

Nenagh Parish News

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A Pentocost Homily by Michael McCabe (SMA)

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the climax of the Eastertide season. While it may not be quite accurate to speak of this day as the birthday of the Church, it is certainly the birthday of the Church's mission – the Church as a Spirit-filled community sent out, in the name of the Risen Christ, to proclaim the gospel to all creation. The readings today remind us of three important truths about the Church and its mission: first, that the Church is essentially missionary; second, that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of Mission; and third, that the goal of mission is to create a unity that embraces diversity. A few words on each of these points. The Church is, in the words of The Second Vatican Council, 'missionary by its very nature'. This means that mission is not some extraordinary activity that some members of the Church undertake in addition to normal Church business. Mission is something the Church is, before it is something the Church does. In proclaiming and witnessing to Christ, the Church is expressing its nature as God's pilgrim people. All its members, all those baptised in the Spirit, are called to be missionaries, and not just priests and religious. If the Church ever stopped reaching out to others to witness and proclaim the Gospel of Love, it would cease to be the Church of Christ. In his first Encyclical Letter, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis reminds us that the true Church 'is a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security'. In the words of the great Protestant theologian, Emile Brunner, 'the Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning'. And the fire that burns in the heart of the Church and keeps her alive in mission is the fire of the Holy Spirit, as today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles illustrates. From the dawn of creation, God's Spirit has been present and active in the universe. This is beautifully expressed in the biblical account of creation, which describes the Spirit of God hovering over the waters and bringing order and life out of chaos (Gen 1:1-3). The Spirit, as Pope John Paul II has reminded us in his Apostolic Exhortation, The Mission of the Redeemer, is present everywhere in the world leading and guiding people along the path that leads to God. It is this same Spirit who is the principle agent of the Church's mission. We, the members of the Church, are simply instruments in her hands. When we forget this truth, we risk becoming agents of an enterprise that has little or nothing to do with the promotion of the Gospel. We do not own or control the Spirit who is already present before us, gracing all creatures with his love, in ways unknown to us. The first challenge of missionaries is to attend, to listen, to discern and to collaborate with what God's Spirit is already doing in the world among peoples of all nations and cultures. Mission and dialogue go hand in hand. Catholics have often been accused of paying mere token respect to the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church. So we should ask ourselves: Do we put more trust in our resources

Mass Times
St Mary of the Rosary
Weekend Masses:
Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion | Saturday 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass | 6.15pm
Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm
Weekday Masses
8am | 11am
Adoration | Weekdays 5-7pm
Confessions | Sat after Liturgy
Parish Radio: 106.2FM
St John the Baptist, Tyone
Saturday | 7.30pm
Sunday | 10.30am
Polish Mass | 2nd & 4th Sunday Each Month
| 1pm

This month we honour,

Mary, the Mother of God

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the wonderful young people of our Parish Community who have continued their faith journey during the past few weeks.

Friday 17 May Gaelscoil Communion

We are Blessed and Honoured that you have chosen to be part of our Faith Family.

Bereavement Support Information Talk

Will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 28th May 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information Talk is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends.

Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Talk is Free

and expertise than in the action of God's Spirit in our lives and in the lives of those among whom we work? Do we leave enough room in our various ministries for the Spirit, the 'God of surprises', the God who chooses the weak to confound the strong, the God whose light invariably enters through the cracks in our lives rather than through our successes and achievements? Pope Francis reminds us that 'there is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead letting her enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever she wills' (The Joy of the Gospel, 280). The goal of all mission in God's name is to create a unity that respects and embraces diversity. Pentecost reverses the confusion of Babel (cf. Gen. 11: 1-9). On the day of Pentecost, as the first reading tells us, people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds were gathered together for the Jewish Harvest feast (Shavuot). As they spoke different languages they were unable to communicate with one another. However, they were all able to understand the message of the Spirit-filled apostles. 'Surely, they said, all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own language?' (Acts 2:7-8). The miracle of Pentecost was a miracle of mutual understanding, a restoration of the unity humanity lost at Babel. Today we might ask what gift of the Spirit, what language do we need so that everybody can understand no matter what their ethnic or linguistic background? Yes, there is such a gift, such a language. It is the language of Love – a language sorely needed in our world today, as NEMO, the winner of this year's Eurovision Song contest, reminded us. Love is the language of the Spirit, the one language capable of creating a unity that respects diversity.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer To ...honour the Month of Mary

