

**Pentecost Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2016**



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles ([20:16](#)) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians ([16:8](#)). It is the 50th day after [Easter](#) (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the [Passover](#) and celebrated [the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai](#).

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the [gifts of the Spirit](#). The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and [baptized](#) that day. That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with [the descent of the Holy Spirit](#),

Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first [pope](#), was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see [Acts 2:14ff](#)).

**7<sup>th</sup> May/8<sup>th</sup> May**

**For the running of our parish**

Envelope Collection: **€495**  
Standing Orders: **€370**

The above are the ONLY collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so. Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

**Collections for outside the parish**

**Common Fund:** **€595**  
(First collection)  
**Share** **€530**  
(Second Collection)

**ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY**

The Alzheimer's **Tea Day** on Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup> May** went well. Many thanks to all for your support. A total of €438 was raised.

**Justice and Peace Group**

The Justice and Peace Group, in response to a request to organise support for parishioners who are alone, have planned to invite representatives from organisations who can advise us on how best to offer support. The first of these meetings will be held on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. If you are interested in attending these information evenings with a view to volunteering, please give your name and contact details to the Justice and Peace Group members at the door as you leave the church.



**Baptism Dates**

Baptisms on the following  
Sundays at 12.30pm  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 24<sup>th</sup>



Church gate collection last weekend in aid of  
St Vincent de Paul amounted to €838.98. Many thanks for your support.



**Week commencing  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Biggs (RIP)  
Special Intention

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**

Catherine Moffitt (RIP)

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**

Claire Hobbs (RD)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**

Paul Mitchell (RIP)  
Brendan O' Reilly (RIP)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mary English (RIP)

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**

Breda Polly (RIP)

**Vigil 6.30pm**

Pat Haverty (1<sup>st</sup> AN)

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10am** Colm Maloney (AN)

**11.30am** Ray O' Brien (9<sup>th</sup> AN)

Tom Tobin (AN)

Kenneth Smith (15<sup>th</sup> AN)

Margaret O' Brien (AN)

**God's Housekeepers**

We as a parish have a wonderful church. One that we can always be very proud of: a church that is maintained weekly by a group of parishioners who come every Monday morning after the 10am Mass to clean and shine the Lord's house. If you could give a little of your time on a Monday morning to help out it would be very much appreciated.