



Pentecost Sunday

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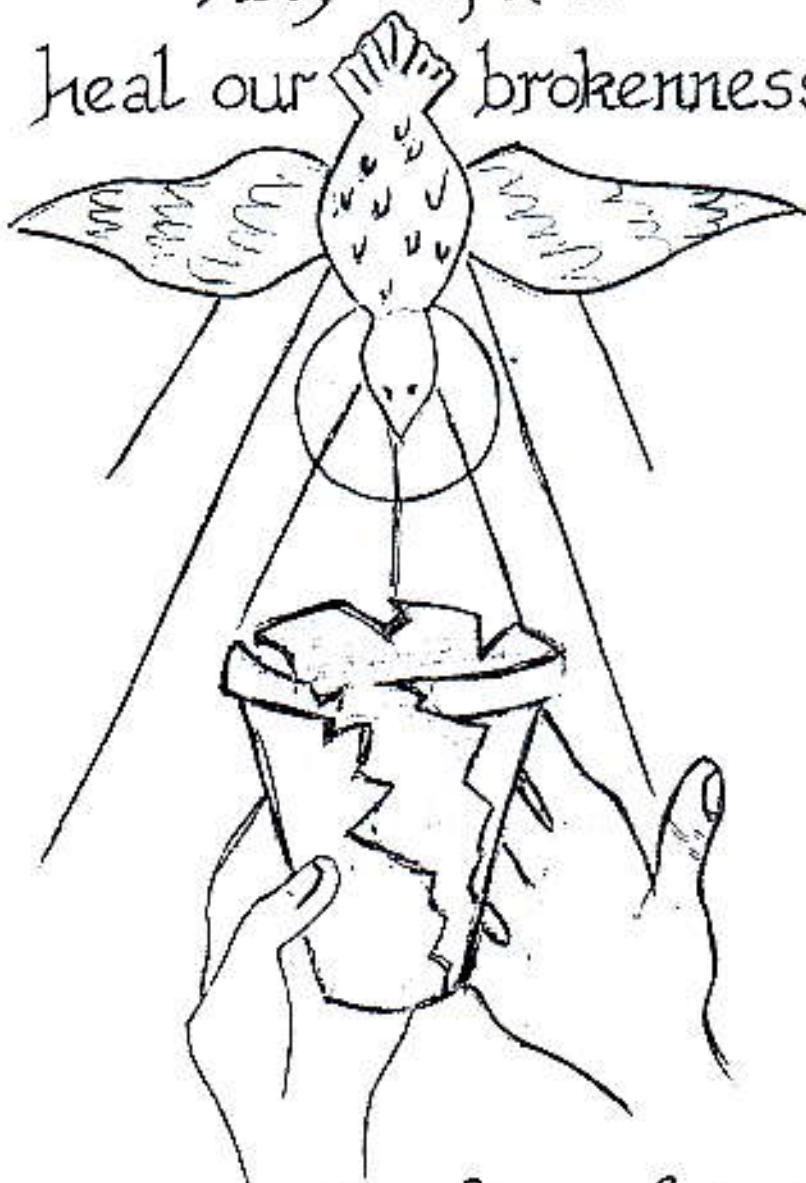
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
GENEHY'S CROSS, DORK

Holy Spirit
Heal our brokenness



Renew us in the fire of your love



OUR
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

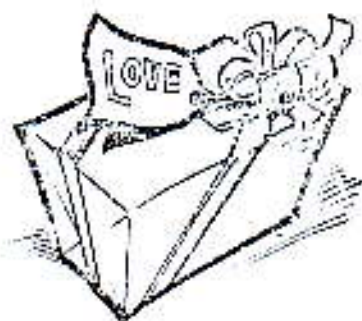
Pentecost is often regarded as the birthday of the Church. It was on that day that the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples bound them together as a community of believers in the Risen Jesus, charged with the task not only of keeping that faith alive, but of sharing it with people everywhere. In answering this call to discipleship over the centuries, believers have met each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. This is our heritage.

Looking at ways to best foster our faith in the parish, our Pastoral Council felt that the priority should be enriching our weekend liturgy so that we would be enabled to worship more deeply and be nourished spiritually each week. This could involve every aspect of our Sunday Mass, such as singing, reading, preaching, offertory procession, prayers of the faithful and decoration of the church. It will take a lot of committed people. Would you be willing to help? If so, please come to the church crypt on Thursday next 23rd May at 8.00 p.m. where we will form a task force to make the vision a reality. Everybody welcome. Please come.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to BERNADETTE CREAGH, Laburnum Drive, on the death of her father Peter Barry.

To Noreen O'Driscoll, Rosslca, Melbourn Road, on the death of her father.



