

# Parish Newsletter

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## THE SPIRIT WILL LEAD YOU TO THE COMPLETE TRUTH

“**T**he Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.” What a promise! Can you imagine what it would be like to live with an awareness of the complete truth about yourself, about God, about other people, about the meaning of life and about our destiny? Elsewhere Jesus says, “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free” (Jn 8:32). Our lives are a journey towards the full truth. For the moment Jesus has many

things to say to us, but they would be too much for us now.

Coming to a fuller grasp of the truth can be both disturbing and exhilarating. That is why the full truth can be “too much for us now”. As we learn about ourselves, we come to be aware both of our worth and talents, but also of our limitations and less attractive qualities. Coming to a realistic picture of ourselves can be

### Today's Readings



Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
Galatians 5:16-25  
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

### Next Sunday's Readings



Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  
Psalm 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22  
Romans 8:14-17  
Matthew 28:16-20

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liberating and exhilarating, even if we do have to face things that we would prefer not to face. "The truth will set you free." It is good to be free to be ourselves.

It is the same for growing in faith. Our picture of God changes and develops

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as we grow. Reading, study and prayer can lead us to a more comprehensive understanding of God. Familiar stories and words from the Bible come to take on a deeper meaning. The experiences of life, both difficult and joyful, can lead us to a better understanding and appreciation of the truth of God being with us in life, with an accompanying

### Reflection

When did learning something new make a great difference for you?

### Lesson

If the Spirit of God is to work within us, we need to be open to being surprised by truths that are new to us.

### Prayer

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

sense of gratitude for this new insight. The God of Jesus is a God of love, and the Spirit can guide us through life to come to a greater trust in this loving God.

This work of the Spirit within us enables us to be witnesses to Jesus, as our behaviour moves from self-centredness to love in its many faces, as described by Paul in today's second reading: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We should not be discouraged when we see how much more we need to change to live consistently in this spirit. This transformation is a life-long journey. On Pentecost Sunday we are reminded that we do not face this task alone. The Spirit of God is with us. The Spirit of God works within us as individuals and within our faith communities, and so we pray: "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth." ■

— John (Peter) Byrne

### This Week (21–27 May)

- 21 Mon** St Christopher of Magallanes & companions
- 22 Tue** St Rita of Cascia, religious
- 23 Wed** St William of Rochester
- 24 Thur** St Vincent de Lerins, monk
- 25 Fri** St Bede, priest; St Gregory VII, pope
- 26 Sat** St Philip Neri, priest
- 27 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 15:26-27, 16:12-15

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right' time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growth in understanding.

2. The Spirit can guide us to understanding in different ways. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about, or saw on TV. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.

3. Jesus said the Spirit would 'glorify' him by reminding the disciples of Jesus' own teaching. To whom do you give glory by taking their wisdom and incorporating it in your life? Are there people who give you glory by using your wise advice in their lives?

4. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you? What wisdom would you like most of all to pass on to those close to you?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Veronica Black, Margaret Gwynne

Anniversaries: Daniel Doherty, Robert Dunn, Emily Shields, Hugh Crilly (Sat 19th May at 6:30pm), Margaret Murray (1st Anniv. Sat 26th May at 6:30pm), Raymond Matthews (Sun 27th May at 11:30am), Elizabeth & Paul Spiers (Sat 2nd June at 6:30pm), Michael Matthews (Sun 3rd June at 11:30am), Isobel & Thomas McGiffin (Mon 4th June at 9:30am), Patricia McDonnell Nwoga.

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 20th May

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anthony Clifford & Shauna Mullen

Morning Mass: Sarah Corscadden & Kay Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Stephen Murphy

Morning Mass: James Henderson

Sun 27th May

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan & Shauna Mullen

Morning Mass: Loretta Watson & Eilean Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty

Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood £602.53, Weekly Collection £318.49, Monthly Stipend £12, Shrines £93.32.

Please consider signing a Gift Aid form so that the parish can claim back the Tax from the HMRC on your contributions. Your own Tax is not affected. New boxes of envelopes are available in sacristy. If you would like a box please speak to Fr McCann.

**St Anthony's 80th Anniversary:** This year we celebrate 80 years since the first mass was celebrated in St Anthony's Church. The first meeting looked at various aspects of the celebration. Many thanks to all who attended. An update to the 50th Anniversary Booklet is being sought. If you have any photographs/personal stories of your time in St Anthony's, contact Fr McCann. The cut off time for contributions is end of May/June. Your photographs/personal stories will be included with your permission. Please stay tuned for other initiatives for the 80th Anniversary celebrations. Next meeting: 22nd May 2018 at 7:30pm in Pope John Paul II Room/SVP Room behind the church.

