

## Thought for the week



### Pentecost Triduum of Prayer

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin invites you to a Triduum of Prayer that is taking place across the Diocese. Households across the diocese are invited to dress their front doors with red ribbons for Pentecost Sunday.

An image of a dove can be downloaded and added to the ribbons also. If you have a windchime in your garden you may like to add it to the decoration or place it near your door. Once more, people are invited to send their photos on Pentecost Sunday into the kandle.ie Facebook page.

Beginning on Wednesday 27th May, these three nights of prayer will lead us through what it means to live the true meaning of Pentecost during the time that we find ourselves in.

Entitled Faith, Hope and Love: Living Pentecost Today, each night will take on one of these acts and through the mediums of song, word and prayer we will explore them in the context of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the current pandemic.

The Triduum of prayer leads us to join with Bishop Denis on 30th May as he celebrates the Vigil Mass of Pentecost in Carlow Cathedral and celebrate the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Please visit: <https://www.kandle.ie/pentecost-triduum-of-prayer/>

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



Pentecost – 31<sup>st</sup>. May

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### Bursting with Joy.

Have you ever seen the film *the Greatest Showman*, that came out a couple of years ago? Its soundtrack boasts a number of musical gems, from fun, catchy numbers to more rousing and powerful ballads. I was struck by a video I saw online of a read through session before filming began. The film's star Hugh Jackman, had recently had surgery on his nose and was under strict medical orders not to sing. So instead, the director instructs him to stand in the right place, and act and gesticulate at all the appropriate moments. However, during the final song, he can't stand it anymore. The music seems to take hold of him, and he bursts into song. The atmosphere in the room changes immediately, with musicians and singer joyfully joining in. It's a powerful moment, and the video is well worth a watch. The name of the song is: 'From Now On' and in the film it marks a major transformation for Jackman's character. When the scales fall from his eyes, he sees clearly the changes he needs to make to live a better life. I like to think that magical moments such as this capture something of what the apostles must have experienced at Pentecost. The powerful wind, the tongues of fire, the palpable and overwhelming presence of God stir something in the apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they are unable to hold in their joy and enthusiasm. How are we moved by the spirit?

Bishop Denis has a message for those who are still waiting to celebrate Confirmation and for those who had been confirmed before COVID19 made its presence felt. You can watch the video on the Diocesan website. Teachers will be in touch with the girls and boys in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes to send them some simple things to work on at home.

After the very successful May Altar Campaign we are asking children to take photos of their decorated Front Doors and send them to the Kandle Facebook page, to your school or parish. There will shortly be a video of all the May Altars that we received and you will be able to see it as soon as it is ready.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.; Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass for those who are buried in Liscolman cemetery at 8.00 in Ballyconnell Church via our webcam.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound.

## Contribution to Parish

I would like to thank most sincerely all those who, since our churches closed for health reasons, have supported the parish financially. As you can imagine with no public masses that income is down significantly.

If you wish to support financially your Parish you have 3 options:

1. By Bank transfer directly to our Parish account: Details of our Parish account: Clonmore Parish Current Account: IBAN: IE11 AIBK 9333 2511 2880 65. BIC: AIBKIE2D.
2. You can drop your envelopes into the Parish office on a Friday.
3. You can go to the Diocesan Website ([kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)) and you will find a link to donate to Clonmore Parish.

If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank please put your name and address in the reference box.

**AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## *Well, Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore."*

It happened in Galveston, Texas. A woman was cleaning the bottom of the cage of her parrot Chippie with the canister vacuum cleaner. She was not using an attachment on the tube. When the telephone rang, she turned her head to pick it up, continuing to vacuum the cage as she said, "Hello," into the phone. Then she heard the horrible noise of Chippie being sucked into the vacuum. Immediately she put down the phone, ripped open the vacuum bag, and found Chippie in there, stunned but still alive. Since the bird was covered with dust and dirt, she grabbed it, ran it into the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held the bird under the water to clean it off. When she finished that, she saw the hair dryer on the bathroom sink. She turned it on and held the bird in front of the blast of hot air to dry him off. A few weeks later, a reporter from the newspaper that originally published the story went out to the house to ask the woman, "How's Chippie doing now?" She said, "He just sort of sits and stares." Today's Gospel tells us that it was what happened to the apostles. They all were traumatized by the arrest and crucifixion of their master and bewildered by his post-Resurrection appearances and his command to prepare for the coming of his Holy Spirit. Many of us can identify with Chippie and the apostles. Life has sucked us up, thrown cold water on us, and blown us away. Some-where in the trauma, we have lost our song. Hence, we, too, need the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit to keep us singing songs of Christian witnessing through love. Reaching out where we can to help others in the strange times we live in, to make that phone call, to skype to let others know that no matter what we are there for them.

*Vatican News.*



Great News: We have our webcam installed in Ballyconnell Church. To view our webcam, go to our website [clonmoreparish.ie](http://clonmoreparish.ie) and follow the link to our webcam. We will have mass on a Sunday morning at 10.30 and weekday masses on Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30. If you would like anniversaries to be prayed for and remembered at our Sunday masses, drop them into the Parish centre on Friday morning.