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**Newsletter for the week commencing 8th/9th June 2019**

**Pentecost Sunday ( C )**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit happens as Jewish devotees from all over the world gather in Jerusalem for the feast of the Pentecost. It has been a spectacular manifestation of the power of God and everyone who has witnessed it is amazed.

**Psalm: 104 Response:**  **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Second Reading:**  **The First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** **12: 3b-7, 12-13** Paul says that there are varieties of gifts, but they have a common source which is God Himself. The gifts are given to the Christians for common good and not for vain glorying.

**Gospel: John 20: 19-23** In the absence of the Lord Jesus, the disciples shut themselves indoors due to fear. The appearance of Jesus energizes them and fills them with joy.

**Father John writes:**

The Acts of the Apostles could well have been titled the Acts of the Holy Spirit, because all the early Christians were acutely aware that their conversion to Christianity was by the Holy Spirit working through the Apostles or other recent Christians. Almost every page of the Acts mentions the Holy Spirit – the Spirit was all the time guiding and empowering the spread of the Good News, and they would never venture on a new mission, or change of location, without consulting the Holy Spirit. They met with a huge amount of opposition and even persecution, but the Spirit gave them the strength to persevere and not to be put off their calling. How is it that we don’t have the same awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives today? Perhaps the reason we are easily discouraged when so many of our efforts to evangelise fade away is because we rely on our own powers rather than on the Holy Spirit. It is the feast of Pentecost today – join me in praying for the gifts of the Spirit, rather than for personal success.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Richard Charles Brignal

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

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Joan Nicholson, Ron Basher, Pauline Pratt, Yolande Urquhart, Margaret Martin-Sperry, Andree Norman-Taylor and Agnes Venables.

**This week’s events**

**Second collection this weekend** for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week:**  “The excluded, I believe, live certain values that we all need to discover and to live ourselves before we can become truly human.” Jean Vanier, philosopher, writer, humanist, and founder of the worldwide L’Arche movement, died four weeks ago. A teacher of the wisdom of tenderness, this singular man was transformed by relationship with people with intellectual disabilities. His recent obituary in *The Tablet* describes him as “a man of action fuelled by contemplation...a spiritual giant. Those who lived and worked with him spoke of his almost palpable holiness”.  Find out more at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 8th June | Feria | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *deceased priests* |
| Sunday | 9th June | **Pentecost Sunday** | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *people of the parish* |
| Monday | 10th June | Mary, Mother of the Church | 10:00am Mass *Rev David Goddard RIP* |
| Tuesday | 11th June | St Barnabas | 10:00am Mass *Joan M Carey RIP* |
| Wednesday | 12th June | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 13th June | Our Lord Jesus Christ | 9:00am Mass *Margaret Gallagher RIP* |
| Friday | 14th June | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 15th June | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 16th June | **The Most Holy Trinity** | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass  12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |

**Next week’s responsibilities (15th/16th June 2019)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel J | Peter L | Brian L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Allan Shipton  Peter Lonergan | Lorraine Sharp  Liz Dumbleton |
| **Flowers** | Susan W | **Cleaners** | Val & Bea |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | 7.00pm Wednesdays |

**Forthcoming events**

**Second collection** next weekend (15th/16th June) for Day for Life.

Friday 21st June 2019: 10.00am Mass: 50th Wedding Anniversary – Sandra and Alan Austin

11.30am Requiem Mass for Richard Charles Brignall followed by Committal at the Cemetery

And finally, two silly stories…

An intrepid photographer went to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost which was said to appear only once in a hundred years. Not wanting to frighten off the ghost, the photographer sat in the dark until midnight when the apparition became visible. The ghost turned out to be friendly and consented to pose for one snapshot. The happy photographer popped a bulb into his camera and took the picture. After dashing into his studio, the photographer developed the negative and groaned. It was underexposed and completely blank.

The spirit was willing, but the flash was weak.

A man once walked into a shop which sold musical instruments and bought a very expensive mouthorgan. As the shopkeeper wrapped up the purchase he said, 'You know this is quite amazing. We normally don't sell many mouth organs, but this is the second one I've sold today.  
'Oh,' said the customer, 'that must have been our Monica.'