

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## TRINITY SUNDAY ( Cycle B) 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sat : 6pm 26/5: Imelda O' Kane RIP  
Sun : 10am 27/5: Billy & Rosie Mc Kernan RIP  
Mon: 9am 28/5: NO MASS/ NO CONFESSIONS  
Mon: 1pm 28/5: Brian & Evelyn Mc Cluskey RIP  
Tues: 9am 29/5: Oliver Mc Gurk RIP, Margaret Mc Atamney  
Tues: 1pm 29/5: Deceased family members of Donor  
Wed: 9am 30/5: Intentions of Shona Heaney  
Wed: 1pm 30/5: Albert Beales RIP  
Thurs: 9am 31/5: Nora Neeson RIP  
Thurs: 1pm 31/5: Deceased Members of Mc Grath Family RIP  
Fri: 9am 1/6: James & Annie Magee RIP  
Fri 1pm 1/6: Alex Mitchell RIP  
Fri: 6pm 1/6: Sheila Grego RIP  
Sat: 9am 2/6: Fr Oliver Scallan RIP  
Sat: 1pm 2/6: Fr Damien Najad CC Intentions  
Sat: 6pm 2/6: Aziz Naqui RIP

Let us remember the SICK in our Prayers: Padd y Gilliland, Michael Ryan, Peter Monaghan, Joe Faszczka & Betty, Jack Burns, Jan & Malachy, Martin Donaghy, 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, Briege, Kumacho, Nora Mc Mahon, Marie Mc Guigan, Paul Kelly, Annie Crawford, Nuala Mailey, Paul Mc Larnon, Patsy Mullan, Larry Mc Gurk, Bernadette Boswell, Seán & Phyliss Smyth, , Linda McDonald, Christopher Browne, Kevin Heaney, Louise Green, Marian Hunter, Colm Gallagher, Margaret Mc Cafferty, Anna, Kohl Thelis, Deirdre O'Neill, Bridie Mc Crossan, Brenda McKervey, Margaret McCriskin, Margaret Mc Kenna, Jean Kelly, Joseph Duffy, Elizabeth Magee, Joel Rivera, Nora McDonagh, Maire Mc Kenna, Eddie O' Neill, Billy Houston, Mick Hughes, Annie Mc Nally.Patrick McAnulty; Tony Lindsay, Paddy McGeogh; Alex Vernon, Kathleen McMullan, Sean Mc Donnell, Eadie Staton, Gretta Whyte, Eileen Foley, Howard Marshall, Michael O' Neill (Canada).Irene Lee, Philomena Lee; Anne Marie, Martin Jones; Jeannette Lee, Jim McAnespy, Charlotte Miskelly, Christopher Brown, Nell Mathews, Gary White

LAST WEEK COLLECTION: 1. £435; 2. £360

THIS WEEK ONE COLLECTIONS 26/05 : Upkeep of the Church

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

FRIDAY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION : £248

SILVER CIRCLE: Larry McGurk; Geordie Burns.

**REFERENDUM RESULTS:** The outcome to Friday's Referendum will have pleased some and deeply disappointed others. Whatever way people voted or whatever laws are enacted as a result of the **YES** vote, as followers of the WAY Jesus showed us , we have a source of hope that is **NOT** dependent on Secular laws. Our hope is sustained by the presence of God in Jesus Christ, who promised, 'I am with you always'. The Risen Lord is always with us through the **POWER OF THE SPIRIT** whom he sent to guide and direct us in the ways of truth. This enduring hope can enable us to be beacons of light and hope in the parish communities we serve. Now is also the time for simple acts of kindness and hospitality to those whom we know advocated a Yes vote in the Referendum. Let us commit ourselves to continue to pray that the promptings of **THE HOLY SPIRIT** may touch the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood but of killing the baby in their wombs. Help them to see the child they carry is made in the image of God as well as theirs, destined for eternal life. *Fr James.*

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22*

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:14-17*

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love..

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**TRIDUUM OF MASSES in HONOUR OF THE HOLY FAMILY @ ST MARY'S,  
CHAPEL LANE**

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May @ 6.00pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin Magill**  
**(Theme: St Joseph, Guardian & Protector of Jesus – A Loving Father)**

**THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May @ 6. 00pm Celebrant: Fr. Tony Devlin**  
**(Theme: (Mary – Our Mother – a Loving Mother)**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June @ 6.00pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin Graham**  
**(Theme: The Sacred Heart –Being the Love of Jesus in our Homes)**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY: 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE @3.00pm GATHERING: St  
Dominic's Falls Road. PROCESSION: to St Peter's Cathedral**

**THE FALLS PASTORAL COMMUNITY** warmly welcomes all parishioners to join them for the Corpus Christi Procession. First Communicants (in their dresses and suits) and the P7 Confirmandi (in school uniform), with their families, are especially welcome to take part.

**LIVING CHURCH DOWN & CONNOR LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE**

The *sixth* Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along. The cost of the pilgrimage is **£65. *We are now offering two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle.*** For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office

**THE DOWN AND CONNOR ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** led by Bishop Treanor, will take place on Sunday 10th June 2018. We encourage Parishoners who usually visit Knock annually as a family or individuals to consider making their visit on this day. Due to the World Meeting of Families many Parishes who usually organize a Parish trip to Knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are focusing their energies and resources on Parish trips to WMOF and the Papal Visit.'

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to 6 adults who were baptizped and 11 from other Christian denominations who were received into the Church at the vigil of Pentecost . These have been following our RCIA process since late September. Thanks to all who attended the ceremony. It was long. But as vigils *can* go it was short. If we are waiting at the bedside of a dying parent or child it takes as long as it takes. It is good to experience the meaningfulness of liturgy and not get focused on length. *Fr. J*