



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response to the Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 **SEQUENCE**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates that great event, when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God and created from the many languages one united voice to profess the true faith in God. Pentecost shows us that, as the mission of Jesus was universal, so the membership of God's holy Church is universal. Christ is much more than 'my personal Saviour' because His mission transcends a merely individual relationship. His mission is to all peoples of the earth.

It is our task to carry on the work of the Holy Spirit in God's holy church. Jesus is living in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation and it is encouraging us to do good works for the life of the Church. In the second reading today it says: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them."

This means that our God given talents are to be used for the building up of the body of Christ, the Church. God does not give us gifts just for ourselves. To each person a different gift is given. We must discover what our abilities are and use them for the glory of God and for our own happiness. If we use the gifts that God the Holy Spirit gives us, we will develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit and these fruits are; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Let us earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit will animate us do things, great or small, for God's holy Church and for the world. Let us say repeatedly the Church's prayer, "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth."

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Pentecost Sunday

Week commencing Sunday 28th May 2023

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Masses

Sat 27 th May	5.00pm	PENTECOST	Peter Stonor
Sun 28 th May	10.30am	PENTECOST	People of the Parish
Mon 29 th May			
Tues 30 th May			
Wed 31 st May		Visitation of our Lady (F)	
Thur 1 st June			
Fri 2 nd June			
Sat 3 rd June	5.00pm	HOLY TRINITY	Private Intention (AF)
Sun 4 th June	10.30am	HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: ,

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

Information

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass this week. There will be a small table top sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Church Cleaning

We currently need another two people to volunteer for our church cleaning rota. Cleaning will only take place every other week so you will not be needed any more than once every six weeks or so. Please see either Fr. Benedict or Jane Hall. Thank you.

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