**World Meeting of Families - Tickets and Registration.** An updated information sheet as to the process of registration for the World Meeting of Families is available in the Church porch. It includes details as to ticket allocations for the Congress in the RDS, the Festival of Families (Sat 25th Aug in Croke Park), and the Papal Mass (Sun 26th Aug in Phoenix Park). 1. Anyone who registers for one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS will be guaranteed a ticket for the Final Mass in

Phoenix Park. 2. Anyone who registers ONLY for the Festival of Families (Saturday 25th August) or the Final Mass (Sunday 26th August), will receive a ticket subject to availability. 3. Following discussions with Dublin City Council, the Garda, and Security forces, coaches will not be allowed to drive up to the gates of Phoenix Park for the Final Mass. This means that those travelling to the Final Mass by coach will have to walk 2 or 3 km to the Park. There will be no seating at the Mass. However some portable seats may be allowed into the Park. This has yet to be confirmed by the National WMOF Team. Only people attending the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25 August will have to present photo ID. People going to the Final Mass on Sunday 26 August in Phoenix Park will not be asked to present photo ID. Tickets will be issued online in due course to those who have registered. 4. People who have a disability will be transported via a shuttle service from their coach on arrival to their designated enclosure in Phoenix Park. After the Mass, they will be transported back to their coach. More information is found on the Update Sheet. — The parishes of our Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those who have registered for the Papal Mass (Sunday 26th August), Phoenix Park, Dublin. To register go to [www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration). To assist with the booking of coaches, those who have registered or intend to register, are asked to contact the Fr McCann (07740603643) ASAP.

**South and East Belfast Pastoral Area Family Fun Day,** Carryduff Parish on Sat 16th June from 10am Mass until 4pm. Admission free. Among events (subject to weather), include Petting Farm, Climbing Wall, Assault Course, Bouncy Castles, Food stalls, face painting, Disco and Fire Engine from 2-4pm. A minimum of 5 volunteers from each parish is required. If you can help on behalf of St Anthony's Parish, please give names to Fr McCann 07740603643 ASAP.

**Marion Jordan Concert.** To promote her new album, "The Prayer", in Saint Malachy's Church, Alfred Street Belfast, on Friday, 1 June 2018 @ 7.30pm. Special guests include Arco String Quartet and Karl McGuckin. Ticket price £12, available online from [www.marionjordan.com](http://www.marionjordan.com). Signed copies of the CD available post-concert.

**Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage.** The sixth Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018. Cost is £65. Two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle. For details and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) by Friday 15th June. Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office.

**Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Belfast: 13th - 21st June 2018.** We invite applications to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, stewards, car park attendants, & church cleaners. Volunteer application forms are available from Clonard reception. Tel 02890 445950 or email [reception@clonard.com](mailto:reception@clonard.com). Applications need to be returned by no later than 1 June to allow for processing. See poster in porch.

**Sacred Heart Novena for Protection of Human Life in Ireland 16th to 24th May:** A National novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the protection of human life in Ireland started on Wednesday, 16th May and runs to Thursday 24th May. Copies of the Novena are available in the porch. Further information at [www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie](http://www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie)

**Capella Caeciliana - Love Divine.** Holy Family Parish welcomes the wonderful and inspiring music of Capella Caeciliana to St Therèse Church, Somerton Road on Saturday 02nd June at 8pm. Tickets £10 (under 25s free) at Holy Family Parish Office (90743119), from Matchetts, Wellington Place or at [www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org).

**Bethany Bereavement Support.** Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and remembrance services. A full training course is offered over a 10 evening period. For more information or to register interest in the next Training Course which begins in September 2018 and will take place in 193-195 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FL, please contact the parish office or Claire Dowds, 07557882183, email: [bethanybereavementni@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybereavementni@gmail.com).

**Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Knock:** The Down and Connor Annual Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Bishop Treanor, will take place on Sunday 10th June 2018. We encourage Parishioners who usually visit Knock annually as a family or individuals to consider making their visit on this day. Due to the World Meeting of Families many Parishes who usually organize a Parish trip to Knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are focusing their energies and resources on Parish trips to WMOF and the Papal Visit. Why not join us. Contact Fr Cushnahan 9049 1990.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** The Falls Pastoral Community warmly welcomes all parishioners to join them for the Corpus Christi Procession from St Dominic's to St Peter's Cathedral. The Procession will take place on Sunday 3rd June, beginning at 3pm. First Communicants (in their dresses and suits) and the P7 Confirmandi (in school uniform), with their families, are especially welcome to take part.

**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 PP.