



NEWSLETTER

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 12th, 11.30am. Kevin Heffernan MM. Celena Kane. Joe Dennis.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 4th 6pm. Cathy & Kit McKeogh & Ned & Rose & Pat's daughter Caroline.

Saturday 11th, 6pm. Daniel & Brigid Carey.

Sunday 12th, 10am. Seamus & Anne Brennan. Peter & Mary Mulkearns.

Weekday Masses; Tues & Thurs Raharney. Wed & Fri Rathwire.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €504 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €570	Angela Farrell nee Brady. Ballinahown. Late of Riverstown.
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Cemetery Sunday: in Rathwire cemetery on Sunday June 19th at 3pm. There will be no 11.30am Mass in Rathwire on that day.

National Adoration Pilgrimage: in Knock on Sat 18th June. Bus leaves Raharney at 7.30am. to book call Ned 087 6635083/ Shay 0876471501.

Charity shop: at Rathwire church opens Tues, Thurs & Fri 11am – 1pm.

Vincent de Paul: invite new members in the area with the work. For info call 086 0706571

Through Our Daily Lives

When the Spirit came upon the church on the day of Pentecost, the Christian community was endowed with different gifts so that there would be different ministries and different works.

All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit, but that Spirit is manifested in different gifts, ministries, and works.

Our Church is indeed blessed with different gifts.

- We have in our own age seen the wonderful gift of enlightened leadership embodied in Pope Francis.
- We have seen the gift of martyrdom embodied in Archbishop Oscar Romero.
- We have seen the gift of contemplation joined with commitment to justice embodied in Thomas Merton.
- We have seen the gift of commitment to the poor embodied in Dom Helder Camara.
- We have seen the gifts of voluntary poverty and nonviolence embodied in Dorothy Day.

To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

What matters is not the nature of the gift but that through the gift the Spirit is working to renew the face of the earth.

We do not have to be heroes, like the people named above. Through our ordinary daily lives the Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

The laity, dedicated to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvellously called and equipped to produce in themselves ever more abundant fruits of the Spirit. For all their works, prayers, and apostolic endeavours, their ordinary married and family life, their daily labour, their mental and physical relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne—all of these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church,

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.
& St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:**
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer
for vocations and the family.*
Take one Hour with the Lord



Our second reading from Romans and John's Gospel offer a wonderful description of how the Holy Spirit can directly impact on our lives if we allow this to happen.

St Paul is very clear that the Spirit lives in us and this is not to be questioned. We are after all "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" and therefore the implication is that the people of God are considered an inextricable part of this unity. The demand for us believers is to live by the Spirit, to live within the Spirit that has been given to us freely. Arising out of our witness to the Spirit, the Spirit will in turn give us life as it gave life to Jesus in raising him from the dead.

Then John's Gospel presents us with the great promise of Jesus. We no longer should let our hearts be troubled by fear or anxiety for the Spirit has been sent to us by a loving God. The context for Jesus' promise of course is the recognition that there are testing times ahead for this group of followers. But the idea of an interactive relationship between God and his people is a new one. Up to this point, the faith of the people was very much hierarchical in nature. Staring up into the heavens, prayers were spoken and offerings were made. This Spirit of John's Gospel encourages a reciprocal relationship between God and all believers: "love our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father will love you in return." ■

REFLECT

We are very dependent upon electricity, an invisible power which we usually detect by its effects, for example, light, heat and domestic appliances such as washing machines. If our supply of electricity is interrupted, then a sense of crisis or panic can result, especially for people who live in high-rise buildings and depend on lifts for moving around.

We can perhaps use this example when we consider the Holy Spirit on this feast of Pentecost. A light bulb is a somewhat

unimpressive object, made of metal and glass, which can be easily and safely handled. But when it is connected to a source of electricity, it becomes a source of light and heat, which we cannot look at directly or hold in our hand. The Acts of the Apostles shows the disciples going out and preaching directly, full of confidence in their message.

The Scriptures are not simply historical records of what happened a long time ago. They have a lesson for us today. We are being invited today to consider

LEARN

In John's Gospel, the disciples play no active part in the ministry of Jesus.

The word 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'.

The appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection is the occasion when they become apostles.

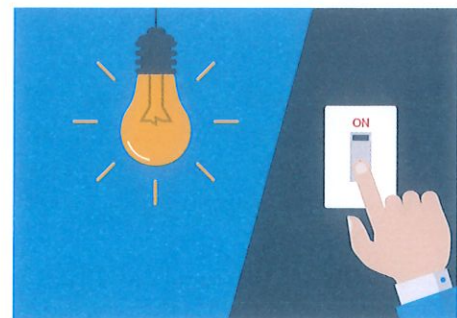
The forgiving of sins in the Fourth Gospel is connected with baptism: the sacrament of Reconciliation is a later development in the church community.

SAY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

DO

Switch on the light or lamp: consider how the bulb is transformed by the electrical current. How might the Holy Spirit transform your life if you truly connect with the Spirit?



how the Holy Spirit may be present and active in our own lives. If we decide to live as disciples of Jesus, we are not left on our own to live up to the values of the Gospel, but Jesus promises us the help and strength of the Holy Spirit. However, we have our part to play in this, it is not something simply automatic: like any electric appliance, we have to plug in to the source of power if we are to function at our full potential. Thus, prayer and the sacraments keep us connected to the Holy Spirit. ■