

Pentecost Sunday 9th June 2019



MASSSES:

Saturday Vigil 7.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am (Irish),
10.00am (Family), 11.15am,
12.30pm, 6.00pm

Come , Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

COLLECTIONS

The figures for last Sunday's Offertory and Share Collections are not available. They will be announced next weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

After all Masses this Sunday in support of the local conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Mc Grath**, Westpark and **John Morgan**, Bancroft Road, whose funerals were form this church during the week.

CHAT & CRAFT GROUP

Meeting of the *Chat & Craft Group* in the

Aula Tertia of the Priory this Tuesday, 11th June, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

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St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Pentecost Sunday (C) , 9th JUNE 2019

NOT JUST MORALS AND ETHICS, BUT GOD'S WORD

Two verses [15 and 23] in Pentecost Sunday Gospel tell us: [15] *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"*. [16] *"And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever."* The Holy Spirit will come upon you with his power to give you the strength to observe the commandments and live the Christian life.

The next similar verse begins with an identical meaning:²[23] *"If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* "Word" takes the place of "commandments" with the added reward that Father and Son will make that person their home.

Most people, perhaps the majority, when asked if they will go to heaven when they die answer with a confident "Yes [because] I keep his commandments." Pope Francis often warns against the danger of reducing faith to "morals and ethics". It is not enough, he says, to just respect the Commandments and do "nothing more". He explains that the Christian life "is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ." And it is thanks to the Holy Spirit that this encounter takes place:

Clearly it is not sufficient to live only according to morals but one must be a follower of God's word. The Pope urged believers to allow themselves to be propelled by the



Holy Spirit whom, he said, "makes us Christians".

The Holy Father issued a warning: "For many Christians the Holy Spirit is a stranger. Many who believe in Jesus do not know the Holy Spirit." He listed some of the works of the Holy Spirit works in the Church and in our hearts and much more such as moving us to praise God and pray to him, he is our teacher of the truths of faith and recalls these truths to our memories as the Gospels tell us.

Pope Francis urged all faithful to reflect that the Holy Spirit lives in their hearts. He is the Spirit of Love, Power, Peace, the Paraclete, Counselor and Advocate

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan at
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