



**Send forth your Spirit O Lord And renew the face of the earth**

**Pentecost Sunday  
28th May 2023**

### **PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. In an instant a group of frightened disciples were empowered to go out and proclaim God's amazing dream for the world - the Good News of Jesus Christ!

When we read about Pentecost and the birth of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, we find inspiration for where we are as a Church here in Ireland today. We know that we have come to a fork in the road. We can't keep going the way we were, we have to head out on a new pathway.

In Down & Connor the Pathways to the Future project is charting the next steps on this journey. We have to be realistic - change is inevitable. There will be new ways of working in our parishes and communities. But this isn't something to be afraid of. God still has a dream for our Church. He wants us to be filled with the Spirit and willing to go out and share the Gospel with others. He wants us to be generous, loving and inclusive, welcoming everyone into his family. And he wants us to be confident that each of us - lay women and men, clergy and religious - has a part to play in renewing our parishes, the diocese and building up the Kingdom of God To find out more we encourage you to read Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter available on [www.pathwaystothefuture.org](http://www.pathwaystothefuture.org)

Prayer of the Faithful (Pathways to the Future and Laudato Si' week)

For our diocese, that filled with the Holy Spirit we will have the courage to set out on the pathway that God wants us to follow.

For the earth, the common home which we all share. May each of us undertake our responsibility to care for and steward the earth ensuring that the earth's resources are used sustainably for the good of all.

### **Pathways to the Future Prayer**

**God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the**

**work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.**

**We ask this in your Holy Name. AMEN**

**WEEKDAY MASS: No mass on Monday & Tuesday  
Wednesday Thursday Mass 10am  
Friday 7.30pm**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collections  
**LOURDES HOSPITALITE FUND** A door collection to help defray the cost of sending the sick on this year's Down & Connor pilgrimage will be taken up today at both Masses.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY: 4th June at 4.00pm. Missalettes and Holy Water bottles will be provided. A retiring collection for the upkeep of both cemeteries will be taken up following the service.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Monica Mitchell, Kevin Graham, Paddy Murray, Mary Quinn, Ciaran Fyfe, Peter McGlynn, Teresa Butler, Margaret Maguire.

**DECEASED**

Fergus McManus, Australia