday—Friday

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

Holy Day of Obligation

6.30pm 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

IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31.

Ps 8:4-9.

Rm 5:1-5.

Jn 16:12-15.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

8th/9th June 2019

15th/16th June 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Jimmy O'Leary

Kevin Kavanagh

10.00am Sunday:

Mabel Grant , Michael Cshin

(M.M.) Dan Holden

Bernadette & Diarmuid O'Hegarty

12 Noon Sunday:

M.M Agnes Kelly

Miriam O'Kane

Michael Power

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

John Power
The Mackey Family
John Quann

(M.M) Johnny Flynn
Luke Kenny

11.00am Sunday

Maureen & Wally Threadaway
Christopher (Jim) Flanagan

Michael Carley
Gerry O'Carroll



**Please pray for those
who died about a month ago**

Agnes Kelly

And whose birthday or anniversary occurs

Mary Smiddy

David Power

John Walsh

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,017
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

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AND

[www.churchservices.tv/
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**Recordings of recent concerts are
also available to watch on the
St. Joseph's site.**

The Emerald Tenors

*All your Irish favourites plus so much more
with Ireland's newest trio sensation.*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church
Waterford City**

Sunday 16th June, 2019 at 8.00 p.m.

Tickets €20

Phone box office 051 878977

Tickets on the door on the night.



There will be a gathering of **The Friendship Lunch** on
Monday 10th June in the **Cove Bar** at **12.30pm**. Please
be there by 12.30 in order to facilitate the staff.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome and Cole Joshua O'Reilly and
Louis Harvey Jackson who were baptised recently.
Please keep them, their parents and godparents in
your prayers.



Alpha

Update on Alpha in our Parish

We have just finished our second Alpha season
(March - May) and were blessed with 29 guests
— all of us experienced great friendship, food,
prayer and wonderful discussions. This is
certainly the work of the Holy Spirit among us.
We also shared time in Melleray — open to all
guests.

Vision for Alpha in our Parish

Sept 2019 : we begin our third season of Alpha.
October 2019 : we launch our first Connect group! (as promised
at first Alpha)

What is a Connect group?

This is where those who have completed Alpha will continue to stay
connected. It is an opportunity to experience friendship, share
food, pray and have discussions on a monthly basis!

Please pray for the success of our new venture!

Many thanks for your prayers and support in so many ways.

Olive, Frances, Maria, Martina, Agnes, Ann, Denise (Alpha Team)



Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2019—2024
The Waterford & Lismore 2019—2024
Pastoral Plan “**Go Make Disciples**” is
launched today, the Feast of Pentecost, in
the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity by
Bishop Cullinan. It sets out a programme
of renewal in our Diocese over the next 5
years.

The Pastoral Plan has emerged from
a process of dialogue and consultation ini-
tiated by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
A Listening Process was conducted in six
venues throughout the Diocese.

There will be a launch in St. John's
Pastoral Centre, Waterford on Wednesday
19th June at 7.30pm. All parishioners are
invited to this launch, where the Plan will
be explained and copies distributed. Today
you are invited to take a leaflet which ex-
plains the core strategic objectives and ac-
tions of the Plan. Our hope is that as the
Plan is rolled out in parishes throughout
the diocese under the guidance of the
Spirit our hearts will be renewed and we
will be emboldened to 'Go Make Disci-
ples'.

FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

We would like to inform you in advance of future events in the
Parish:

09/06: Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan & “Name-tag Sunday”.

16/06: Talk by member of Alpha Team

30/06: Talk by Nursing home Visitation Team

Explanatory Presentations will be made at Masses.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

Raising the Roof: For the Sacred Heart Church, The Folly.

Concert: Friday 14th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

Featuring:

David Flynn, Tara Heffernan, Cnoc na
Gaoithe Celtic Band, Sacred Heart Parish
Choir, Soul Song Gospel Choir, Dick Hayes,
Dulcet.

Admission €15. (Primary School Children:
€10)

*Proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Church Roof
Repair Fund.*