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Gospel.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Last Sunday, we were told that all the faithful are to participate through their baptism in the mission of Christ. All are sent out to be priests, prophets and kings. That's what Jesus did in his public ministry. So that's what we must do.

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, reminds us that when we speak God's truth, look out! Someone is going to resent us. Jeremiah quickly found that out! Even his close friends were watching for him to stumble.

The Gospel encourages us in our commission to speak in God's name: "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

a. *Describe experiences you've had, whether good or not so good, of standing up for your faith.*

b. *What word or phrase from the readings will you carry with you this week?*

The Communion Procession at Mass (Something to think about).

The Communion procession is far more than a practical necessity. It is a sacred movement – a visible expression of the Christian life. We are not just joining a line... We are joining a people on the way.

A people called by Christ.

A people united in faith.

A people moving step by step, towards Heaven.

THINK ABOUT IT.

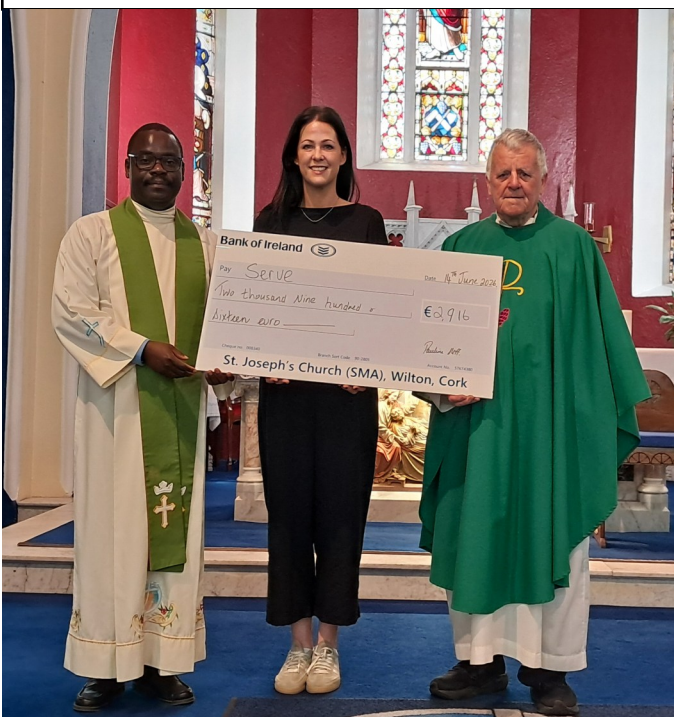
Children's Room in Church.

We have installed a new television in Room 9, beside the sacristy, which enables parents with young children to view the Mass on weekends. If parents feel their children might be causing a disturbance in the church, we encourage them to make use of this facility.

Supporting SERVE - Parish Charity.

On Sunday last, a cheque for €2,500 was presented to **SERVE**, the proceeds of a recent parish charity. The cheque was collected by a young, local teacher who is about to give two weeks of her summer holidays to work on a project in the Philippines. She had to raise the funds for herself. What we have given to the charity, €2,500, will help in the administration of the charity. This will be her second trip in support of **SERVE**. Great to see young people being so positive in their support of such causes. Supporting young people like this is a very positive statement by our parish.

Thank you to all who supported.



New Monthly Charity.

This is our first request to assist a charity in South America. We have been contacted by a Cork Sister of the Little Sisters of Assumption who in her youth worked in South America and supported various charities there. The Rev. Sister, now in retirement, still has a desire to help these struggling charities and is reaching out for our support.

There are leaflets around the church giving some idea of the various charities being supported. Let's see what we can do to help!

Farewell for an Irish SMA Missionary.

Scan the QR code to watch a video of a departure ceremony of one of the few remaining Irish SMA missionaries from Africa. Fr. Martin O'Farrell from Cork, is departing Zambia after spending 50 years working in Africa. It's interesting to see how the local people acknowledge the work and the time Fr. Martin spent with them.



Books for Sale.

At the back of the church are many interesting books on sale for just €2 each... I came across a lovely small book containing "**My best advice!**" A compilation of advice from 100 famous Irish people.

LARRY GOGAN - BROADCASTER

My father died when I was very young and my mother reared eight of us.

She gave us two pieces of advice.

First: Always treat everyone as an equal, never look down on anyone.

Second: Never speak badly about anyone.

In other words, if you can't say anything good about someone, don't say anything.

I've always tried to live by this advice.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father
have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Day of Prayer for the Church in China

The coming of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God for all peoples. The feast today is both a gift and a call: a call to be the ones who make the Holy Spirit present among God's people everywhere.

to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 103.

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

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

A reading from 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make

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one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**



GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,



All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen

✠ LITURGY OF EUCHARIST ✠

Pray, brothers and sisters,

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by
your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us
more abundantly the hidden mystery of this
sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon
your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace
you have given, that the gift of the Holy
Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its
force and that this spiritual food may gain
her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Go in peace, Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.