

23rd May 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)



THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE CHURCH

Christ promised his disciples that he would send to them the Spirit of truth, to teach them and to guide them. Today we celebrate the coming of that Holy Spirit, who brings us many good gifts. We pray that we may be open to the power of the Spirit, and that the Spirit will come anew and fill the hearts of the faithful.

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 22	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Paschal Radford RIP
Sun 23	✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY 09.30 Andrew Watts RIP 11.00 Thanksgiving for Ella Rosemonde's Birthday
ORDINARY TIME AFTER EASTER	
Mon 24	<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> 09.30 Dominic Donnelly RIP Rosary
Tue 25	<i>Saint Bede the Venerable</i> 09.30 Michael Lynch RIP Rosary
Wed 26	<i>Saint Philip Neri</i> 09.30 Wellbeing for Mary & Maurice O'Sullivan Rosary
Thu 27	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i> 09.30 Thanksgiving for Sir Charles Chilaka's Birthday Rosary
Fri 28	09.30 Patrick Glynn RIP Exposition
Sat 29	09.30 People of the Parish 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Dominic Donnelly RIP
Sun 30	✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 09.30 Michael Cleary RIP 11.00 Satasha Lewis RIP

Spiritual Thought

Something to think and pray about this week. Life can occur to us as an uncomfortable journey. We can even feel lost at times. In these times, it isn't so much about what we do to regain our direction that counts, but what we are willing to let God do. We can get so caught up that we miss the little moments of beauty and relief that we are given along the way. Life can seem all wilderness. But that is never the whole story. Bad times end. This is not to patronise you or minimise the difficulties you face. It is simply a statement of reality and hope. The bad times end.

What journey in your life are you on right now? Name it. Where do you experience feeling lost? Name it. Breathe in and say, 'Lord, I feel lost'. Breathe out and say, 'Lord, I let you find me'. Repeat for a few times. Jeremiah 29:11: 'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope'.

Brendan McManus SJ and Jim Deeds:
Deeper into the Mess: Praying through Tough Times

Helping Catholics To Return

Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a non-judgemental forum to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at: landingsbeckenham@gmail.com

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£250** • Not Gift Aided **£178**
2nd Collection World Communications Day **£179**
Mass Count Sat 18:30 (25) • Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (110)

THIS WEEK

2nd Collection Catholic Trust for England and Wales

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The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis team

Archbishop John is calling the Archdiocese of Southwark to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese.' As part of an answer to this call the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC) is developing a missionary volunteer network consisting of prayer, people and parish plans – Some Definite Service. What might be your particular part to play in this, some definite service? For more information, visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of
good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we
glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only
Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you
take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone
are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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; and something appeared to them that seemed
like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the
head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them
the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every
nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled,
each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own
language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said
'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that
each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians,
Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from
Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear
them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 103

R. **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

SECOND READING – Galatians 5: 16-25

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, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is
precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not
always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the
Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work
the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual
irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling,
jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions,
envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now,
as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not
inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very
different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law
against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ
Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy
pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that
live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful
guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort
sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of
woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of
thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All
his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the
chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore; Thee confess and thee adore, With
thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; Give
us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

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 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

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. And you too will be witnesses, because you have
been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to
you but they would be too much for you now. But when the
Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only
what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what
is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All
he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have
no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.