



We celebrate the feast of the Venerable Bede on 25 May. He is one of the lesser known of the thirty-three Doctors of the Church. This title was given to certain ecclesiastical writers on account of the great advantage the whole Church has derived from their doctrine. His major work was *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. It took him thirty years to complete, and it is a mixture of history and hagiography (stories of the saints). However, he has made a contribution to our lives which still lives on although his part in it is forgotten.

For hundreds of years, well into the early middle ages the term *Ab Urbe Condita* (AUC) was used in dating documents etc – the term means from the foundation of the city (Rome). The present BC/AD terminology was invented mid 500 AD. but the system lay relatively unused for two hundred years until Bede started to popularize it. Soon it spread to Europe and was taken up by the Holy Roman

Emperor Charlemagne and later by the Popes.

Born in 672 in Jarrow, Northumberland, Bede was entrusted to the care of the abbot Benedict Biscop at the monastery of St. Peter in Wearmouth, near Sunderland in north-eastern England. In 685 he moved to a new monastery in Jarrow until his death in 735, devoting himself to the study of the scriptures and to the writing of history with which he became more famous.

Bede never moved any further than a fifty-mile radius from his monastery. He was much loved and revered by his own community which kept vigil during his final illness. He himself continued to pray and work right up to the last moment. He died in 735.

It wasn't until 1899 that Pope Leo XIII canonised him and gave him the title 'Doctor of the Church'.

Pope Benedict XIV said of him: 'he made an effective contribution to building a Christian Europe in which the various peoples and cultures amalgamated with one another, thereby giving them a single physiognomy, inspired by the Christian faith'.

### Saints of the Week

Mon 24	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Tues 25	St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin
Tues 25	St Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church	Wed 26	St Philip Neri, priest
	St Gregory VII, pope	Thurs 27	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
		Sat 29	St Paul VI, pope

"The testimony of deeds is more likely to be believed than the testimony of words."

St John Chrysostom



FOXROCK PARISH  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23 May 2021 PENTECOST SUNDAY



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 6pm Vigil:-

Jimmy Flynn Months Mind  
Paddy Mc Mahon 5th Anniversary  
Richard Nolan Anniversary

#### 11.30 am Sunday:-

Liam Seymour Anniversary  
Pauline & Louis O' Sullivan  
Thanksgiving

#### Other intentions

#### Recently Deceased:-

Kevin Murphy

#### Anniversaries:-

Deceased Members of the Mc Cawley Family

Ken Duncan

#### Birthday Remembrance:-

Viv Kelly



**May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday**

The Spirit will guide.

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at

Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

*Intercom Deepend*

*'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.'*

*(Mark Patrick Hederman)*



***Congratulations to  
Sinead Godson  
And  
Liam Ruane  
recently married in  
our Church***



**Recently deceased**  
Tomás Ó Cléirigh (Thomas Cleary)  
Margaret Quinn  
Evelyn(Eve) Murphy  
**May they rest in peace**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING**

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.  
(Acts 2:1-11)

**PSALM**

Bless the Lord my soul!  
Lord God how great you are  
(Ps 103:1-2.24.27-30.35)

**SECOND READING**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit  
(Gal 5:16-25)

**GOSPEL**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
When the Advocate comes whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.  
(Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

**ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021**

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union.

The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. To **Register visit** – [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)



**INTERDIOCESAN RETREAT - ARDS FRIARY RETREAT CENTRE**

We are pleased to advise that due to the easing of restrictions in June we are able to schedule the Interdiocesan Retreat this year from Sunday, 20th to Thursday, 24 June. Kindly let us know if you would like to join the retreat, call Ards Friary Retreat Office on 074 913 8909. It would be helpful to our catering staff if you could advise of any special dietary requirements that you may have at the time of booking.