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Pentecost Sunday

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th
May

First Reading
Prov 8:22-31

Psalm 8

Second Reading
Rom 5:1-5

Gospel
Jn 16:12-15

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

Today's Great and Joyful Feast rounds off the tremendous mysteries that we have been commemorating since Holy Week - the Passion, the death, the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus winds up with the sending of the Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son on the Apostles. We are not dealing with separate moments but with one reality - the extraordinary intervention of God into our lives by what we can only call the "mystery" of Jesus. And today's feast shows us that it is an ongoing reality, which still touches our lives every single day.

Let us go to the Gospel of today's Mass. It is "the first day of the week", that is, the Sunday after Good Friday, the day of the Resurrection - or Easter Sunday. Jesus' disciples are hiding behind locked doors. As colleagues of Jesus they are afraid they may have to face arrest or maybe worse. Suddenly, there is Jesus among them. He greets them, "peace be with you". In the presence of Jesus we too experience a kind of peace which only He can give.

It is no wonder that the disciples, who just now were terrified, are filled with joy. There are two qualities that always accompany the presence of Jesus in our lives - peace and joy. And what an extraordinary result this experience had on the disciples. These men, who were so afraid and had locked themselves in, are almost blown from the room. They are no longer afraid. They have a great urge to share their knowledge of Jesus through the Holy Spirit given them.

The Holy Spirit is the source of the special gifts which each one of us has received, and which unites us together. The Holy Spirit helps us to build up the community to which we belong.

The week of the Mission, the First Holy Communion on Saturday and Confirmations on Sunday is evidence of the spirit of God working through a vibrant and faith-filled community. We radiate that Spirit and by our word and example invite others to share it.

WEEKEND PSALM

Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the day - Year A

Patrick Killeen



Send forth your spir-it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



May 15th and 16th marked a wonderful weekend in the life of St. Catherine's NS. Like our Parish, we too celebrate our Golden Jubilee this school year. Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies marked the closing of the Jubilee Parish Mission. The past week had been a magnificent example of what happens when a community, school and parish come together in a spirit of cooperation and celebration.

To see our Church bedecked in the beautiful art work of all the pupils and to hear the sound of their exquisite voices fill the church each morning was a most moving and memorable experience for us all. Organist Mr. Paddy Killeen, school choir from 3rd - 5th classes under the baton of Mrs. Mc McCarthy and Mrs. Daly, the Suzuki Violin Group directed by Máire Ní Cheallacháin and Trudy Byron Fahy also added immense joy and inspiration to both occasions. Our choir was thrilled to use the choir gallery for the first time and what an impression they made! As always, our stalwart Parents Association volunteers provided the ever so welcome light refreshments in the crypt after each ceremony. To them, we say a huge Thank You! A special word of thanks to our true shepherds who guide us always along the right path here in St. Catherine's - Dean O' Connor, Mons. O' Callaghan and Fr. Tom are so much part of our school family too that we were thrilled to have them all with us over the weekend and to assist our patron Bishop John as he confirmed the girls on Sunday.

Finally, a special word of thanks to all involved in the parish and the church for your kindness. It was much appreciated.

NOTICE BOARD

Study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Introductory Talk by Fr. Paul Watson, Director, Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, on Friday 21st May, 7.30-8.30pm at St. Francis Church, and in Myross Wood Retreat Centre on Saturday 22nd May, 7.30-8.00pm. These talks are intended for adults interested in developing their faith and increasing their knowledge of the Catechism.

Novena in Honour of St. Anthony

At St. Francis Church from Friday 4th to Sunday 13th June, mornings 10.30am, evenings 7.30pm, Saturday 6.30pm. Mass for students' intentions on Tuesday 8th at 7.30pm. Preacher Bishop Liam Slattery, O.F.M. South Africa.

Are You Searching? Looking for Your Path?

Carmelites Monastic Weekend at St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery, Tallow, 18th-20th June, (single women 22-38 years). www.carmelitallow.org Contact 058 56205, email: carmeltallow@eircom.net

Sacred Heart Novena

3rd to 11th June daily, 10.00am and 8.00pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

We are happy to announce the addition of *Mat Bowls* to our weekly activities for male beginners. Contact Roger Coughlan at 086 3866975.

Opportunities for Adult Learners

Higher Certificate in Business for mature students (age 23 or over) at CIT commencing September 2010. Closing date 4th June. Please contact Louise Byrne at 4335150 for application form/general discussion.

Bishopstown Community Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 8.00pm in Wilton Park House. There are three items on the Agenda for discussion on the night: 1. Tidy Towns 2. Youth Café. 3. Bishopstown Person of the Year Award. Open meeting, all interested welcome to attend.

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

The Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education in Primary Schools visited St. Catherine's School recently where she found an extremely high standard in the knowledge and living of Our Catholic Faith. The children are well versed in their prayers, stories and questions of their religion, and they take great pride in their written work and the singing of their songs. The walls of the schools are beautifully decorated with the themes of lessons being studied, and Sacred Space in their classrooms is frequently updated in line with the church calendar. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their children's faith formation by listening to their oral homework and checking by signing written homework.

Well done to all

Stella O'Keefe, Primary Diocesan Religion Advisor

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Derry Morley**, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his sister, Elizabeth Forknall, in England.