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**Newsletter for the week commencing 1st/2nd June 2019**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter ( C )**

**First Reading: The Acts of the Apostles 7: 55-60**

**Psalm: 96 Response:** The Lord is King, most high above all the earth

**Second Reading: The Book of the Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20**

**Gospel: John 17: 20-26**

**Father John writes:**

The Acts of the Apostles starts with the Ascension. Jesus, before He ascends, tells his disciples not to leave Jerusalem, and assures them that they will receive “power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you”. A scripture scholar once suggested that this book should be called “The Acts of the Holy Spirit” rather than ‘Acts of the Apostles’. And it is very clear that the early Christians relied entirely on the power of God’s Holy Spirit. Consequently, they were fearless in preaching the Good News, and did not let their own inadequacies and hesitations prevent them from risking to speak out. When we, today’s Christians, are faced with a new challenge, how often we duck out of it, because of our own lack of confidence. Do you think God must sometimes feel frustrated, wondering why He gave us the supreme gift of the Holy Spirit?

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Richard Charles Brignall

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Henry Balkham, Dorothy Stewart, Desmond Collins, Paul Lamonte, Annie Smith, Matthew Murphy, Colin Dolman, Agnes Cosens, Fanny Porter, Micheline Orde, Barbara O’Brien and Eileen Nolan.

**This week’s events**

**Second collection** this weekend for World Communications Sunday – which supports the work of our Catholic media office in England in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. It provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, and trains spokespeople.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Just over 20 years ago, two Irish Jesuits in Leeson Street started a website as a Lenten experiment in offering guided prayer online. The experiment extended far beyond Lent, going from strength to strength. Today, the global phenomenon that is “Sacred Space” attracts 18,000 visitors a day, of all Christian faiths and none from around the globe, praying at their computers, on their laptops, tablets or smartphones, in 22 languages. The site guides the visitor through a session of prayer, in six stages, including preparing your body and mind, and culminating in reflection on a scripture passage chosen specially for the day. This is a wonderful use of the Internet and can be visited at  [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**Ladies Coffee Morning.** Thursday, 6th June at 11.30. Please come for coffee and cakes, all welcome.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 1st June | St Justin | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *people of the parish.* |
| Sunday | 2nd June | Seventh Sunday of Easter | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass Martin/McGoldrick family |
| Monday | 3rd June | St Charles Lwanga & Companions | 10:00am Mass *Fr Macdermot-Roe RIP* |
| Tuesday | 4th June | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 5th June | St Boniface | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 6th June | St Norbert | 9:00am Mass *Ron Basher RIP (Mary)* |
| Friday | 7th June | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 8th June | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9th June | **Pentecost Sunday** | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (8th/9th June)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger Styles | Alexander Wilson | Collette Iglinski |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael Payne  Maria Milton | Frances Lawrence  Collette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** | Pentecost - Breeda | **Cleaners** | - |

**Forthcoming events**

**Second collection next weekend** for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

**Second collection 16th/17th June** for Day for Life.

Here are a few one-liners to make you smile!

What do you call it when worms take over the world? Global Worming!

I just found out I'm colour-blind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

What is the best thing about living in Switzerland? Well, the flag is a big plus.

A policeman just knocked on my door and told me that my dogs were chasing people on bikes. My dogs don't even own bikes...

And finally…

Patient: I've been feeling a little off colour lately.  
Doctor: Tell me what you have been eating recently.  
Patient: I only eat snooker balls.  
Doctor: Snooker balls?  
Patient: Yes, I have a blue one for breakfast, a pink and a yellow one lunch, red ones as snacks, and then a black one for dinner.  
Doctor: Aha, I see what the problem is - you're not getting enough greens.