

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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## Pentecost Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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### Mass Intentions Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Monday	7.25	Muriel Ryan	10.00	Finbar O'Sullivan
Tuesday	7.25	Mary Kearns	10.00	Funeral Mary Shields
Wednesday	7.25	Anthony Moroney	10.00	-Available-
Thursday	7.25	-Available-	10.00	Nicholas Nolan
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Maria McGregor	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Theresa & John Dooley, Sean Woods, Patrick Gleeson, Finbar Lynch, Deceased Members of the Lynch & Shiel Families. Sean Staunton		
Sunday	10.00	John & Carmel Byrne, Tom O'Reilly, Deceased members of the Boyle Family.		
	11.30	Michael Rowe, Anthony Moroney.		

### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially Kathleen Martin, Danny Mahaddy, and Mary Shields. May they Rest in Peace.

### Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Invalid Pilgrimage with Nurses and Carers in Attendance. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 5 nights. Special Subsidised Fare €855 per person sharing (deposit €300 required & non-refundable) for more information contact Terry Clarke, 01 8348549 or 087 4129792.

### Volunteers Required.

If you believe you can help in any aspect of the maintenance & growth of our Church either physically or spiritually, please see the leaflets in the porches, and complete the form and drop into the parish office.

### Let's Gather Again

Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist @ Our Lady of Victories Church takes place on **May 29 @ 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.**

This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while affirming this aspect of the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called throughout the Diocese.

No need to book. All welcome. Why not come along? Although primarily geared towards Ministers of the Eucharist all those involved in ministry are welcome to come along. You can also join online at [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)

### Parish Reading Group

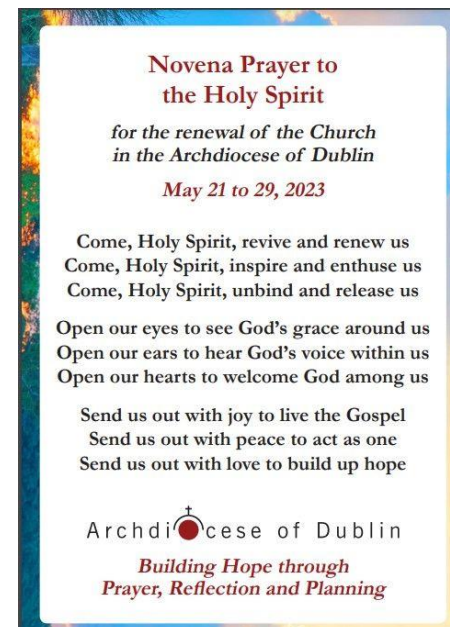
The next gathering of the Group will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm** in the Oratory. The Group will review and discuss the periodical "SPIRITUALITY". Copies are available from the parish office. Everyone welcome.

### Palestrina Choir to Sing at Papal Mass

The Palestrina Choir of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations, the Choir has been invited to join with the Sistine Chapel Choir in **singing at the Papal Mass on the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday, May 28.** It is an honour and a privilege to represent the Diocese in this special way.

### Glendalough Hermitage Centre Celebrating St Kevin's Day 3rd June 2023 Pilgrim Walks:

Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks has been organised to mark St Kevin's Day on **Saturday 3rd June** in Glendalough. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of 7 different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area. Each person will walk all or part of their chosen route finishing with a 'gathering' of walkers sharing refreshments at the Hermitage Centre near St Kevin's Church, Laragh around 1pm. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office.



Today, the Holy Spirit is still sending his fire into the hearts and minds of millions of people throughout the world. In this sense, Pentecost is not over. The celebration of Pentecost is not about the past as much as it is about the present, and about how the Spirit continues to be active in the Church.

### Building the Church

Thinking of the Spirit as active in the Church is not just thinking about a social experience; it is also, fundamentally, personal. Just as we may try to consign the Holy Spirit to history, so we can also try to dispatch him to a safe place – like the institutional Church – thus distancing the working of the Spirit from each of us personally. However, as St Paul reminds us in this Sunday's second reading, the Holy Spirit is active in all of us as we are called to build up the Church.

### Unity in Christ

The Spirit is at work in both the reader and the writer. The same Spirit is alive in each of us in our own particular way. He is active in building us up as living members of the Church, calling us into a deeper unity in Christ Jesus.

While the first reading calls us to reflect on the excitement of the world-wide mission of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel asks us to focus on this personal aspect of the Holy Spirit. The Lord breathes his Spirit into your heart and mind.

### Inner Life, for a Public Mission

Just as the pandemic has affected the whole world, so it also affects each of us personally. The same is true of the working of the Holy Spirit. While, on that first Pentecost, the public mission of the Church was born, and the Church was sent out into the whole world, so we must never forget that the Spirit works by influencing individuals.

### The Here and Now

Just as we now measure events as happening before or after the pandemic, so we Christians measure everything in light of the experience of Pentecost. In that sense, there is only 'before' and 'after' Pentecost. Our prayer is not only 'Come Holy Spirit'. It is more correct to say 'keep coming, Holy Spirit'. Pentecost isn't in the past, it is Christianity. ■



#### Summary

*Pentecost hasn't ended.*

*The Holy Spirit is active in ways that build us up as living members of the Church, calling us into a deeper unity in Christ Jesus.*

#### Question

*Why do Christians measure everything in light of the experience of Pentecost?*

#### Prayer

*Keep coming, Holy Spirit.*



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons; Pentecost Sunday, Year A; 28 May 2023

Keep  
Coming,  
Holy Spirit

*It seems to me that, today, everything is measured in relationship to the recent covid pandemic. In general conversation, everything happened either before or after the pandemic. It was for many of us the most dramatic period we have ever lived through, and it continues to leave its mark on many of us, not simply physically, but also psychologically. We have all been affected by the lockdowns, the fear, the isolation, each in different ways. An event that was experienced by the whole world has also affected each one of us personally.*



Two years before the pandemic, I visited the Holy Land and happened to be in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. Midmorning, I went to the Upper Room which was filled with Christians from all corners of the earth, singing and praising the Lord – Christians from many different traditions, languages and social backgrounds. We were so diverse, but yet we were all strangely united. We had all been brought there by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### United in the Spirit

Amid all the pushing and shoving, commotion and flurry, I couldn't help thinking about that first Pentecost, and of how that same Spirit is still very much alive today. The Spirit is still calling people to unity, people from far and wide, rich and poor, north and south – all united in praise of the Lord Jesus.

### Still Active Today

History is about events which happened in the past. However, whenever we call to mind the great Christian feasts, especially when we consider the feast of Pentecost, this way of thinking is not only not helpful, it is not true.

As I stood in the Upper Room on that Pentecost morning, 2019, I was aware that Pentecost hasn't ended; it is not simply something that took place over 2000 years ago. It is still as much alive and active today as it was then.



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The Blessed Trinity.

Sat 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury : Sun 28 May Pentecost : Mon 29 May Weekday : Tue 30 May Weekday : Wed 31 May The Visitation :

Thu 1 Jun St Justin Martyr : Fri 2 Jun Ss Marcellinus and Peter : Sat 3 Jun St Kevin (Dublin, feast) : Sun 4 Jun Trinity Sunday.

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