

# Solemnity of Pentecost

## Errigal Parish News - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



**Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church:** Monday through Thursday at 10am.  
**St. Mary's Church:** Month's Mind Mass - For Philip Mullan on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.  
Anniversary Mass - For Henry Quigg on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.  
First Anniversary Mass - For Mark Mc Gilligan on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm.  
**St. Joseph's Church:** .....

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**This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost it brings to completion the fifty days since Easter Day and hence the end of the seven-week period of the Easter Season. The extinguishing of the Paschal Candle indicates that the Easter Season is over.**

**'Solemnity of Pentecost'** The word Pentecost is Greek, and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their earthly ministry to make 'disciples of all nations'. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday (Shavuot), which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. (Acts 2:1-31) But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

**'Pentecost Prayer'** - We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light, the fragrance and warmth it creates. But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame. Without the wax, the source of power, the wick will not burn. Without the flame, there will be no fragrance, no warmth, no light. And so, with us, Lord. You are the catalyst that ignites us, and the fuel that sustains us. You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives. You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts, to be the fragrance, warmth, and light of your love, in this dark world.

**Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time after Pentecost:** The second portion of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost (tomorrow Monday – this year beginning Week Eight/Cycle 1) and is much longer than the first. This second period of Ordinary Time lasts from the day after Pentecost through the final day before Advent. Because this portion of Ordinary Time occurs after the celebrations of Jesus's Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension, this segment of Ordinary Time is focused on the Age of the Church. The Age of the Church is the age we live in now, the time that exists between the Age of the Apostles and the second and last coming of Christ for which we are preparing. This period of Ordinary Time is also focused on Christ's reign as

King of Kings; the Feast of Christ the King caps off the Season of Ordinary Time as the final Sunday before Advent begins.

**Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021: Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**First Communion** – St. Mary's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. St. Joseph's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. **(Further details will follow for the celebration of the Sacraments via each school shortly).**

**Consultation on Method of Consultation in preparation for Synodal Assembly:** “As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years. The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to

- how the national conversation might best be conducted,
- what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.

For further information on making a submission go to [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod). Please note that submissions are sought by **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021** and can be made directly online through that website.”

#### **WELCOME RETURN TO A CAUTIOUS GATHERING IN OUR CHURCHES:**

**It is important as has been achieved previously with safety guidelines, and social distancing that as our churches have reopened that as we gather using the sanitiser and we do so cautiously and safely.**

The following directives apply as before for the foreseeable future. **1.** Wearing of facial coverings unless you are exempt. **2.** Respecting Social Distancing. **3.** Use of sanitizer upon entering and leaving the church. **4.** Limited Numbers in choir and in the Church. (Empty seat in front and behind the seat that is occupied). **5.** Provision of stewards and ushers in and outside the church. **6.** Directions offered by the stewards/ushers to leave the church safely.

**NB – The numbers present at funerals and weddings is determined by a risk assessment of the church, and the ‘family bubbles’ that can safely gather.**

**The bulletin is available at the back of the church each weekend. Presently it is not recommended that we provide missalettes in the church.**

**Blessing of Graves – Cemetery Sunday:** A decision will be made shortly before the end of this month regarding if we are permitted to gather in large numbers for the Blessing of Graves. If it is possible to postpone until later in June, we shall also look at this possibility.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the parish community Carragh Louise Bradley, 25 Coolnasillagh Road and Alannah Brigid O’Kane, 67 Glen Road who were baptised last weekend.

**Congratulations:** To Joshua O'Neill on recently receiving the John Paul II (gold award) for services to the community.

**St. Mary's Church - Eucharistic Ministers – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>May**

Vigil 6pm. - Kate Mullan & Brian Mullan.

Sunday 10am - Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

**St. Mary's Church Readers – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 6pm - As arranged.

Sunday 10am - Joshua O' Neill.

**St. Joseph's Church - Eucharistic Ministers – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 7.30pm. - Grainne O'Kane & Maria Healy.

Sunday 11.30am. - John Heaney & Nadine McNicholl.

**St. Joseph's Church - Readers – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 7.30pm. - Ciara Mullan.

Sunday 11.30am. - Adrian Cullerton.

