

**A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
MANCHESTER**

God of compassion,  
you are at the side of all who undergo  
the cruelty of human violence.  
We entrust to you the victims of the terror attack  
in Manchester and their families.  
Deeply disturbed by the incomprehensible  
sufferings of the innocent across the world,  
we believe that the words of Jesus, Your Son,  
words of love, mercy and hope, will never pass away.  
So we implore you: send consolation and healing,  
grant us your peace, may your kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Courtesy of the Dublin Diocesan Website*

This lovely short poem entitled **Prayer** emphasises the renewal inherent in Pentecost:

Oh, break the chrysalis of doubt,  
Plow up the clods of thick despair,  
And spit the buds of ignorance,  
And cleanse the winter-heavy air!

Create a tumult in our hearts,  
Drive us to seek what we have lost,  
Until the flame of faith again  
Has seared us with thy Pentecost!

Jane Tyson Clement (1917-2000). Selected Poems: *No One Can Stem the Tide*

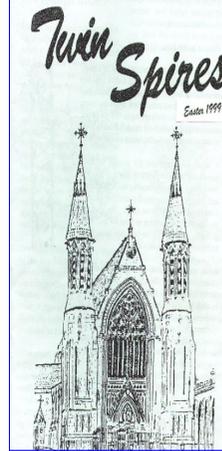


***Parish Diary***

Sunday 11th, Trinity Sunday  
Sunday 18th, Feast of Corpus Christi  
Friday 23rd, Feast of the Sacred Heart

June

2017



# Parish Newsletter

**Pentecost Sunday, June 4th 2017**

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Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost which is often called the birthday of the Church. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples makes good Christ's promise when he said to them just before his ascension into heaven: "Know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time." (Matthew 28:20). Remember that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ himself. We received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost filled them with hope, courage and daring to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News, often in the face of great opposition. These were ordinary men and women, like ourselves, yet Jesus, through the gift of his Spirit, was their helper, healer, counsellor and teacher. Jesus wants us to experience the gifts of his Spirit –love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22). These are wonderful gifts. Are we open to receive them and pass them on to others? A short time of personal prayer each day will help us to be open to receive what Jesus desires so much to offer us. We would be foolish to think that we can just 'manufacture' these gifts ourselves! Let's pray for each other on this feast of Pentecost for the openness to receive what Jesus desires so much to give to each one of us.



*Holy Spirit, be for us a gift of hope when we are feeling down.*

*Holy Spirit, be for us a gift of courage so that we will not be afraid to witness to our Christian faith in an often hostile world.*

*Holy Spirit, we desperately want to believe. Help our unbelief.*

## Make it a Mindful 2017

Looking for an oasis of calm and space for yourself?  
Join us on Monday at 10.30am in the room at the back of the sacristy – please ring the bell.



**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 12th of June from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.



**Congratulations to Rhys Daniel Ruth & Tess Erin Lonergan** who were both baptised on 21st May 2017.

**St Padre Pio Mass and devotions will be held on Thursday, 1st June at 7pm, Mary Immaculate Parish Church. All are welcome.**



**Congratulations to the boys and girls from and Scoil Mhuire gan Smál and Inchicore National School who received the sacrament of Confirmation on 30th and 31st May.**



The Annual Oblate Pilgrimage to **KNOCK** will take place on Saturday 8th July 2017. The bus will leave from Mary Immaculate Church at 8.10am stopping in Longford for refreshments. Fare: €25. Please give your name, telephone number and full payments to the Parish Office before 25th June 2017. Places are limited.



World Meeting of Families 2018. For more information  
<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie>

## Mass & Confessions Times

Saturday: Vigil 7pm  
Sunday: 8am, 11am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,  
7am, 10am, 7pm  
When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am and 7pm

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)  
7am, 10am, 7pm

Saturdays: 11am  
Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday  
10.30 am-11.00am  
6.30 pm-7.00 pm

## Family Choir Mass

Sunday 11am  
Singers & Musicians wanted  
Contact Joanne: 01-4534408

## Ecumenical Bible Week

Will take place from the 4th-11th of June

Theme:

'Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ' (Rm 10:17)

Visit: <http://www.bibleweek.ie>

## Our Lady's Hospice

Can you spare an hour for Sunflower Day on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th June?

Visit: <http://www.olh.ie/fundraising>

Please support **Our Lady's HOSPICE** special collection after all Masses today



Results: 11,18,23

Next Draw: Monday 5th

June 2017

Family Offering 21st May: €466.94  
Family Offering 28th May: €378.05

*Thank you for your support*

**"Warhorse"** showing at 8pm on Saturday 3rd June in The Legion of Mary House, (279) Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot.

At the outbreak of World War I, Albert and his beloved horse Joey are forcibly parted when Albert's father sells the horse to the British cavalry. Against the backdrop of the Great War, Joey begins an odyssey full of danger, joy and sorrow, and he transforms everyone he meets along the way. Meanwhile Albert, unable to forget his equine friend, searches the battlefields of France to find Joey and bring him home.