"Come, Giver of God's Gifts"

If we go to the Holy Spirit, believing in his love, he will encourage and enlighten us in all the situations of our lives. Often, an answer to our prayer comes gently and quietly. Sometimes we get a sudden surprising solution to a problem.

The Holy Spirit gives us insight into our own hearts and shows us where we need his healing touch. Every broken dream and aching heart can be redeemed by his love. When sorrow, pain or sin impoverish our souls, when hope is splintered, he is with us to encourage, renew, refresh us.

We are in an age of increasing unbelief all around us and the current crisis within our church saddens us. Our priests and all of us together as God's people need the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit just as much now as the disciples did at the First Pentecost to meet the challenges that face us. So we need to pray -

"Come, light of men's hearts, shine on the hearts of your faithful. Wash clean the sinful soul, rain down your grace on the parched soul. Soften the hard heart, cherish and warm the ice-cold heart and give direction to the wayward."

Carmel O'Shea



**PENTECOST
NEIGHBOURHOOD
INTER-CHURCH SERVICE
TUESDAY 21st MAY
CRYPT AT 8 P.M.**

Our annual prayer service with our neighbours and friends from each of the churches will be on Tuesday next. Please invite any neighbour, colleague or friend who belongs to another Christian Church to join in our prayer for and with each other in the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Ken Todd of the Methodist Church will preach.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

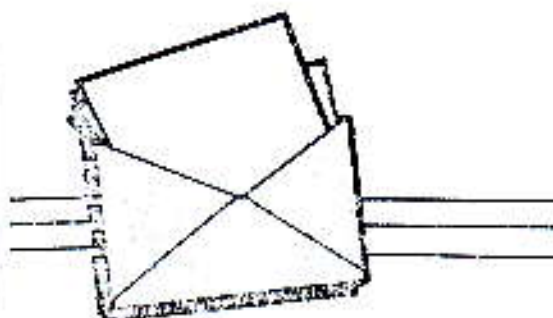
Congratulations to the following Mount Mercy students for their success achieved in the Lord Mayor's History Project:

Maureen Haverty, 1st Year, First Prize in the Junior Individual Category for her project on 'St. Finbarr's Cemetery'.

Lisa Noonan, 1st Year, who won Third Prize in the same category for her project 'The History of the G.A.A. in Cork since 1900'.

Laura Bourke, Jean O'Sullivan, Sarah Falahee, Maria McSweeney, Michelle Foley and Aideen Roe, Transition Year, who won Third Prize in the Senior Group category for their project on 'The Munster Institute'.

Well done to all concerned.



EASTER DUES - THANK YOU

To all parishioners who have generously returned their Easter Dues, we say a sincere thanks. We also offer our sincerest thanks to our distributors/collectors.



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 26th May

First Reading:

Ex.34:4-6,8-9. God is described in terms of tenderness and compassion, kindness and faithfulness.

Psalm Dan. 3

Second Reading:

2 Cor.13:11-13. A plea by Paul for unity in the Church, in the grace of Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel:

Jn.3:16-18. Jesus came to show God's love for the world: no one who believes will be condemned.



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Everybody interested in enhancing
our weekend Eucharist
is invited to a meeting in the
CRYPT on THURSDAY next
at 8.00 p.m.

c.f. Parish Priest's invitation on inside
page.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final recital for this season will take
place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday next 22nd
May in the Crypt of our Church at
Dennehy's Cross, when Joan Murphy
will present an afternoon of great music.
Do not miss this grand finale!

Reminder

Next Monday 20th May at 8.00 p.m. in
the crypt. The needs of asylum seekers
and refugees, and how we might help –
with Fr. Angelo Lafferty, SMA and Fr.
Kevin Kiernan, OFM.Cap.



AREA MASSES

Open air area Masses will be celebrated
in COURT CAIRN on Thursday 23rd
May at 7 p.m., and in LEESDALE on
Saturday 18th June at 7.30 p.m.

Creatively Diabetic

Diabetics and friends are invited to an
afternoon celebrating creativity through
reminiscence and the arts on this Sunday
19th May, 3-5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall,
Western Road, €3 entry, light
refreshments. All welcome, but more
suitable to the over 55 age group!
Exhibitions of painting, patchwork,
music, storytelling and T'ai Chi.
Contact Anne Moloney at 4342938.

Cardiomyopathy Information Day

The Irish Heart Foundation is organising
an information day on cardiomyopathy
on Saturday 25th May, 10.30 to 3.30 p.m.
at the Metropole Hotel. Those
diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, their
family members and friends are all
welcome. More information from Paddy
O'Brien at 4505822.



Padre Pio

National pilgrimage to Holycross
Abbey, Thurles (in conjunction with
canonisation ceremony) on Sunday 16th
June, 2.30 – 5.00 p.m. Contact Jackie at
4541144 between 6-7 p.m. Fare €10.

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