

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pentecost Sunday (Cycle A) 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

6pm Sat: 3/6: John Short RIP  
10am Sun: 4/6: *Annie Keon RIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*  
9am Mon: 5/6: Intentions of Daniel Breen  
1pm Mon: 5/6: Finbarr 'Barry ' O' Keeffe RIP (A.M)  
9am Tues: 6/6: Souls in Purgatory  
1pm Tues: 6/6: Special Intentions  
9am Wed: 7/6: Bobby Wallace RIP  
1pm Wed: 7/6: Arthur Mallon RIP  
9am Thurs: 8/6: Wellbeing of Clare Rooney (sick)  
1pm Thurs: 8/6: Intentions of Anne & James Mc Crossan Wedding Anniversary  
9am Fri : 9/6: Intentions of Malachi & Bernie Johnson  
1pm Fri 9/6: Gavin Mc Gibbon RIP  
6pm Fri: 9/6: Vera O' Hagan RIP  
9am Sat: 10/6: Intentions of Mary Bell  
1pm Sat : 10/6: Eugene, Sarah & Agnes Rooney RIP  
6pm Sat: 10/6: Intentions of Jackie & Anne Rose

*Let us remember the SICK in our Prayers: Paddy Gilliland, Michael Ryan, Peter Monaghan, Joe Faszczka & Betty, Jack Burns, Jan & Malachy, Martin Donaghy, Anne Rose, James, Clare, Terry Fullerton, Elsie Cooney, Eileen Delaney, Anne Lambe, Donna Carey, , Danny Mc Kee, David, Dolores Kelly, Dinny Murphy, Sinead Ward, Colette Kearney, Sarah Keyland, Cian Travers, P McCloskey, Mary O' Neill, Maria Antonia Peres, Shannah Smyth, Pat Carville, Sheila Smith, Barry Mulholland, Paul Connolly, Joan Smith, Kumacho, Nora Mc Mahon, Marie Mc Guigan, Paddy Mc Geough, Annie Crawford, Nuala Mailey, Paul Mc Larnon, Patsy Mullan, Larry Mc Gurk, Bernadette Boswell, Seán & Phyliss Smyth, Netta Tracy, Linda McDonald, Terry Laverty, Christopher Browne, Kevin Heaney, Martha Foley, Louise Green, Marian Hunter, Colm Gallagher, Margaret Mc Cafferty, Anna, Kohl Thelis, Deirdre O'Neill, Sally Matthews, Dominick Mc Crossan, Bridie Mc Crossan, Brenda McKervey, Donna, Margaret McCriskin, Sr. Eileen Ryan, Margaret Mc Kenna, Jean Kelly, Joseph Duffy, Elizabeth Magee, Arder Carson, Al Mc Comb, Joel Rivera, Nora McDonagh, Maire Mc Kenna, Eddie O' Neill, Margaret & Frankie Goodman, Dave O' Farrell.*

## TWO COLLECTIONS THIS SUNDAY

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS £465

THIS WEEK TWO COLLECTIONS: 1. Diocesan Priest's Welfare  
2. Running expenses of the Church

NEXT WEEK: Heat and Electricity

FRIDAY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: £200

SILVER CIRCLE: Alex Johnson; Alex Vernon.

**COME AND CELEBRATE** 50 years of Charismatic Renewal in the Concert Hall, RDS, Dublin on Saturday, 24th June 2017 10 a.m., concluding with Mass at 6.30 p.m. This is a one-day national event. Tickets: €20

**WELCOME TO:** THE FIVE ADULTS BEING BAPTISED AND THE OTHER SIXTEEN ADULTS BEING RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ST MARY'S AT THE PENTECOST VIGIL THIS WEEKEND. THESE 22 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PREPARING THROUGH RCIA FOR THIS DAY SINCE LATE SEPTEMBER 2016.

# SUNDAY READINGS

## **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*: The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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**THANK YOU:** We thank those who support St Mary's by their weekly Offerings and the Friday Building Fund collection. As you are aware we are in the process of RE-SLATING the Church, with proper roof insulation. Also inside and outside the Church will be decorated. The Grotto area will be re-slabbed and the garden landscaped. It is all going to cost – but worth it for St. Mary's, that revered Sacred Space at city Centre. This weekend it is my little “*SERMON on the THE AMOUNT*”. We are launching a fundraising appeal through inviting you and your friends to **BUY** or **DONATE** towards a **SLATE**. Please take an envelope and read what is said on the enclosed slip. *Fr. James*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SAFETY REASONS THE GROTTA AREA IS OUT OF BOUNDS UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK.** *Fr. James*

**VOTE PRO-LIFE!** – Before you vote in the Westminster Elections on 8th June, we encourage you to contact candidates by phone, email, facebook, twitter or just call into their offices, and ask them one question: **If elected, will you defend the right to life of all unborn children?** more info, please visit our website [www.preciouslife.com](http://www.preciouslife.com) or phone Precious Life on 028 9027 8484

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY:** Some members of the Cenacolo Community, which offers healing to the addicted will speak at Masses on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Corpus Christi @6pm & 11.30am. They will speak at the Annunciation in New Barnsley @ 10am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN (ONE DAY) PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK,** led by Bishop Noel Treanor, will take place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. Buses will be leaving from various parishes throughout the Diocese. For further information please contact Fr Vincent Cushnahan, the Pilgrimage Director, at: [cush25@hotmail.com](mailto:cush25@hotmail.com)