**Parish Collections - Thank you.**

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 159/White 82)

**St. Mary's** - Parish: £520.00 Renovation £245.00

**St. Joseph's** - Parish £655.00 Renovation £325.00

**RENEWAL - Parish Leader Mentoring with Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry:** In June 2021 Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry is hosting RENEWAL, a six-week mentoring programme for parish and volunteer leaders working with young people (13-18 year olds) in the Diocese of Derry. The six online sessions will provide an opportunity to come together in prayer and support, celebrate and share best practice and strategically plan the next steps in your parish for Youth Ministry. The mentoring programme will explore: - The what and why of Youth Ministry?; - Shift from Catechetical to Accompaniment - what this means; - Different leadership and ministry approaches (intentionally engaging young people from a range of backgrounds); - Animating volunteer Parish Teams; - Engaging young people online - safeguarding support; - Models for employing a Parish Pastoral leader for Youth Ministry - first hand testimonies; - Explore forming a Parish Youth Council; - Diocesan Youth Ministry initiatives and training; and - Planning the way forward. **What is required** Six group sessions via zoom. Some pre-reading and videos to view. Commitment to one-to-one work to develop your plans for youth ministry. Supporting your peers - invitation to 'buddy up' with another participant. **Dates, times and registration** RENEWAL will begin on Thursday, 3rd June at 7:15pm-8:15pm and continue each Thursday over six weeks. It will be delivered via Zoom. To participate, please register at: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=47jA8LqhK0yfu99gAi-GPlrJKzetZjlOIPjrZKVjsi9UNU81NEZQUjBZNEtYMUVPRVVKUVpGUlkwTS4u>  
Closing date for registration is: Friday, 28th May.

**St. Joseph's Church Glenullin (Renovation Committee):** We hope everyone in the area recently received a letter regarding contributions to the parish and specifically to the Renovation Fund, and a form for you to indicate your preferred option for donations. In response to this, collectors have called to houses around Glenullin recently to collect these envelopes. We request that you place your name and details in the sealed envelope provided. We thank you all for your continued support. If the letter has been misplaced further copies are available in the sacristy. **Renovation Committee.**

Presently 112 responses have been received of the 340+ letters in circulation regarding the letter as stated above. As the collection of the envelopes have taken place in recent weeks, we would appreciate any further returns to be made via the church collection box.

**CLARIFICATION** – Apparently there is some difficulty with registering with on-line banking. (**Errigal Glenullin**: Sort Code - 950346 Account No. 90062596 is the No 1 a/c) **Errigal Parish**: Sort Code 950689 – Account No. 90083712 is the Renovation a/c). Details as provided in the letter circulated, it would seem the title of the account is where the problem arises. Account titles are in red as stated above.

**Parish Envelopes:** The new box of parish collection envelopes are presently in use. In recent years as previously stated a lot of work to update the parish data base has provided the information required for the distribution of envelope boxes, hence the computer will provide the list for distribution upon usage. There are a substantial number of boxes in circulation in the parish presently un-used, this is the case even prior to Covid-19. Following discussion with the Parish Finance Committee we encourage consideration for those who use envelopes infrequently to consider the use of a standing order, (through this medium you have full control), of the donation at your disposal. Further information is available from the parish website.

**Parish Finance:** If you wish to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms can be forwarded upon request by sending an email to - [errigalparish@gmail.com](mailto:errigalparish@gmail.com) At the end of each month we shall include in the collection figures the amounts relating to the increase in standing orders, these figures are stated in brackets.

**Year of St. Joseph:** In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, Pope Francis recalls the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis has proclaimed a “**Year of St Joseph**” and asks us to recite the following prayer:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and Courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

**Feasts during the Week: Monday – Blessed Virgin Mary - Mother of the Church:** From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children. Mary present with the disciples at Pentecost, prayed with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim church on earth. **Wednesday - St. Philip Neri (1515 - 1595):** Founder of the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life. **Thursday - St. Augustine of Canterbury:** Was a monk in Rome when sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English. He set up his see at canterbury and had much success in converting the south of England.

**St. Joseph’s Church – Rosary & Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

**Derry Diocesan Laudato Si Group:** Mindful of Pope Francis’ words at the beginning of last September’s Season of Creation that “Today, not tomorrow, we have to take care of creation

responsibly”, we look forward to hearing from you. **Invitation to respond - Diocese of Derry Environmental Strategy** - The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste.

