

FAITH @ Home

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8TH JUNE 2025: PENTECOST



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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

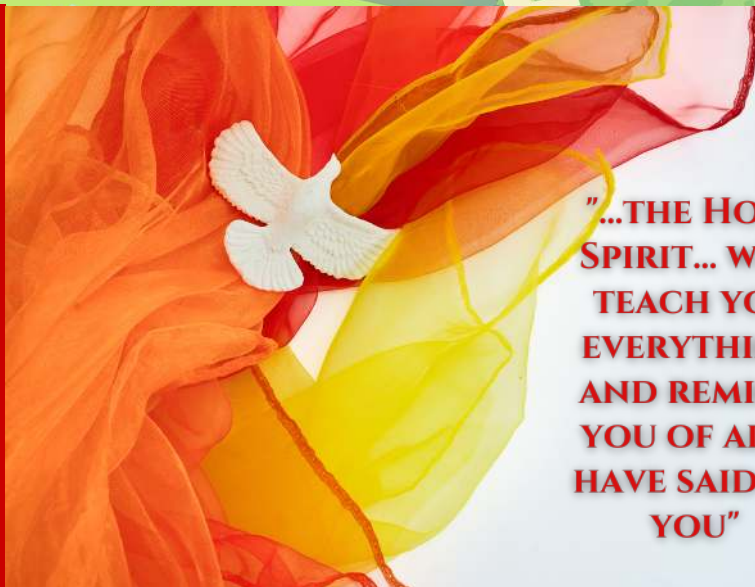
Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-17

Gospel:

John 14:15-16, 23-26



"...THE HOLY SPIRIT... WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING AND REMIND YOU OF ALL I HAVE SAID TO YOU"

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Hear



Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings [online HERE](#).



Pray



In the Gospel and first reading today we hear Jesus speaking about sending the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- Reread those words slowly: *"If you love me you will keep my words."* Reflect in prayer on what that means for your life, for your relationship with Jesus.
- Jesus also promises to send the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate, a Divine Helper to come alongside us. Where do you need the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in your life right now. Bring these situations to the Lord in prayer, and inhaling and exhaling slowly, pray three times, "Come Holy Spirit...."

Family Prayer



Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved Spouse!

Talk



In today's readings we hear about the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles at Pentecost, and how they were filled with courage and joy!

- How do you celebrate birthdays in your family? How do you mark important occasions? Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church! The Church is the family of God, so we should celebrate this too!
- Families don't always get on together, sometimes we have to ask for forgiveness. Jesus spoke about this in the Gospel today. Is there anything you need to ask for forgiveness for in your family today? Saying sorry and trying to make amends is a great way to celebrate the Feastday!
- Why not pray the third glorious mystery for your family: *the Descent of the Holy Spirit!*

Family Challenge!



Celebrate Pentecost as a family! Check out this [article from Aletheia](#) for 8 great ideas to do as a family to celebrate the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost! Print the attached bunting to hang up too!



THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

This reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

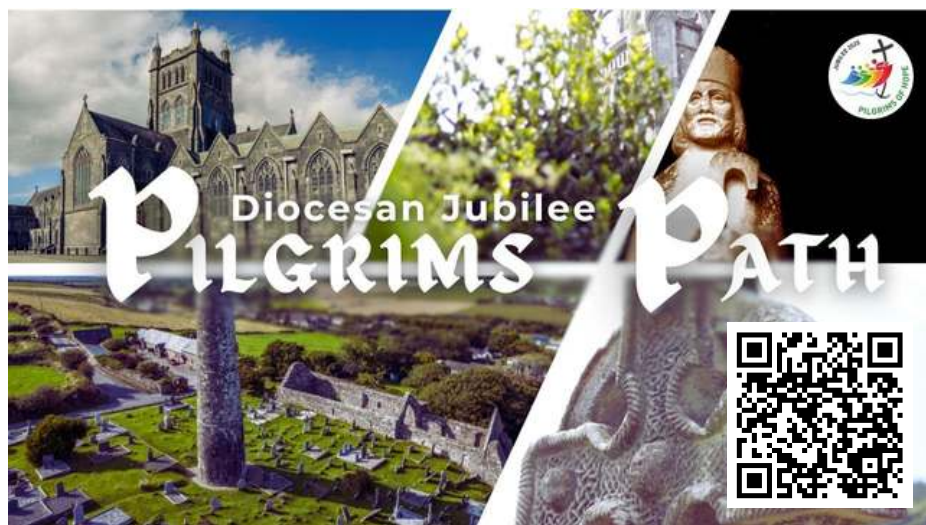
This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.


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DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE JUBILEE PILGRIM'S PATH PASSPORT

Now that the Diocesan Pilgrim Path Passport has been officially launched, take a closer look at the sites chosen by the people of the Diocese for this Jubilee Year!







CARLO'S CORNER

Holy Spirit Courage

What an incredible journey the Apostles were on since Holy Week! Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem, swiftly followed by His arrest, torture and death on the Cross: all seemed hopeless. Then within days, Jesus had risen from the dead and walked among them once more! 40 days of appearances as He continued to teach and strengthen their faith, and then He was gone at the Ascension, promising to send them the Advocate. They gathered fearfully in the Upper Room on the eve of the feast of Pentecost, until they were filled with power from on high and a courage so intense it drove them immediately to the streets of Jerusalem, proclaiming the Good News without any fear of arrest or persecution! This same courage continued to guide their ministry even to a martyr's death for all bar John, who died later in prison. This same courage ensured that the Church was founded, and continues to this day. This same courage is available to all believers through the power of the Holy Spirit. Imagine what your life could be like if you opened your heart fully to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Imagine all those fruits of the Spirit made manifest in your life! Ask the Holy Spirit to come to you and fill you anew!

Choose one of the following to celebrate the Holy Spirit / Pentecost this week:
Intentionally pray the Come Holy Spirit prayer each day. / Wear the colour red to remind you of the Holy Spirit's fire/love. / Find out your baptism/confirmation date and mark them on your calendar to celebrate them! / Celebrate Pentecost & the Church's birthday with cake! / Help to renew the face of the earth: be a witness to your faith in some way!

 Pentecost in 2 Minutes (Busted Halo)

 Consuming Fire (Hillsong)



To the Heights Youth Resource also available



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US WHEN GOD'S HOLY
SPIRIT COMES UPON
US AT BAPTISM?



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