

St. Augustine's Church Limerick Pentecost Sunday 4th June 2017

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God's Spirit in the Church

Mass times:

Monday—Friday
7.30am—8.30am—
10.15am— & 4.00pm
Saturday --
8.30am—10.15am—3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)
Sunday—
9.00am, 11.15 am & 7.30pm

Confession:

Monday- Wednesday —Friday
10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm
Saturday --
10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm

Taize- Summer Break

Resumes in October

The result of that dramatic divine intervention on that Pentecost Day in Jerusalem, one simple, yet vital **result was that 'Something'** got into them, they became a new people, and they were the Church.

And that Something is so simple and so subtle: it is just like the all important element of breathing – rarely are we even aware of that fundamental activity that keeps us alive! Such is the fundamental **activity of God's Spirit in the Church**, in Christians daily living their faith in countless ways, activities, relationships, thoughts.

The Spirit, the Gift, the Advocate promised by Jesus is what makes Church –The Church brought into existence by the Spirit of Jesus. This Holy Spirit is the same now as when

first poured out on the church in the New Testament times! Everything that God does in and through the lives of His children He does through the person and power of the Holy Spirit. God desires the Holy Spirit to bring His presence and power into every aspect of our life and into all our activities. The Holy Spirit is the fire of God. He purifies the **hearts of God's children with His** cleansing fire. He is the breath of God and breathes His life into us as we continue to surrender ourselves to Him.

God wants a spiritual people, a spiritual church that will impact the world with the life of His Spirit; the Holy Spirit is the means by which God will bring renewal to His church.

National Holy Wells Day

National Holy Wells Day will be celebrated on Sunday 18th June. On that day people all over Ireland are encouraged to visit a Holy Well to pray for the protection and fair distribution of water on our planet. They are also invited to reflect on what they can do to protect and conserve water for future generations.

As a people we have a long and rich tradition of praying at Holy

Wells, of which there are some 3,000 around the countryside. National Holy Wells Day aims to raise awareness and to create a national network of appreciation and care for water.

Pope Francis addressed the issue of water in his Encyclical Letter **Laudato Si'** in 2015. He said, "Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and



for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. National Holy Wells Day is an initiative of Loving Sister Earth and the Columba Community, Derry and it is hoped that it will be an annual event to be celebrated this year on the 18th June. catholicnews.ie



Sunflower Days
Milford Hospice
Frid 9th - Sat 10th June

Keith Wheeler
in Dublin



Picture S. Mac Donald

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Enrolment is open for
Autumn classes for children
age 3-12 for Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd:

A Montessori based
Religious Education
Programme taught by the
Dominican Sisters.

To enroll your child or
for more information,
contact limerick@op-tn.org
or 085 2255796 before
June 15th



Glenstal History Conference Augustinian Canons & Canonesses

There will be a three-day conference at Glenstal Abbey exploring the history and the economic religious, liturgical, pastoral and agricultural activities of the Augustinian Regular Canons and Canonesses in Ireland.

From their emergence during the twelfth century transformation of the Irish church to the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the mid-sixteenth century. Although the most numerous and widespread of all the religious orders in Medieval Ireland, the Canonical movement has

received relatively little scholarly attention and this interdisciplinary conference is the first to be dedicated to their activities throughout Ireland.

This History conference begins Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. Full subscription is €65 /Saturday only €50 Booking is essential.

Contact: 061 621005/email: events@glenstal.org with booking forms available at the back of the church.



'I was a Stranger and Ireland Welcomed Me'

An American father of five who has carried a 12-foot wooden cross through 176 countries on all seven continents, facing down firing squads, venomous jungle snakes, and members of al-Qaeda got a rather unusual welcome in Ireland last week.

Keith Wheeler has been travelling around the world with his cross for over thirty years as a pilgrim of peace with a message of reconciliation and love. "I am not here promoting another religion, organisation or charity – I am promoting a message of love on the roadsides," he told catholicireland.net.

In 1985, as Keith was praying one night, he felt that God spoke to his heart, "I want you to make a cross and begin carrying it through the streets on Good Friday." For you the cross is never to be a symbol of protest but a symbol of reconciliation'. I want you to be a 'pilgrim of peace' and a messenger of my love'.

Praising Ireland for being open and welcoming to the stranger he said 'There is a right way and a wrong way to do it and Ireland seems to have done a very good job so far'. 'I know it is an issue in our world how we handle other nations. But there is also a blessing when we welcome nations. I was a stranger and Ireland welcomed me. They welcomed the cross'. Full story www.catholicireland.net

New Film on Jean Vanier and the L'Arche Communities

Summer in the Forest is the title of a new film about Jean Vanier and the L'Arche communities he founded. The film tells the story of the love and friendship between people with and without learning disabilities who share life together, living and/or working in the L'Arche communities of France and Bethlehem.

The film will be released in the UK on 23rd June. Critics have called it "tender and moving." They have also said "...it is extremely rare for a film to have the power to change lives. This one really might."

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