A draft of the Environmental Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy>. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could:

- Read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved.
- Begin to implement any aspect(s) of it that you feel can be put into practice quickly and easily.
- Draw the attention of both parish groups and individual parishioners to the Strategy and encourage them to give feedback. (This would be especially relevant to schools and any groups/individuals with particular interest in environmental issues).

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by: Email: [laudatosiderry@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiderry@gmail.com) Telephone/text: 077 1190 0420 Facebook: Laudatosiderry

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May:** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families, and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at [catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/)

**Radio Maria – Ireland:** Is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”*
- *Streaming on website, [www.radiomarie.ie](http://www.radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *‘Listen Live Radio’ link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

Prayer and song requests welcome. “A Catholic voice in your home”.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Following enquires regarding the reception of this Sacrament (Confession) provision can be accommodated respecting social distancing and wearing a facial mask, by arrangement either in the space proved in the church or alternatively in the Parochial House.

**Stamp Boxes:** There is a box at the back of each church for the collection of used stamps for the missions.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** [MyFaith.ie](http://MyFaith.ie) is a parish-based programme of preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It releases new modules every two weeks or so as the children and their families prepare for the Sacraments. Each module begins with a short lesson - for parents - on the content of that module before the next item, a taught lesson for the children. The programme is highly interactive, and learning is reinforced through challenges, quizzes and interactive games which are scored but can be repeated indefinitely. This is offered to parents/guardians as a format of instruction during the pandemic.

**Face Coverings/Numbers at Services:** We request the wearing of face coverings as they are now mandatory upon entering and leaving the church. Some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving each of our churches.

**Diocesan Paper 'The Net':** The May edition of 'The Net' is now available online, on the parish and diocesan website. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles, and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read 'The Net', on the diocesan or parish website, at your convenience. To forward items of our parish or faith activities - email: [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com) or ring/text 07809292852.

**Preparing for Marriage. - Accord Derry:** Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Course Dates July 6th/7th - August 10th/11th - Sept 14th/15th - Oct 12th/13th - Nov 9th/10th - Dec 7th/8th.

**The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre:** Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 028 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Anniversary Masses:** Anniversary Masses/Month's Mind Masses either to be booked or to be added to the weekend list, need to be recorded in the Anniversary Book in each sacristy. As is the custom previously established, the requested Masses can take place during the week or at the weekend, when the date is available. It is advisable where possible to book well in advance in the case of anniversaries. **In the case of a booked Anniversary Mass please inquire of the sacristan before the Mass begins that the Mass is offered for the intention you request.**

**Derry Diocesan Society (DDS):** In each of the parishes of the diocese Mass is offered alternating in each parish (list at the back of each church) for deceased and living members who are registered in the society. The deceased members registered are remembered in the anniversary list for three consecutive weekends each quarter (three months). Registration is

£20 and can be given to a sacristan or Fr. Crowley - please ensure name and address of the person to be enrolled, and whether it is for a living or deceased member.

**Prayer for our Parish in Challenging Times:** God of love, we the people of the Parish of Errigal, turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

**Healing God** - Bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and loved ones. We pray especially with those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

**Generous and Merciful God:** Fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear!

**God of Strength:** Accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical and nursing professions and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of their communities. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

**Ballerin GAA Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto the No's were 9, 18, 20, and 22. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3<sup>rd</sup> J/P £4,600 (approx.) £50 winner - The Mullan Grandchildren.

**Church Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services.

**Prayer for Examinations:** Loving God, as I begin this time of exams, I feel some anxiety and frustration. Help me to stay focused. Give me a clear mind, to perform to the best of my ability. Help me to study with dedication and vigour. Grant me silence so that I may process the knowledge I have obtained. Let me sleep peacefully at night, so that I am refreshed and renewed for my upcoming exams. Be with me, gentle God, during these days. Undoubtedly, there will be moments when I want to quit and give up. Please sustain me, Holy One. Guide me during times of trouble. Help me be satisfied with the work I have done, but also help me to see areas that I may improve upon academically in the future. Amen.