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## Newsletter 21 May 2021

**Hello again. We celebrated the feast of the Ascension last week, and now we come to Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, and their subsequent empowerment to go out and spread the Good News. The Church was born. So Happy Birthday to everyone, and may our birthday present be an outpouring of the Spirit once more, this time on all of us, to renew our enthusiasm and inspire us to live our faith with increased fervour. What is it particularly that would make a useful birthday present for you? What could God give to your family, your friends, our parish, our country? "...I chose you, and I commissioned you to bear fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you *anything you ask him in my name.*"**

It would be fitting if we could have made Pentecost Sunday a new start without restrictive Covid rules. It was in the middle of March *last year* when we suddenly had to close our church. We didn't open up again till August, but only after careful thought and planning. Our Bishop suggests ways of getting back to normal, but again refuses to put any pressure on us or make deadlines. There is some confusion about the future. A key phrase keeps cropping up and I'm thinking of offering a prize to anyone who knows what it means. "At all times observe social distancing at 2 metres or 1 metre+!" Even the Prime Minister said it one day. It makes a difference when you are measuring for the number of seats in church. The only definite and welcome change is that we can have baptism for babies and thirty people can attend. So please watch this space and be patient.

*Last Sunday at Mass I asked for prayers after hearing the sad news of the death of Marie White, of Turnberry Close. She had been a key worker in this parish for years, counting your money and playing the harmonium at mass and chauffeuring Fr O'Neill and generally being an enormous help to all the priests including myself. There will be some delay before her funeral. On Thursday I conducted the service for Rita Wilkinson of Richmond Close. May they rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to their husbands and family.*

I have offered Mass for special intentions JK and AS, and for the repose of the souls of Mike Clayton. Kathleen O'Hare, and Christopher Wallina.

For the time being you are asked to keep on booking in for weekend Mass – 5.45pm on Saturday evening, and 9.00 and 10.30 on Sunday morning. Just one tiny complaint. Someone anonymously pushed through my letter box a stack of coppers for Mary's Meals.

This is a fine organisation that daily provides 1.8 million meals worldwide for hungry children. I decided to count the money. It came to £5.34! My bank doesn't take coins, or at least they won't count it, and I had to queue for 20 minutes outside before they told me that. They have a machine that you throw the coins in, and receive a chitty to deposit the amount with a cashier. More queueing! Please take coins to the machine in Morrisons and get them changed for notes, and then send it to Scotland yourself. I am your servant, but do have other things to do!

God bless you all. **Fr Tony Elder**