



PENTECOST SUNDAY

***"As the Father sent me, so
am I sending you."***

Some of you may have visited Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Clontarf. In the prayer room, there are some beautiful stained glass windows by the renowned artist, Evie Hone. One of them is entitled "Pentecost". The Manresa website explains that: *"The window shows the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The lower section depicts the ministry of the Apostles after Pentecost as they attended to the care and healing of the sick."* The fact that Our Lady is depicted right in the centre of the apostles with her hands raised in prayer as the Holy Spirit descends on them is really significant. The mother of Jesus remained with the apostles after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Now, she is also present at Pentecost. It can be said that, through her prayers and patience, she encouraged that Apostles to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This time has been described as the first Church retreat as the apostles prayed and reflected on their future mission in the Church. Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season when we commemorate the gift of the Holy Spirit. In our reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that *"the apostles all met in one room when they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire."* Saint Paul tells us that: *"there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit, there are all sort of service to be done to always to the same Lord."* We can be sure that God will always have work for us to do. Our Gospel today is from St John. In this reading, the arrival of the Holy Spirit is linked to going out on mission. Jesus says to his apostles: *"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."* In other words, the gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we can reach out to others in the different circumstances of our lives. The Feast of Pentecost is a good time for us to reflect on our own mission and ministry as we all have one, through the priesthood we received at our baptism. It may be a ministry of prayer, a ministry of welcome, a ministry of assisting others, a ministry of service to the poor, a ministry of music or a ministry on the altar assisting with the liturgy. Just as the apostles did not know what the call of Jesus would mean in their lives, so it is for us as

Jesus's plans for us may only become gradually clearer over time. As Saint John Henry Newman wrote: *"Lead kindly light, Lead gently on, I do not ask to see the distant scene one step is enough"* Speaking at Pentecost last year, Pope Leo said *"may the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns."* May we call reflect on these challenges as we plan and re-imagine a new way to be church. Let us especially remember today the familiar prayer: *"Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us."*
Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund	€820
Share	€865
Sincere thanks for your support last week	

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Brian Webberley, Strand Road
Bobbie Beckett, Wendell Avenue

Saturday, 23rd May 6.30pm
Joseph McGee [7th A]; Elizabeth Burke,[A];
James Connell,[A]; Jimmy Ennis,[Bth Rem].

Sunday, 24th May 10.30a.m.
Teddy & Nellie Slattery,[A]; Bridie Forde, [A].

Sunday, 12 noon
Vincent Clancy,[4th A]; Bridie Forde[A];
Martin Keating,[2nd A]; Kay Ryan,[1st A]
Tilda Haran & PJ Haran,[21st A]

ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 29th January 2026
Rosary 7.10p.m. : Mass 7.30p.m.



* **"Bring Flowers of the rarest"** Thank you to parishioners have brought flowers from your gardens and elsewhere since the beginning of the month. Please continue for the remainder of May by leaving blooms at Our Lady's shrine in the Church, our 'May Altar'. Thanks also to our Florists who arrange and maintain the displays so beautifully.

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 17th - 25th May 2026

for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin

Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence as we pray,
reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother, wrap your mantle of
gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son, as we breathe
in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary, you stood at the foot of the Cross,
broken-hearted. You witnessed the joy of the
resurrection and the wonder of Pentecost. You walked
great distances in your time. Be with us now on our
Synodal Journey, Building Hope.

Beloved Mother, open our hearts generously to
our baptismal calling. Encourage us into ever deepening
communion with your Son, with each other, with
those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair, hold us close to you as we
embrace God's loving invitation to wholeness,
healing and peace. Amen.

THANK YOU



To all Choirs and Musicians
who participated in the
Concert in St. Anne's
Church on Sunday 17th May,
and to those who attended
and generously donated to
the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
2026. The amount of € 3,815 was collected,
and we are so grateful for your support.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ST MARNOCK'S NS

Congratulations and every good
wish and blessing to the children
of 2nd Class, St. Marnock's JNS, who celebrated their
First Holy Communion with their Families on
Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. It was wonderful to
be with the Families and School Community as we
marked this very special time in the children's
progression in the Faith. We look forward to the
continued participation of the children and Families
in Mass throughout the year ahead and particularly
at the 10.30 Family Mass on Sundays.

FOR STUDENTS SITTING SUMMER EXAMS

STUDENT MASS Night

Exams preparation
Prayer and social connection

Come take a break, connect and pray
before your exams in a warm and
joyful evening.

- STUDENTS MASS**
A friendly and warm Mass
for students.
- CONNECT**
Time to pray and support
each other. Bring a friend.
- PRAYER FOR EXAMS**
Bring your intentions.
- RELICS OF
ST. CARLO ACUTIS**
Will be present for prayer
and intercession.

**SATURDAY
30TH MAY 2026**

**ST. ANNE PARISH
PORTMARNOCK**

6:30PM

Building hope

Do not be afraid.
God never leaves you alone.
— ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Blessing with the First-Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis
Available after Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARNOCK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

who won First Prize in
Waltons RTÉ Lyric fm Music for Schools Competition
in the National Concert Hall on Monday last. They
received a Trophy and a €2,000 Waltons voucher. 6
Primary school finalists and 6 Post Primary school
finalists from all over Ireland were represented in the
competition.

ALZHEIMER'S COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday, 14th May, the Coffee Morning hosted
by the *Afternoon Club*, was a great success.
€1600.00 was raised and all monies donated to
Cairdeas Day Care Centre Raheny ,
co-ordinated by Maeve Quigley.