



# Parish News

## Sunday 5th June

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### ***Pentecost Sunday***

**P**entecost is really something new! The first reading has no blarney no recrimination for the death of Jesus - only a new call and new mercy. The gospel is about the coming of the Spirit and the main sign of the Spirit is forgiveness.

**T**here was a lot of need for forgiveness around in the first group of Jesus' followers. They had let him down and had let each other down. They looked around and like any group felt memories of hurt shame, let-down, injury and harm. They saw those who had abandoned Jesus and tried to cover up the sin; or they saw others who just knew they had done wrong and were sorry. All were forgiven.

**A**nd all are now called into the following of Christ. We follow Christ with all sorts of personal gifts, talents and sins in our back-pack. Like people on pilgrimage, we are cluttered. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to let this baggage just fly away! We are people of freedom and of a new song.

**W**hat song do I sing in the presence of the Lord? One that brings me back into misery like singing of shame and misery or one that brings me into the freedom of the Alleluia? Can my heart dance with the joy and hope of Pentecost?



#### 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Counsel
4. Fortitude
5. Knowledge
6. Piety
7. Fear of the Lord



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### **Scripture Summer School:** Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th June

Walking the Synodal Pathway together

Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

We are delighted to bring you this year's Scripture Summer School in association with Tarsus Scripture School.

In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, we are delighted to offer participants the option of taking part online or in-person.

Beginning: Thursday, 16 June at 9:30am - Finishing: Saturday, 18 June at 1:00pm.

Location (if attending in-person): St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.

Booking fee €40 Bookings must be completed online at

[www.knockshrine.ie/scripture\\_summer\\_school](http://www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school)

### **Diocesan phase of the Universal Synod:**

Pentecost Sunday (June 5th) has been set aside as a Day of prayer in Thanksgiving for the Diocesan Phase of the Universal Synod. Our Parish response and the Diocesan response (synthesis - responses made from all the parishes of the Derry diocese) is now available to view. We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed in any way to this initial phase.

[Our parish and diocesan response](#)

**Pentecost Holy Hour (June 5th)** - at 6:00pm Church of the Immaculate Conception, trench road

### **Dates for the Diary :**

Friday 10th June, 7:30pm St Columb's Anointing of the sick (St Peregrine relic)

Sunday 12th June 6:00pm Blessing of graves in Ardmore Sunday 19th June

3:00pm Blessing of graves in Altnagelvin and Ballyoan cemeteries

**Annual Scalp Challenge** : for CONCERN. Sunday 12th July from 2pm. Follow signs from Burnfoot. Weather-appropriate footwear and clothing advised.

**CONCERN:** concert for Ukraine refugee relief, Millennium Forum, Derry, Monday 6 June. Some tickets are still available—Millenium Forum box office.

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**BUS TO THE SHRINE OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT**, Sunday 12th June: A bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Sunday 12 June at 8:30am, travelling via Strabane / Omagh, to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin, for a Day of Prayer for those suffering from addiction. The bus is expected to be back at St Eugene's about 9:30pm. The cost is £40, including bus and a meal on the way home. If you would like to book a seat on the bus, email Anne Marie on [amhickey@derrydiocese.org](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org) or tel 028 71 264087. (Alternatively, you can pick up a booking form from the St Eugene's Parochial House). To secure place on the bus your booking form and payment need to be in by Friday 3 June (details regarding payment are on the booking form).

**LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE** runs from Wednesday 1 June until 15 August (Saturday 13 Aug is the final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Cost €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information, including information on organised parish groups, available at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

**Diploma / Higher Diploma in Pastoral Theology:** for those who may be interested in a better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church or those interested in training to be involved with Liturgy at a parish and diocesan level. [Read More..](#)

**Host families** wanted for 13 to 17yr old Spanish students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid. For further information please call 08740 88282.

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### Our Parish Mass Schedule

#### Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception  
10:00am St Columb's,  
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett  
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)  
07:30pm St Columb's

#### Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's  
11:00am Immaculate Conception

#### Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception  
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett  
07:00pm St Columb's  
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

#### Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory  
10:15am Immaculate Conception  
10:00am St Columb's  
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett  
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

#### Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's  
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

*All Liturgies are streamed on [www.youtube.com/watersideparish](http://www.youtube.com/watersideparish)*

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### REST IN PEACE

#### Deaths:

Willie Melarkey, Mimosa Court, Kathleen McGrotty, Chapel Road

#### Anniversaries:

James Bradley, Sarah Mclaughlin, Margaret Craig, Brigid and Bella Barron, Rose Ann Murphy, Mary Josephine Kelly, Margaret Norris, Patrick Mullan, Thomas Tracey, Mary Anthony, Rory Finnis, Philomena Strattan

### A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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