

**JUNE 2020**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

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*Dear Parishioners and friends of Rathmichael,*

There is a story told of an old Chinese, door to door salesman who would hawk his wares around neighbourhoods and streets day after day. One day a man, who happened to be painting his front door, stood back from his task to observe the old man. Each house that he called at brought the same reply, "No thank you, not today." Eventually he reached the painter's house who kindly engaged him in some conversation. Don't you ever get disheartened or disillusioned by all the "No-s you receive?" he asked. "not at all," replied the street-seller. "Each no leads me one step closer to a yes."

As the days and weeks go by and I think of what night have been and what I would normally be looking forward to, I find myself thinking of that old gentleman and his optimistic view of life. Many of us desire a return to the norms of society that served us reasonably well for most of our lives. That, I regret to say is not just going to happen. In the immediate future however, slowly, some may think too slowly, we will be taking steps towards some kind of new norm, each step bringing us closer to where we want to be. The easing of the current restrictions will mean for some, seeing grandchildren personally again, some even for the first time; for some it will mean a return to their workplace; for others the company of friends and/or relations.

What, I wonder will it mean for those of us intimately connected to church and parish life? Currently church worship and even the idea of opening a church for a short private prayer seems very far down the list of priorities, somewhere below public houses and hairdressers. When it does eventually come will there be pent-up demand for church services or will the opposite happen, that people having gotten used to long, lazy Sunday mornings will wish to continue with them?

What of the services themselves? We have already suffered the angst of restricted funeral arrangements, how will we provide for the many memorial services? Will we be able to return to the number and times of services that were in operation before or will we need to modify these in some way, having regard to social distancing guidelines which are likely to be in place for some time to come. Use of our beloved Prayer Book and hymnal will not be allowed so that is a further change that will need to be taken account of.

Looking ahead a little, as I said last week, what of the special occasions when we would usually expect a "full" church? Harvest thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday, the carol service, Christmas Day, as well as the institution of a new rector? Whilst "church" is all about its people, not just the building, there are times when nothing else will do except the coming together under one roof of those very people.

Whatever happens, this too will pass. We are working in God's time, which does not necessarily match ours. Much good has already come from the crisis, a renewed sense of altruism being one. We have however still some way to go, but if nothing else this crisis has pulled our choke-chain as far as reminding many of us just how lucky we are. The powers that be are working on guidelines for us but in the meantime patience must prevail.

As always thanks to all who look after essential services and to those who are looking after Rathmichael Church and rectory grounds. Your efforts are noted and much appreciated.

Stay well, stay safe, pray safe.

And finally.... The duchess said that if I didn't get off my computer and do some jobs around the house she'll slam my head on the keyboard, but I think she's joking fjre-oiwjrtwe4to8rkljreun8f4ny84c8y4t58lym4wthylmhawt4mylt4amlathnatyn

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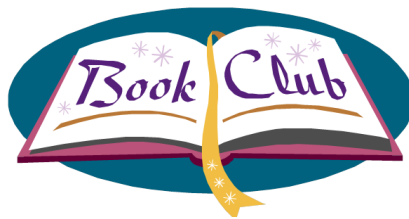
**You are invited to join with us at our services on-line at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday mornings**

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LECTIONARY - JUNE 2020

DATE	11.00 HRS
<p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>7th JUNE 2020</p> <p>White</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20</p>
<p>The FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY</p> <p>14th JUNE 2020</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Psalm 100 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35—10:8, 9-23</p>
<p>The SECOND SUNDAY after TRINITY</p> <p>21st JUNE 2020</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:8-11,18-20 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39</p>
<p>The THIRD SUNDAY after TRINITY</p> <p>28th JUNE 2020</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42</p>

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The book we are reading for June is “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah and the meeting will be a Zoom on the 30th June.

Two books have been chosen for our Summer reading, the meeting and venue to be decided.

The books are “The Guest List” by Lucy Foley and “Britt-Marie Was Here” by Frederik Blackman

*“All shall be well, and all  
shall be well and all  
manner of thing  
shall be well.”*

*Julian of Norwich*

## From our Treasurer

### Parish Finances



Dear parishioners,

I am delighted to say the parish finances benefited from the great response to my plea in last month's Newsletter on the parish's behalf.

On behalf of the Select Vestry I would like to take this opportunity to say 'many, many thanks' for being part of that response.

Please continue to keep well and stay safe.

