

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles ([20:16](#)) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians ([16:8](#)). It is the 50th day after [Easter](#) (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the [Passover](#) and celebrated [the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai](#).

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the [gifts of the Spirit](#). The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and [baptized](#) that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with [the descent of the](#)

[Holy Spirit](#), Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first [pope](#), was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see [Acts 2:14ff](#)).



As we come to the end of the Month of May we thank Our Lady for keeping us safe in these unsure and trying days. We continue to offer our prayers and intentions to her. Thank you to all our different communities in our parish that led us in the Rosary to our Lady every Saturday evening during the month of May.

Prayer of Pope Francis  
O Mary You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,

and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the people"  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



**Hand Sanitiser**

Hand Sanitisers have been installed in the church this week. Please ensure that you use them when entering the church. We are all in this together.

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to you the people of our parish for all your kind donations towards the Easter dues envelopes and the upkeep and

family offering envelopes over the last few months. A number of you have set up Standing orders to the parish and we thank you greatly. This is an easy way to contribute as life becomes "contactless". Please think about it, just contact Steph for details.



**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tim Crowley (RD)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Maureen Tanham (D)

Jim Farrell (10<sup>th</sup> AN)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pauline Mc Entee (RD)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Tim Crowley (RD)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

First Friday

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Denis Hegarty (AN)

Francina Kelly (AN)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Maureen Houston (RD)

**Parish Office**

Please note that the parish office is open every morning from 9.30am to 12pm to facilitate the booking of Masses, Mass Cards, etc. You can phone or email Steph with any queries.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

**God Bless and Stay Safe**