

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Red • Psalter Week 2



Our second reading from Romans and John's Gospel offer a wonderful description of how the Holy Spirit can directly impact on our lives if we allow this to happen.

St Paul is very clear that the Spirit lives in us and this is not to be questioned. We are after all "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" and therefore the implication is that the people of God are considered an inextricable part of this unity. The demand for us believers is to live by the Spirit, to live within the Spirit that has been given to us freely. Arising out of our witness to the Spirit, the Spirit will in turn give us life as it gave life to Jesus in raising him from the dead.

Then John's Gospel presents us with the great promise of Jesus. We no longer should let our hearts be troubled by fear or anxiety for the Spirit has been sent to us by a loving God. The context for Jesus' promise of course is the recognition that there are testing times ahead for this group of followers. But the idea of an interactive relationship between God and his people is a new one. Up to this point, the faith of the people was very much hierarchical in nature. Staring up into the heavens, prayers were spoken and offerings were made. This Spirit of John's Gospel encourages a reciprocal relationship between God and all believers: "love our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father will love you in return." ■

REFLECT

Today's readings from the Acts of the Apostles and John's Gospel offer a startling contrast in how the coming of the Holy Spirit was experienced by two writers. Firstly, Luke's account presents us with the power of the Spirit with the house shaking and a violent wind coming in to fill the whole space. Not only this, but the disciples experience the gift of tongues, and a crowd gathers in bewilderment as they hear their own languages being spoken. John's account however is more gentle and restrained with Jesus recognising the disciples as frightened and comforting them with the promise that the Spirit will help them keep the commandments and be with them forever. The Spirit of Pentecost is portrayed as powerful and gentle, the one we call to our aid when times are difficult and also the Spirit who comes into our lives to transform and even heal.

Pope Benedict XVI offers this explanation: "This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit ... opens hearts to hope and stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour." ■

LEARN

As children making our confirmation, we read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of our sacramental preparation. The gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Is 11: 2-3).



DO

This week, let us renew our commitment to the gifts of the Holy Spirit by becoming aware of how we live out these gifts in our home, our workplace and our community. Practise these gifts with the same tenderness shown by Jesus in today's Gospel.

SAY

"Lord you have made us for yourself, therefore our hearts are restless until they rest in you." (St Augustine)

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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's, Dromore All Saints, Ballela

Sunday 11.00am Sunday 9.45am

Weekday Mass Times : St Colman's

Mon, Wed & Thurs : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Tues & Fri: Mass – 9.30am

Sat:10-11am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday – 7.00pm

Ballela Anniversaries

On 9: Dan & Sadie McCusker

Mary Frances O'Hare

Sun 16: The McCullough Family

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 9: Catherine Timmons (Months Mind)

Mary Mallon

George Burns

Dan Brennan

Sun 16: Stephen Magee

William John & Helen Mulgrew

Offertory Promise Collection £788.74

Readers - Dromore

Sun 16: Claire Downey

Recently Baptised

Niall Eoin McGrath

Recently Deceased

Annette Prentice formerly of Rampart St, Dromore.

Trócaire

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity this year towards Trócaire. Total raised this year was £3463.00. Thank you

Blessing of the Graves

Sun 16th June at 2pm – Ballela

There will be a collection taken up and proceeds will be for cutting and maintenance for the cemetery, please be as generous as you can.

Education of Priests – Sun 16th June.

We are often asked to prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This collection is a concrete way of supporting those who respond to that call. These funds provide them with vital support for their education in seminaries, as they become the future priests of our Diocese.

Sunday 9th June 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 11

£100 Ann McGrath 193

£50 Walter Stokesbury 496

£30 Kath Cosgrave 318

£20 Joe & Ethna Mulgrew 044

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 26th May : 5 10 21 22

£10 winner's: Laura McMullan, Rory McMullan, The Anglers. Seller: Sean Burns

Jackpot £2000

Ballela Community Group

Next Meeting Mon 10th June at 7.00pm.

Dromantine Family Fun Day

Will take place today, Sun 9th June at 1.30pm with live country music & a host of guest country singers, funfair, Gun dog display, Vintage Tractors, Craft fair stalls and much more. Admission is £5 per car.

Diocesan Summer Camps

Diocesan Summer Camps will take place at the YMCA, Newcastle on the following dates:

2nd to 5th July for 12 Year olds

9th to 13th July for 13 & 14 Year olds

15th to 19th July for 15 & 16 Year olds.

A residential experience with adventures out-door activities, great food, meet new people Tel 028 30833898 or email dromoreyd@btconnect.com

Whist

Whist will take place on Sun 16th June at 8.30pm in St Colman's hall Dromore. Ladies to supply pastry : Caroline Rooney & Deirdre Downey

Graveyard Clean – up

On Fri 14th at 7.00pm at All Saints Church. Please come along and help clean up around the Church and Cemetery.

Please join us to wish

Mr Gerard McBrien, Principal

A Happy Retirement

On Friday 21st June 2019

For Celebratory Mass

In St Colman's Church, Dromore

At 7.30pm

Everyone Welcome