

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick Pentecost Sunday 20th May 2018



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## 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 & Friday  
10.45am—12.00 /3.00pm-4pm  
Saturday --  
10.45am—12.00 /2.30pm-4pm



## The Spirit of God Gives Life to the Church

To-day's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles transports us into an extraordinary atmosphere. There is a roar of wind from the sky filling the house where the first Christians were assembled. There are tongues of fire, there was amazement as they spoke in many languages. This is an unheard-of experience, an event that goes well beyond ordinary everyday life. Dramatic, to put it mildly.

As the accounts of those early days in the life of the new believers in Christ unfold (the Acts of the Apostles) we see an unending stream of events happening, all the result of that dramatic divine intervention on that Pentecost Day in Jerusalem, the Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.



One simple, yet vital result was that believers from then onwards referred all the time to Jesus as LORD –Lord, Master, King, of the whole world, Lord of their very lives. How could they 'feel' like this? The only explanation is 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. Progressively the Spirit leads us, the Church, into the Truth –and this is such an ongoing exercise as we frail and fallible human beings encounter new challenges and complex situations day after day. The Spirit of Discernment is with us. We are being led, step by step - perhaps far too fast for some of us, far too slowly for others! A great, yet a simple example: how we Christians say daily "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". This is the heart, the daily unfolding practice of us all as individuals and Church and the power to have a forging mentality is a gift from the Spirit of Pentecost, the Spirit of the Risen One. The Holy Spirit, the Mystery of Mysteries: Come Holy Spirit, Come, make within our hearts your home: breathe Your Life into us all.

M Loughran

# Reflection

Do not let yourselves be guided by the spirit of self indulgence

Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces:

Bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness.

These are ugly things, and make life miserable.

Rather let yourselves be guided by the Spirit of God:

Look at the legacy the Spirit brings:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These are beautiful things, and make life joyful.

They are a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us.



Maranatha  
Prayer Ministry  
Healing Retreat with  
Fr. John Mockler Limk,  
& Jomon Joseph  
(Lay Preacher)  
on Sunday 20th May  
It will be an afternoon  
of Praise & Worship  
with Confession, Mass  
and Adoration  
in St. Pauls Church

## Adapt House

Annual Church Gate  
Collection for Adapt  
Domestic Abuse Services  
will take place  
outside our church  
next Sunday 27th May

Your support would be  
greatly appreciated!

## St. Rita of Cascia Triduum

Saint of the impossible and for  
those doing exams.

Beginning Saturday 19th May,  
Monday, & Tuesday the Feast  
of St. Rita and the  
blessing of the Roses.

Novena prayers will be recited  
at the 10.15am & 4pm Masses  
each day.

Please join us.

## Milford Hospice Sunday 20th May



5km Walk 12 Noon

## Volunteer Tutors Needed

Age Action is looking to start beginner/refresher computer classes in Dooradoyle Library for older learners (55+). These classes are for those learners who have little or no computer experience or who need to build their confidence in using their device (laptops/ tablets/ smart-phones). The aim of the programme is to help older people become comfortable using computers and the internet. Tutoring is generally done on a 1:1 basis. Both tutors and learners find the classes rewarding and fun.

Fluent English and strong basic computer/ laptop/ tablet/ smartphone skills are required, but patience and good humour are just as important! Tutor Training provided. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 and each course runs for 5 weeks.

We are not taking bookings for the classes yet – this notice is for volunteer tutors. Once we have enough tutors, we'll advertise again for students.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Helen Murray (Age Action)

for more information: Email: [helen.murray@ageaction.ie](mailto:helen.murray@ageaction.ie)



## Upcoming Events

- On National Drawing day participants can explore the connection between the Hunt Museum collection & the symbolism of using 'walking drawing practice to re-member'. Saturday 19th May -11am-3pm.
- Three Choir Concerts at St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday 19th May at 5pm. This concert is presented in association with the Limerick Pipe Organ Festival.
- Family Fun Race Day at the Limerick Race Course Sunday 20th May from 2pm.
- Drop in Arts and Crafts for Children, Hunt Museum Sunday 20th, 3-4pm €5 per child.
- Lecture: One of the brightest ornaments of the Irish Church- John Jebb Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick (1823-1833) Speaker David McBurnie—Tuesday 22nd May at 1pm Hunt Museum Admission Free.