

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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Pentecost Sunday

Year B

23rd May 2021



Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost, when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent his followers out into the world to bring his peace, joy and mercy to all.

The **First Reading** (Acts 2: 1–11) tells the story of what happened on the first Pentecost. With the advent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are filled with its power and the Church is born. The barrier of language between peoples is removed as the whole community hears the wonders of God's message. The atmosphere is one of an exuberant and joyful new beginning.

Paul compares the imprisoning consequences of self-centeredness and self-indulgence with the life-giving fruits of the Spirit. He reminds the Galatians that it was the presence of the Spirit dwelling within them, who would guarantee that they live the true Christian life (**Second Reading** Galatians 5: 16–25).

In the **Gospel**, (John 15: 26–27; 16: 12–15) Jesus promises that the Spirit – the Advocate – will come and continue to be with them. He also invites his followers to begin to witness to the fullness of the Father's message of love, with the guidance and companionship of the Advocate.

This week, let us pray for ourselves and for the Christian Church. We ask for a sense of rediscovery of what it means to be the people of God, and that our hearts and minds might be open to the Spirit of truth.

Year of St. Joseph

Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

Mass bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you.

Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.

Gift Aid boxes: Please email the parish office with your name and gift aid box number if your box is not at the back of the church or talk to Father Martin as you leave church.

Thursday: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. All are welcome to come and join us.

Repository / Piety Shop:

Due to current restrictions we are still unable to open the shop, but we can offer a “phone & collect” service. We have a wide range of goods, including:

- Mass cards
- Sympathy cards
- Commemorative items (Confirmation, First Holy Communion, etc.)
- Celebration cards (Birthday, Wedding, New Baby, Get Well, etc.)
- Rosaries, Crucifixes and statues
- A small selection of children’s books.

The shop is managed by Pat Edwards, so If you need a particular item just ring Pat – if it’s not in stock she will endeavour to get it for you.

Pat Edwards – 07743180877

Food Bank Collection: The SVP basket will be in the porch for your donations. The SVP would like to thank the parishioners at St Marys for their recent generous donations to the foodbank. Your continued support over the past 8 years is very much appreciated and most especially during this challenging Covid crisis.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

Please remember in your prayers Filippo Gambuti RIP who has died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Father Joseph Farrell, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Pat Mossman, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Pope Francis call for prayer in this month of May:

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

He urges us to pray the rosary daily in May. To read more go to:

www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html

Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	22 nd May	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	23 rd May	8.00am	The Candan Family RIP / Paddy Shanahan RIP / Nelson DeSouza RIP
		9.30am	The Walsh Family Int / Sue Nuemesister RIP
		11:30am	John & Brigid Coady Int / Ann O'Sullivan RIP / Pat Harrington RIP
Monday <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	24 th May	9:15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Kathy O'Dea Int / Martin Cornish Int
Tuesday <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	25 th May	9:15am	Rev Father Finbarr Leahy CP RIP Terri Webb Int / Ketchley Family RIP
Wednesday <i>St Philip Neri</i>	26 th May	7.30pm	Claire & Richard Booth RIP / Eileen Jonas Int/ Ellie Conway RIP/ Rev Father Jeremiah Donovan RIP
Thursday <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>	27 th May	11-1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	28 th May	9:15am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	29 th May	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Betty Keenan & Family Int / Betty & George Compton RIP / Michael Lee RIP
Sunday <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	30 th May	8.00am	David Ruddiman Int / Pat Harrington RIP/ Mary McSweeney Int
		9.30am	Michael Green RIP / Rita Kyrou RIP / Kathleen Mollaghan RIP
		11:30am	All Parishioners