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St. Patrick's Church
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Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Pentecost Sunday
28th May '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

Julia Christina Curley, daughter of Amanda & Ross, Belvedere Lawn.

Darragh Dónal Dennehy, son of Elaine & Michael, Newlyn Vale.

Tiernan O' hArrachtáin, son of Lisa & Eoghan, Jacob's Island.

NEWS DESK

CONGRATULATIONS to the pupils of St. Columba's Boys School who received their **First Holy Communion** in St. Patrick's Church on Sat 20th.

CORK CITY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2023 - Sunday, June 11th at 3pm.

Participants (groups, families and singles welcome) will gather at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne from 2:30pm. Parking will be available in our local primary schools. At 3pm the Butter Exchange Band will lead the choir in the Procession, as we make our way to the Church of Ss Peter and Paul's, along with many other groups and communities from around our Diocese. Bishop Fintan will preach the homily in Ss Peter and Paul's and our celebration will conclude with Benediction.

NOTICES

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY IN KNOCK - The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place **on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock**. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Cork. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring John Joe: 087 1302763.

PIONEER MASS - The annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will be celebrated by **Fr John Newman PP in St Patrick's Church in Bandon on Friday June 9th at 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. Anyone due for silver, gold or diamond (60 yrs.) pins which will be presented at the Mass please contact your local Pioneer Centre, Teresa Mc Carthy between 10.00am and 12 noon, Aislinn Cogan 087 9699 or Sheila Murphy 087 768 6112. Anyone wishing to join the Pioneers, contact the above. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 29 MAY '23

MON 29th MAY - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children. Mary, present with the disciples at Pentecost, prayed with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth.

WED 31st MAY - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event.

SAT 3rd JUN - ST KEVIN, ABBOT

Kevin grew up in Kilnarnagh in Leinster, where Bishop Lugaid ordained him to the priesthood. He settled as a hermit in remote Glendalough but disciples gathered around him and eventually a monastic settlement grew up. Kevin died in 618.

Like many Celtic saints, Kevin was close to nature and had a great love of animals. When he was a boy, every morning and evening a white cow would come to his parents' house with milk for him, perhaps symbolic of the wisdom, poetry and brightness associated with the boy. But at an early age he wandered off into the Wicklow Mountains and spent time in solitude at first at Hollywood near Blessington and finally in Glendalough. Legend says his place of solitude was revealed when the owner of a cow that strayed into the area discovered that she began to produce great quantities of milk. His three teachers came and took him back to the monastery where he continued his studies.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family. Amen.

"Without the Spirit, Jesus remains a personage from the past; with the Spirit, he is a person alive in our own time. Without the Spirit, Scripture is a dead letter; with the Spirit it is a word of life," he continued. "A Christianity without the Spirit is joyless moralism; with the Spirit, it is life."

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Pentecost Sunday
28 May 2023

Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety? Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

*As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. We inherit this mission today. We live that mission by being a patient, kind, encouraging and compassionate presence wherever we are. The mission also evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving? In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than hold sins against others? **Intercom.***