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Pentecost

"Send forth your Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth".

This Feast of Pentecost is often seen as the Birthday of the Church. This was the occasion when the Apostles were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and began the task that Jesus had given to them. They went out and proclaimed the Gospel fearlessly inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit within them.

The task begun on that day must continue through each age. Pope John XXIII when he called for the aggiornamento in the Church asked us to pray for "a new Pentecost". Pope Paul VI said "the primary need of the Church is to live out Pentecost at all times".

The celebration then of Pentecost is not just remembering as at a birthday, it is not just a celebration of a past event, it is a call to renewal through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is an encouragement to us to draw on the Holy Spirit living in us through baptism, through Confirmation and through the constant call to live by the Gospel and to witness to the Gospel.



Fulfill your promise, God of kindness, and send the Holy Spirit upon us to make us witnesses before the world of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Sunday 22nd June. The Annual Procession will take place after the 11.30 Mass.

Adoration.

The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for adoration from after the Procession until the Evening Devotions at 8.00 p.m. Representatives of each townland will spend time in the Church with the Lord during the day. The list will be on the church notice boards.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Reverend Cian O'Sullivan is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 21st June by Bishop Buckley in St. Patrick's Church , Bandon.

He is serving as a Deacon in Our Lady Crowned Parish in Mayfield.

Reverend Stella Mikhail is due to be ordained priest on Tuesday 24th June in St. Peters Church Bandon.

Let us remember both of them in our prayers.

Kilbrittain Community Alert

There is a meeting of the Community Alert on Wednesday 11th June at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This is a familiarisation meeting. We are all part of Community Alert.

Representatives from each area of the Parish are asked to come and to give a idea of their area. In this way a profile of the parish can be built up and people can be made aware of the needs around and can be alert in responding.

Officers and committee members have been elected so there will be no commitment arising from coming to the meeting.

Our local Garda, John McCarthy, and Pat O'Leary, the Community Development Officer from Bandon, will be at the meeting.

Food for Thought

More people die in the United States of too much food than of too little food.

J. K. Galbraith

The Lord never spoke of success. He spoke only of faithfulness in love. That is the only success that really counts.

Mother Teresa