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Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

St. Columba's, Douglas



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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Ben Jack Anderson, son of Claire & Cian, Springbrook, Donnybrook.
Holly Anne Nolan, daughter of Carol & Diarmuid, Yewlands, Maryborough Woods.
Isabel Jane Kavangh, daughter of Tracy & Eddie, Greenvally, Donnybrook.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Michael O'Mahony**, Endsleigh on the recent death of his sister, **Betty Ware**, Wilton.

News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2968** St. Patrick's: **€1205**. **2nd Collection in aid of Pastoral Development:** St. Columba's **€2210**. St. Patrick's **€605**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Thank you from the Pastoral Development Office – Fr Charlie Kiely wishes to thank you most sincerely for the collection taken up last weekend to support the work and administration of the Pastoral Development Office in the Diocese. We look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year at our events, courses and conferences

A Talk on Little Nellie of Holy God will be held by John O'Donovan, as heard on 103FM, in the Parish Centre, St. Columba's Church, Douglas, on Friday 20th May @ 8pm. All welcome

THE DEEP END

Catching Fire

'Unless the eye catch fire, The God will not be seen. Unless the ear catch fire The God will not be heard. Unless the tongue catch fire The God will not be named. Unless the heart catch fire, The God will not be loved. Unless the mind catch fire, The God will not be known'. from **'Pentecost'** by **William Blake**

The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven – so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene. The poem 'Pentecost' by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase 'catch fire'. When a piece of news or gossip gets around quickly, we say it 'spreads like wildfire'. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads.

The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide – like wildfire. **Intercom**

Musings *'Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me'* is my favourite hymn refrain for this day when I reflect upon my own Confirmation Day. Some dioceses organise a cathedral gathering of all the recently confirmed for a special Mass on this day: a sending out as witnesses day! In some parishes this is a special day of reconfirmation of grown-up faith. One of the favourite names for the Holy Spirit, and one which especially appeals to me, is the Comforter. When the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, is at work we are challenged and transformed and it is then that we especially need confidence in His comforting presence and assurance that He will be with His Church always. When I lived in a London we always celebrated the ethnic and national diversity of the parish on this Sunday: it was a great unifier in the Spirit! **Intercom**

Notices

Course in Catholic Social Teaching in Cork June 12th-18th 2016. A study of civil society, political society and economic society. Please phone 085-2258773 for further details. Venue: Knockadoon Dominican Centre, Ballymacoda, Co Cork. Cost €320, inc. all meals and accommodation.

Pilgrimage of Mercy: Join the Sisters of Bon Secours on the Diocesan Pilgrimage of Mercy, Sat 14th May meeting at 10.15am Church of St Francis, Liberty St. Further details: Anne-Marie Whelan, Evangelisation & Vocations Officer 0872209994.

Hispanic Festival to Benefit Victims of the Earthquake in Manta, Ecuador - Sat. 21st May at 19:30pm, in **Aula Máxima UCC**. Invited Artists from Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil, Spain, Mexico & Ireland. All proceeds to the Medical Centre, Parish of San Patricio, Manta Ecuador. Tickets: €20

Community Development Projects in Embu Town Kenya. Fundraising event Pub Quiz. Beer Garden, Turners Cross, Date 20th May @ 8pm. Great prizes and Raffle. **Planned Project**, renovating a primary school, which provides education for the children from the slums surrounding Embu. We also have the opportunity to meet and work with the Rescue Centre for Street Children. There will be 11 members of surrounding parishes taking part in the trip.