

# Parish Newsletter



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## AS I SEND YOU

**A**nd so we have made it to Pentecost through this tender time of 50 days listening as a Church to what the Lord asks of us. A priest friend jokes that when he says 'We'll do that after Easter', he means actually after Pentecost and not to blame him, blame the Liturgical Calendar.

Good things do take time and so does the journey to that elusive quality

'peace', the first greeting of the Risen Christ. Holy Week 2019 saw the terrible shooting of Journalist Lyra McKee in Derry and of hundreds in Sri Lanka in serial suicide bomb blasts in churches and hotels. We are as somebody put it after the death of Lyra McKee, Easter people living in a Good Friday world. She herself put it that they were the children of the Good Friday agreement spared from the horror of war but somehow never

### Today's Readings



Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 103  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16, 23-26

### Next Sunday's Readings



Proverbs 8:22-31  
Psalm 8:4-9  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

tasted its fruit. I don't know if Lyra read Tolkien but in the *Return of the King*, you will find this line... 'Though the fruit of the Tree comes seldom to ripeness, yet the life within may then lie sleeping through many long years, and none can foretell the time in which it will awake.' Pentecost Sunday is surely a day to reset our goals, to trim the sails and head in a surer course.

Flashbacks are usually signs of a trauma being revisited. But in the Gospel of today, we have a flashback to the Easter day 50 days previous. Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples, who fear for their lives and are in hiding. His greeting is of peace and commission – 'so I send you.'

We've had much focus on Political leaders of our time with political turmoil. Doesn't it always seem that adverse times mean leaders like Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill get remembered? But there

are other remarkable figures, take Ramsay MacDonald for instance. Given he was born the illegitimate son of a Scottish farm girl, few would have predicted he would become the first Labour Prime Minister of Britain in 1924 and 1929-35. MacDonald had high idealistic hope for a lasting peace among nations. His foreign minister didn't share his hopes and reminded him that just wishing for peace does not bring it about. 'True enough,' MacDonald answered, 'but neither does the mere wish for food satisfy one's hunger. Nevertheless, it can get you started toward a restaurant.' We are so hungry for peace, personally and globally. Let us start that journey. ■

– Tom Cox

This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.

– Pope Francis



## Reflection

Feel the fear and paralysis of the disciples and then the peace and joy Jesus brings.



## Lesson

The sending of the Holy Spirit is the completion of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



## Prayer

Dear Jesus, pour out your spirit as a divine power to create new life, forgiving sin and cleansing from evil.



## This Week (10-16 June)

- 10 Mon** The BVM, Mother of the Church
- 11 Tue** ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE
- 12 Wed** St John of Sahagun, priest
- 13 Thur** St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor
- 14 Fri** St Mark of Lucera, bishop
- 15 Sat** St Vitus, martyr
- 16 Sun** THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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**MASS TIMES & SERVICES**  
**(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**  
 Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)  
 Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am  
 Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.  
 Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)  
 Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am  
 Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.  
 Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



## FEAST OF PENTECOST

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 14:15-16, 23-26

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?
2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another person shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do so with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.
3. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?
4. In our tradition, the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than held sins against others?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** John Fox (father of Fr Gerard), David Compston, Shiela Ledwidge, Teresa Nicholl,  
**Anniversaries:** Hugh Crilly, Robert & Mary Sheppard, Rebecca Crilly (Sat 8th June at 6:30pm), Stuart Wright (Sat 29th June at 6:30pm)

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 9th June

#### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anne Wright  
 Morning Mass: Margaret Woods & Kay Dunn

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Stephen Murphy  
 Morning Mass: James Henderson



Sun 16th June

#### READERS:

Easter Vigil Mass: Clodagh Doyle  
 Morning Mass: Martina McClory & Eileen Dunn

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty  
 Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan



**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Monthly Stipend £709.10, Shrines £71.87.

**Evangelium Course on the Creed** A PowerPoint Presentation Course to deepen our understanding of the fundamentals of our faith, as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and showcasing famous church art, continues on Thursday 20th June with the topic The Paschal Mystery, 7:30-9pm. All welcome.

**Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage.** The seventh Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June 2019. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Please consider coming along. The cost of the pilgrimage is £65. Departure will be from Glengall Street (side of Europa Hotel) Belfast at 9:30am on Friday 21st June. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org by Friday 14th June.

**Volunteering at St Anthony's.** Please find in the church porch a sheet listing roles that parishioners might consider helping out with, and promote a sense of belonging, and avoiding the possibility that the same

people do the same thing. Tick the section, add your contact details and return to Fr McCann whenever you can and you can be contacted when appropriate.

**Feast of St Anthony Mass and Refreshments.** Next Thursday 13th June we celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint with a special Mass in English and Polish, followed by refreshments in the front porch. All most welcome.

**4th 'Mid-Summer Evening', Wednesday 19th June 2019** Bishop Treanor and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite all parishes to send representatives to a 'Mid-Summer Evening' event. It will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 19th June at St James', 463 Shore Road, Whiteabbey, BT37 0AE. The invitation is extended to 2-3 members of each parish pastoral council, or active members of parishes. As numbers need to be confirmed by Friday 14th June, those interested can give their names to Fr McCann and names will be chosen by picking out of a hat.

**Mid-Summer Evening with the Priests** on Friday 21st June in St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road Belfast at 8pm. Tickets £25 (under 19s free). Telesales Philip 07803 018891, Matchett Music, Wellington Place or Bread & Banjo, Ormeau Road. Debit/credit card sales: www.stbernadettesparish.org

**Faith and Reason Talk Series.** A series of talks are organised in St Malachy's Parish Hall, at 7pm continues: Thurs 13th June: Does God exist? An introduction, by Dr Gaven Kerr. Thurs 20th June: Seeking God in the beauty of Creation, by Rory Lamb. Thurs 27th June: Living Sacramental Marriage, by Stephen & Nikita Tyrell. Thurs 4th July: Why bother praying? by Fr Michael McGinnity. aimed at 16-40 year olds. All welcome.

**South and East Belfast Pastoral Community Family Fun Day** on Saturday 15th June, 12 Noon -4pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 6 Knockbracken Drive, Carryduff. Bouncy Castles, Ambulance and Fire Brigade presence, petting-zoo and other activities. All activities are FREE. Snack & Refreshments available from vendors on-site. All most welcome. **Each parish need 6+ volunteers** who would be free for training at 11am and then free for 2-4 hours. If free and available, give names to Fr McCann by end of May or ASAP. Flyers in church porch.

**Tobar Mhuire Summer Institute:** "Finding a Home in Today's Church." The Summer Institute takes place on Thursday 27th / Friday 28th June, facilitated by Kevin Egan and Cora Lambert. At a time of growing uncertainty and confusion for many people in the church today, the Institute will help us reflect upon how we become a welcoming and a missionary church, when many people have a declining sense of belonging to what was once a core part of their life experience. Conference begins each day at 9.30am and concludes at 5pm. Costs: £35.00 each day (to include light lunch). Further information from reception: 028448302342 or www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

**Feast of Corpus Christi, 23 June 2019 - Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,** to pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood religious life and the sanctity of Family life. Come before Jesus, seek Him, Adore Him, Listen to Him. St James' Church, Whiteabbey, Loughshore Parishes. Opening Mass Friday 21st June 7pm, Closing Mass and benediction 23rd June, 11 am. The best time you will spend on earth, is the time you spend with your best friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. "St Teresa of Calcutta". For information contact Sr Kathleen, 028 9086 3128 078 4622 3805. See poster in porch.

**Shalom Media, Promo for Pentecost Sunday 9th June** follow the link: <https://youtu.be/oIGQ7itHmDo>. Also there is a live broadcast @5pm this Sunday in relation to Ards & North Down Pastoral Community. Fr Martin O'Hagan hosts a group of children who have received their Confirmation this year. Programme name "The Holy Spirit and Me". You can link through the Bangor parish website by clicking on the yellow Shalom icon at www.bangorparish.com.

**Parish Safeguarding.** Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.