



Bandon Parish Bulletin

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Feast of Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – it is the end of the Easter Season (50 days) and the beginning of a new era in the Church with the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles to guide them in their ministry.

The Apostles were ordinary people like. They didn't have all the answers for what lay ahead for them and they didn't have Google. They had difficulty in understanding what had happened to Jesus – both prior to his resurrection and since. Their fears were even greater since Jesus left them to go to the Father. This weekend we find them bundled in one room – afraid to venture out when the Holy Spirit came upon them with a number of gifts which enabled them to carry out their mission with greater courage and enthusiasm.

These same gifts come to us in Confirmation. The Apostles needed them and so do we on our Christian journey.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are

WISDOM - help us to look at things from God's point of view.

UNDERSTANDING - asks us to look at the world we live in through eyes of faith.

RIGHT JUDGEMENT - asks us to make good decisions bearing in mind the needs of others.

COURAGE - asks us to stand up of principals of justice, love and truth.

KNOWLEDGE - pass on the truths of the faith to others.

REVERENCE - asks us to honour, respect and give thanks and praise to God.

WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE - help us to be aware of the greatness of God and his presence around us when good is being done.

These gifts enabled the Apostles to carry out their Mission. These gifts can enable us to live a more fulfilled life as we reach out to others.

During the pandemic – the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted – you can attend on a weekday instead.

FIRST READING*Acts 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 103*

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

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

R.

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
Returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
And you renew the face of the earth.

R.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

In one Spirit we were all baptised.

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of services to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Spirit of the truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mass and Confession Times

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil 6:00pm**
Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 noon
Weekday 9:30am Monday - Saturday

All Masses are celebrated in St Patrick's Church and are live streamed.

St Patrick's Church is divided into 3 pods

Main Aisle & 2 Side Aisles - 50 people are permitted in each.

Confessions available each Saturday after 9:30am Mass.

What else is going on in the Parish?

Funeral Masses are celebrated.

Weddings are celebrated & this weekend 5 Baptisms have been celebrated.

The Children attending our parish schools have made their 1st Confession.

However the dates for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation cannot be set at present.

Collections at Mass to support the Parish

The passing around of a basket to accept your offering to the parish is not permitted any longer. Instead there are Church Contribution Boxes since early this year. Many of you have been using them to place your weekly support to the parish. You can place your weekly contribution in these boxes as you enter or leave. Some of you have a Standing Order with the parish and others are making online contributions.

We are grateful for your support - whatever means you use.

Some people attend Mass on a weekday and make it their Sunday Mass so that their place is available to someone else at the weekend. While others come and park in the Church car park and attend the Mass online. Please allow these people to park near the main door of the Church so that they can be offered Holy Communion.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal - so far €5,710.00 has been lodged to the Trócaire Account
Thanks for your generosity - if you wish to make a contribution to Trócaire please place your donation in the Church Contribution box (marked Trócaire)

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