

## Parish Information

Dear Faithful,

This week is the feast of the Ascension and then in ten days the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is the second most important feast in the Year and of tremendous importance for our spiritual lives. It is of even great importance at the present time as the recent popes have all seen the need for a “New Pentecost” - a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will lead to a New Evangelisation. As Christians, we need to live our lives with the same principles that fired the early Church Acts 2:42ff:

“ They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

We can prepare for this great feast, the second most important in the year by praying the novena: Come, Holy Spirit..... The origin of the novena, nine days of prayer, started from the custom of praying a novena to the Holy Spirit on the nine days before Pentecost, following Our Lord’s command to his disciples. It is still the only official novena prescribed by the Church. There is no official version given by the Church and there are longer versions on the web but I include one below that can be prayed easily. We should all learn the first section off by heart. Start Friday 22nd May Finish Saturday 30th May

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it: (mention your request). Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. God Bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	17			<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	Pro populo
Monday	18			Easter Feria	Lee Wymark
Tuesday	19			Easter Feria	Souls of the Parish
Wednesday	20			Easter Feria	M.Dallas’ Mum RIP
Thursday	21			THE ASCENSION	T+M Hennessy RIP
Friday	22			Easter Feria	P.Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday	23			Easter Feria	
Sunday	24			<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	Pro Populo