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**RATHMICHAEL PARISH CHURCH  
STANDING ORDER**

To: The Manager

\_\_\_\_\_ Bank

Please charge to my/our Account and pay to AIB, Cornelscourt, Dublin 18 and Credit of Rathmichael Parish, account details below:-

Account Name: Rathmichael Parish

Account No: 40168005

Sort Code: 93-33-92

BIC: AIBKIE2DXXX

IBAN: IE31AIBK93339240168005

The sum of Euro \_\_\_\_\_

Commencing on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

And on the same day of each succeeding;  
Month/Half Year/Year

Until \_\_\_\_\_(insert date or “until further notice”)

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## Fruit of the Spirt/Gifts of the Holy Spirit

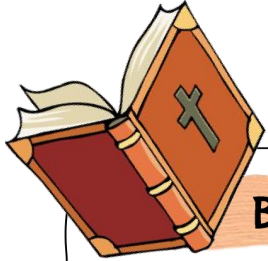
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counsel	faithfulness	fear of the lord	fortitude
gentleness	goodness	joy	kindness
knowledge	love	patience	peace
piety	self-control	understanding	wisdom

HELLO SUNDAY CLUB PEOPLE! Here is something that you and your parents could do to keep you up-to-date with what we would be doing if we could all be in church together. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Debbie

# Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Day of Pentecost



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Pentecost.

You can find it in your Bible in:

### Acts 2 v 1–21

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

## The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Numbers 11:24- 30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Pentecost! Thank you that you did not leave us alone on our mission for you, but that you sent a helper, the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the wonderful gifts of the Spirit which help us to live for you and to share your love with others.

We ask that just like at Pentecost that people today would see your Spirit at work in your church and come to know you.

Amen

## Discussion

A question for adults to ask children  
*What does this story teach us about what the Holy Spirit is like?*

It must have been amazing to experience the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – the arrival is described as a strong wind and the Holy Spirit appeared like flames on people's heads.

The story also tells us a lot about what it is like to be filled with the Holy Spirit and the different gifts that the Holy Spirit can give us. People spoke in many languages, Peter received wisdom and the ability to teach and share clearly. Peter also spoke about the promises that God had made to the prophet Joel – that the Holy Spirit would give people the gifts of prophecy and was available to all kinds of people.

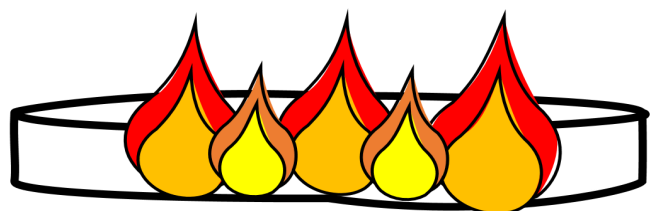
A question for children to ask adults  
*Can you share a time when you had your own experience of the Holy Spirit at work?*

## Family Activity 1

You will need: Card, pens, glue/tape, any craft materials you have around the house.

Create your fire crowns and remember the fire that appeared on the heads of Jesus' friends.

Use anything you have around the house to make them – cereal boxes are ideal to make your crowns and any red, orange or yellow paper or packaging could be used for the flames.



# Puzzle Sheet

Draw your own picture of what you think Pentecost might have been like?

How many flames like this one can you find on the page?



Can you use the code to reveal the message?

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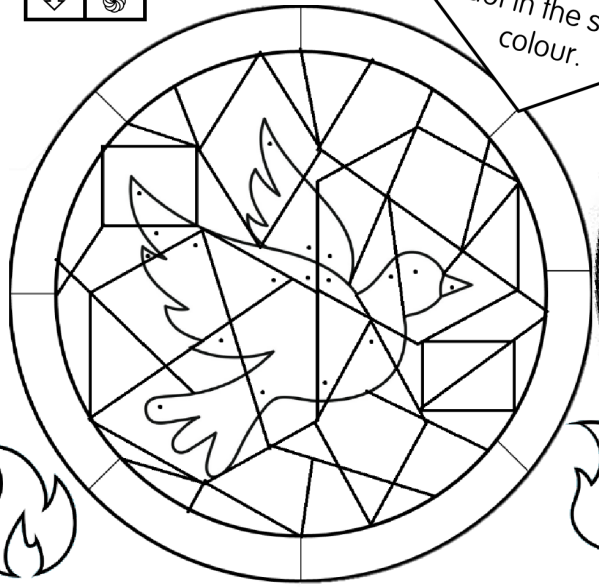
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Can you find all these Pentecost related words in the word search?

Colour the stained-glass window... colour all the shapes with a dot in the same colour.



- wind
  - fire
  - Peter
  - heaven
  - Pentecost
  - Jerusalem
  - Holy Spirit
  - disciples
  - languages
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