O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Holy Mary, pray for us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Amen

Accord Marriage Preparation Facilitators

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ... ?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you:

- are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and,
- have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

Diocese of Killaloe - Safeguarding Month

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. The Diocese ensures that all parish staff/volunteers who have a role with children and or vulnerable adults are garda vetted every 3 years. This includes all priests, parish safeguarding representatives, Eucharistic Ministers that take communion to the sick, leader/helpers involved in parish activities with children and vulnerable adults. To view our garda vetting policy and who needs to be vetted. Visit www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding to find out more.

Collection Box St Mary of the Rosary

For security reasons we have had to remove the brown collection box at the back of the right-hand main aisle near the candelabrum. If you used this box in the past, we kindly ask you to place your envelopes or donations in the pouch that is passed around at mass or alternately in the black strong box located just inside the door on the church road side of St Mary of the Rosary. Thanks, as always for your generosity towards the upkeep of our beautiful church and other parish needs.

Nenagh Parish Finance Committee

Parish Envelopes

The new boxes of Envelopes for your parish contribution are now available and in the process of being delivered to all current contributors.

If you do not have a supply of envelopes & wish to use this method please contact the Parish Office, members of the Parish Finance Committee will be available to issue envelopes after Masses on weekend 8-9 June. The weekly envelope is one of the methods by which you can contribute to the running costs of Nenagh Parish.

Other methods include:

- pouch collection at weekend Masses
- on line donations via parish website <https://nenaghparish.ie/>
- Tap to Go Terminal at rear of St Mary of the Rosary Church
- By direct contribution to the Parish Office or any of the priests.

We would like to thank all our parishioners who continue to support. It is greatly appreciated. The 2023 audited accounts will be available in the coming months, and a summary published in the weekly newsletter.

Nenagh Parish Finance Committee

Those We Remember | Sat 18- Sun 26 May

St Mary of the Rosary

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| Sat 18th 6.15pm | Margaret (Peggy) Nagle (MM) Tim Maher (1st A) Michael Mc Carthy (1st A) Billy Shoer & Baby James (As) Bridget Lonergan (1st A) Ger Gavin (A) James Norris (A) Jake O Meara (A) & Michael O Meara & Deceased family Members Dr Tom Fleming (A) Michael Hunt (A) |
| Sun 19th 12noon | Michael Treacy (A) & his son Jimmy Melvyn Shuster (MM) Tom & Lizzie Treacy (As) Seamus McCarthy (A) & his parents Una & Arthur & his Brother in-law Padraic Scahill John & Amy Keevey (As) & deceased family members Chrissie Ryan (A) & deceased family members |
| Sun 19th 6pm | Ger Maher (MM) Mary Theato (MM) John Ryan (A) Bridie Brophy (A) Ian Ryan (A) |
| Tues 21st 11am | Agnes Mc Namara (A) Paddy Butler (A) John Joe O Sullivan & his daughter Sinead (As) Bridie Hartigan (A) & Thomas McCarthy |
| Wed 22nd 11am | St John the Baptist Jim Sheehan (A) Margaret Hayes (A) Maura & Jim Lyons & Lily Glynn (As) Trudy Rouine (A) Pat Larkin (A) |
| Thur 23rd 11am | Gerard Sherlock (A) |
| Fri 24th 11am | |
| Sat 25th 6.15pm | |
| Sun 26th 12noon | |
| Sun 26th 10.30am | |

Our Faithful Departed

Michael Collins
Margaret O'Dwyer (née McCarthy)
May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

'Readers | 25-26 May 2024

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| 6.15pm | Joan McCarthy |
| 7.30pm | Miriam Toohey |
| 8am | Pat Meagher |
| 10.30am | Margaret Teehan |
| 12noon | Noel Tomlinson |
| 6pm | Martin O'Brien |

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NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,341

Your continued generosity remains greatly appreciated.
Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

Life Lessons

The teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and suddenly turned into a pillar of salt.
'My mother turned back once while she was driving' contributed little Johnny, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'