



*St. Colman's Parish
Pentecost Sunday
30th /31st May 2020*

The Gifts of the Spirit

*Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you
May the same Spirit rest on us,
Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.*

*First, grant us the gift of understanding
By which your precepts may enlighten our minds.
Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow
in your footsteps on the path of righteousness.*

*Third, grant us courage
by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.*

*Fourth, grant us knowledge
by which we can distinguish good from evil.*

*Fifth, grant us piety,
by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.*

*Sixth, grant us fear,
by which we may draw back from evil
and submit to what is good.*

*Seventh, grant us wisdom,
that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your love.*

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Pray for: Brendan Tangney, Listry Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat. May 30th – 6 p.m. Timmy & John Riordan, Listry

Sun. May 31st – 11:15 a.m. Dominic Devenny, Australia & Belfast
Denis Murphy, Ballymacandy
Bridget Gill, Shanahill East
John Joe O' Connor, Ballyreameen
Donal Corcoran, Boolteens and Dublin

Sun. June 7th – 11:15 a.m. Ann Fitzgerald, Kilcolman

Livestreaming of Masses in the Parish

This facility is available for funeral Masses in the parish if the bereaved family wish for the Mass to be streamed.

“Generosity and creativity are being combined by so many to respond to what is above all a call to solidarity, a call to care for one another. Our faith and trust in God can give us an added strength to respond with Christian Care to the needs and anxieties of others.”

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

The Power of the Spirit

Pentecost is one of the most joyful feasts on the Christian liturgical calendar. For fifty days the Church has been celebrating the great mysteries of Easter. Pentecost is the conclusion of the Easter season. In the first reading we hear the familiar story of Pentecost. The Spirit blows through the upper room where the disciples are hiding and resides over each of them as tongues of fire. The disciples burst forth from that upper room to preach, teach, baptize, and celebrate the Eucharist. Most of them were martyred for their faith. Courage, strength, love, resolve, faith, and conviction were the marks of the apostles as they began their ministry to the known world after that experience of the Holy Spirit in the upper room.

Each Pentecost the Church prays that the same Spirit will make his appearance once again. The wind and fire of the first Pentecost is needed today as much as the apostles needed it while hiding in the upper room. We tend to hide today as they did in biblical times. Why? It is strongly argued by many that religion is irrelevant to public discourse. If it has to exist at all, it does so as a quaint practice performed on Sunday mornings far removed from the “real work” of governments, business, healthcare, and education. And so the Church hides as the apostles hid in the early Church.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask the Spirit to blow through our Churches and communities. Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls to the presence of the Spirit. The call of the early disciples is our call! Let us commit ourselves to living our faith with joy and with the same courage and resolve as did the early Church. From the Spirit each person seeks courage, strength, love, resolve, faith, and conviction. As the apostles burst forth with love and joy, so today’s Christians are in desperate need of the same energy that inspired the apostles.

Trocaire

Trócaire has launched an urgent appeal for supporters to return donations from their Trócaire boxes online or over the phone, warning that a 60% decline in donations to its Lenten Appeal has put many of its life-saving programmes at risk.

“Thousands of boxes are sitting in homes across Ireland. Unless these generous donations are returned, we won’t be able to provide life-saving support to some of the poorest people in the world.

There are four ways to make your donation: Online at trocaire.org., over the phone at 1850 408 408; by post to Trócaire, Freepost, Maynooth, Co. Kildare; or contact Fr. Kevin re. handing them into the parish.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will remain closed for the time being but our secretary will be working behind closed doors and will deal with any phone queries on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Helpful Contact Numbers

COVID-19 Community Response: Freephone 180 080009

ALONE: Mon to Fri, 8 a.m. -8 p.m. Tel. No. 0818222024

Aware: 1890 303 302. Website: www.aware.ie

Jigsaw Kerry: (066) 7186785. www.kerry@jigsaw.ie

Pieta House: (01)6010000 or www.pieta.ie

Samaritans: (066) 7122566 Lo Call 24hr: 1850 609090

Senior Help Line: Call 1-850 440 444 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.