



May, the Month of Mary

This week we shall read continue our story about the miracle of St Bernadette after she died in Nevers;

On April 16 1879, Bernadette died in the convent of Saint Gildard at the age of 35. She had always been frail, even as a child. She suffered with severe asthma and had developed painful cancer. At least 3 times in her life she had received the last Sacraments. A very simple ceremony was held to commemorate her life. In 1909 work began looking into Bernadette's reputation for saintliness, virtue and miracles with a view to canonisation. The next step was the first 'identification of the body'. Her body was exhumed and examined. Her body was almost perfectly preserved. This is not a miracle in itself as bodies decompose in different ways. Her body was exhumed for a second time in 1919. Her body was absolutely intact. In November 1923, the pope pronounced the authenticity of Bernadette's virtues and the path to beatification was open after a third and final identification of her body. The ceremony took place in April 1925, 46 years after Bernadette's death. A group carried Bernadette's coffin from the chapel in the grounds of the convent to the chapel of Saint Helen where she remains to this day.

*A silent voice reaches out to our innermost being from the slight, fragile body which seems to be absorbed in God. Here Bernadette is present. Here Bernadette is praying. Here Bernadette bears witness. Dare we say, in some ways Bernadette lives on. And her messages burst forth as clearly as on the first day; here Bernadette is carrying on day by day in the presence of each pilgrim the work which the Immaculate Conception gave her in the name of God. She reminds us that God is Love and that he never stops calling us to pass from the night of our sin to his wondrous light.*

A PENTECOST REFLECTION OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN



After his resurrection, at the moment in which he returned to his Father, Jesus pours out the Spirit upon his disciples and makes them sharers in his own mission. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out on the first Pentecost Sunday and began to preach the Good News to peoples from all parts of the then known world.

The Spirit enabled the apostles to speak a message which was understandable to all. The Spirit enabled them to teach a message that was relevant and understandable to the lives and the concrete realities of peoples of different backgrounds. The message of Jesus is a universal one, not just in the sense that it has spread right around the world, but above all in that no one, no people is excluded from that message or from the community that Jesus' message constructs. The disciples of Jesus are brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. You cannot be a solo-Christian. Christianity is a faith that demands the building of community. The Church is called, according to the opening words of the Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church, to be "a sign and a sacrament of the unity in Jesus Christ of all human-kind". Wherever Church exists, it must be a sign for all to see of unity and community. We all need community. Community is not just for the few who are naturally gregarious. We need something more than a vague good neighbourliness based on living next-door to each other without enmity or undue friction. We all need real community.

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Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to help his disciples. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' witness who will help all Jesus' friends be his witnesses. We will show people what God is like because we are loving.

The fruits of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is helping these children. We know because we can see the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Fill in the gaps to see what some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit are.

Thank you, Jesus, for sending us the Holy Spirit. Help me to remember that the Holy Spirit is always with me to help and guide me. Amen.

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Good news! Our new Parish Priest has been appointed and will join us in October. Fr John Gilligan. We look forward to welcoming him!



Mass of All Nations—Family Day Sunday 9th June.

Mulhuddart Blessing of the graves— Sunday 16th June

Annual Heritage Parish Pilgrimage. This will take place on Saturday 22nd June to Faughart and St Joseph's Redemptorists Monastery. We will visit St Brigid's Well and the shrine. It is a full day trip departing at 9am, to include prayers, morning coffee and a 3 course dinner on the return. Please come to the office to add your name to the list. The price is €59.99!! Limited availability!



All Ireland Rosary Rally—the Annual Rally will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 1st June. It is an occasion to celebrate with families and friends in our belief in the power of prayer. The day will start at 9.30am in St John's centre. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo will speak at 1pm, and the main Celebrant will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan. Dana will join the choir. Please see www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more information.

Lough Derg trip with Porterstown Parish—5-7 July. Always a wonderful experience! Please contact St Mochta's Parish office or Ellen on 087 966 8356 to book your place.

Meetings in the Pastoral Centre this week:

Baptism—Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm. Meeting for the parents of babies to be baptised in June. Congratulations!  
 PPC Meeting—Thursday 23rd at 7pm

Family Mass



Next Sunday, the last Sunday of May, 26th, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10.30am. All welcome!!

Our Adult Discussion Group will meet on:

Wednesday 22nd May @7pm  
 Topic for discussion this week:  
 We are all part of the common priesthood of the baptised; so why aren't we all priests?  
 Come along to enjoy just one session, or come for all the sessions.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday	Tanya Curley (1st Anniv) Sanela Angel (Intention) Maura Dunne (1st Anniv) Patrick O'Reilly (MM)
Sunday	Tony, Claire & Jane Keating Michael Flanagan John, May & Barry Caren Herbert & Madge Taylor Seán Cusack John Donohoe Jastine Valdez
Monday	David Cashin (MM)
Thursday	Brendan Kinsella (MM)
Friday	Philip, Patrick & Ethel Harte (Anniv)



Confirmation Ceremonies

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Pelletstown Educate Together school who are confirmed this weekend! We also congratulate Karina and Andrea who celebrated adult confirmation at our Saturday vigil mass. We thank our Team and our wonderful florists. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your lives ahead.  
 May your Faith be active and alive.



All welcome to our coffee mornings which continue every Thursday morning after 10am mass. Please come along to meet some old and new friends!

We pray for our recently deceased; Vernon Leahy Ann Harrison Always loved, never forgotten



1st Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of Scoil Bhríde Boys & Girls schools who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. Next Saturday, 25th May, the children from Scoil Oilibhéir and Pelletstown Educate Together will receive their 1st Holy Communion. Great work and preparation has been put in by the pupils and their teachers. May the Lord continue to bless the children, their parents, families and teachers. Thank you to Deacon Michael for preparing the children and to Dolores and Mary for the beautiful flowers in the church!

