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Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon
St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am

Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:

Monday to Friday at 7:30pm

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head

Monday 10am, Tuesday at 7.30pm & Friday 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Lagg:

Wednesday at 9:30am

Anniversary Mass: for Sean Farren, Glentoskert, on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: for Eileen McCarron, Templemoyle, on Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm in St Patrick's.

First Anniversary Mass: for Vincent Houghton, Knockbrack, on Friday 4th June at 7.30pm in St Patrick's.

First Anniversary Mass: for Bertie McDonald, Killian, on Sunday 6th June at 9am in St Mary's Church.

Months Mind Mass: Isabelle Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 13th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: for Packie McCallion, Francistown, on Sunday 20th June at 10.30am in St Patrick's

Anniversary Mass: Gerard Monagle, Letterorr, on Sunday 27th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Details on the times of online Masses and Prayers for the Covid 19 Crisis: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>

Relaxation of restrictions on Public Religious Services: Aughaclay and Malin Head churches will use pods of 50 upstairs and downstairs, with separate doors being used. St Mary's Lagg will use 3 pods with the 2 wings either side of the altar using the sacristy door. All adults are required to wear masks and to sanitise hands on entry and exit. Please avoid gathering at the doors or outside the churches.

Confirmations in Malin Parish will be celebrated at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Lagg

Monday 21st June, Malin Head School . Tuesday 22nd June, Urblerereagh School.

Wednesday 23rd June, Malin Town School. Thursday 24th June, Glengad School

Sincere Thanks to those who have sent in their collection envelopes, cheques and donations for the Parish during the past week. Please make cheques payable to "Malin Parochial".

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 3-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. Please note that submissions are sought by today 23rd May and can be made directly online through that website."

Priory Institute Online Open Day to register <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day>.

The Net – the May edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website –

<https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-may-2021>.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses throughout the country. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday May 28th Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accord.ie.

Sharing the Good News issue 65 is available on the Malin Face Book page and website It can also be linked to and downloaded from the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie.

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 The Spirit of God gives energy to the apostles and sends them out on their mission

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

Gospel: John 20:19-23 They disciples receive the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Spirit who bears fruit

In our churches there is no shortage of images, mostly statues, paintings or stained glass. They are mostly images of Jesus, Mary and the saints. There are also images of some Old Testament figures like Abraham and Sarah, or Moses and Miriam. There is a long tradition of images within the church, beginning with the paintings in the Roman Catacombs. The Holy Spirit, whose feast we celebrate on Pentecost, does not lend itself easily to imagery. The traditional image of the dove is drawn from the scene of the baptism of Jesus. But the language in that passage is rather vague; the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, or in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke says that all who gathered in one room heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven; he goes on to say that something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. Just as the evangelists do not portray an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that the wind and fire at Pentecost were tangible phenomena. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualise, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is profoundly real.

Many things in our universe are real even though invisible to the naked eye. What we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and it naturally cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of imagining the Holy Spirit. St Paul uses an image drawn from nature when he says that the Spirit bears fruit. He means the visible effect of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The person who most of all had those qualities was Jesus because he was full of the Holy Spirit, full of the life of God. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. It is that divine life, that divine love, which was poured out at Pentecost, initially on the first disciples but through them on all who were open to receive this powerful and wonderful gift. Paul expresses it simply in his letter to the Romans, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'. It is that Spirit of God's love we have received who bears the rich fruit in our lives that Paul speaks about in today's 2nd Reading. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus. The ordinary, day to day expressions of goodness and kindness, of faithfulness and self-control, of patience and gentleness, are all manifestations of the Spirit that has been given to us by God. We can recognize the Spirit's presence in the common happenings of everyday life. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best.

Humanity is at its best in today's first reading. Pentecost brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit. Jesus points out another manifestation of the Spirit: the pursuit of truth. Only the Spirit can lead us to the complete truth. If someone is genuinely seeking for truth, and willing to engage in good works with others, there the Spirit is at work. Fullness of truth and love is always beyond us; but the Spirit is given to lead us towards the complete truth and love, in all its height and depth.