CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS UPDATE:

Recently we informed you that First Holy Communion ceremonies are deferred until September and that all Confirmation ceremonies are deferred until the 12th June, at the earliest, subject to Government advice.

Last week the Government issued updated advice stating that First Holy Communion and Confirmation "should not take place during May and June". (www.gov.ie)

With First Holy Communion deferred until September we had hoped to hold Confirmations from the 12th June. Unfortunately Confirmations cannot now take place in June. The Government states "Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so".

Parishes may hold Confirmation ceremonies when the Government advice is that it is safe to do so; this may mean July or August or later. We appreciate that dates have been agreed with our schools and this will be disappointing for those who have been preparing for Confirmation.

We express our gratitude for all the work carried out in preparing students for the sacraments by the teachers in our schools and we thank them for their patience and support in these uncertain times.

PENTECOST

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings. Today the hidden fountain flows and plays. Today the church draws breath at last and sings, As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water, poured out and breathed and kindled into earth. The earth herself awakens to her maker and is transformed out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order, and every word spells freedom and release.

Today the gospel crosses every border.

All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.

Today the lost are found in his translation whose mother-tongue is love, in every nation.

PENTECOST SUNDAY PRIEST ON DUTY: FR.SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620118

MASS FOR SATURDAY 22nd & SUNDAY 23rd MAY

ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm: Sunday 9am: 10.30am: 12noon:

GOWEL Friday 21st May 7pm: Catherine & James McWeeney (Anniv)

MASSES FROM MONDAY 24th MAY TO SATURDAY 29th MAY

Monday 8pm:

Tuesday 10am: Michael & Claire Mason (Anniv)

Wednesday 10am: Private Intention

Thursday 10am: Oliver Burke & his parents Tom & Eileen (Anniv)

Friday 8pm: Kathleen Glancy (Anniv)

Saturday 10am:

LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm: GOWEL Friday 7pm:

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 22nd & SUNDAY 23rd MAY

St.Mary's 9am:

10.30am:

12noon: Máire McGuinness (3rd Anniv)

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Christian Community Hannah O'Rourke, Willow Flanagan, Eliza Rose Conway Russell and Micah Glancy Vlasceany, who were baptised last weekend.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NCBI: We have opened our doors since Monday May 17th and would like to let the community know donations are welcome. We accept clean clothing, bric a brac, accessories, shoes, linen and handbags. We can only accept new duvets and toys in their original packaging due to health guidelines. No electronics or furniture. We're also seeking volunteers for summer. We've applications available at the shop and there's an induction process. We've safety procedures in place. Our business hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm. If you have any questions called Lola the shop manager at 087 711 4629. Thanks for your help! Have a lovely weekend.