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31st May 2020 – PENTECOST

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE APOSTLES: How are we to picture the third person of the Blessed Trinity whom we call the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost)? Christ we can think of because he was a man, but to some the Spirit seems a very elusive person, perhaps even considered as the forgotten person of the Trinity. Yet we should not exaggerate the difficulty. After all, we know what we mean when we speak of the spirit of a school or country; we know that what is implied when we say of someone that they are a person of great spirit. It implies that they have a certain energy and enthusiasm. When two people love one another, we think of their community of spirit.

We can see all this in a much more vivid way when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles at Pentecost. We know how they were completely transformed in outlook and to a certain extent even in character. For being frightened men, they became courageous; from being confused in mind they became enlightened. It was the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of love who entered them. The mighty wind and fire were the outward symbols of the power and the love that the Spirit imparted. *The Acts of the Apostles* gives witness to the change in them and how different they were from the men who had walked and talked with our Blessed Lord. Now they were on fire with a new enthusiasm. They rejoiced when they were brought before the Sanhedrin and scourged for the sake of the Gospel. There was nothing that they feared. Peter was their spokesperson when he said, before a large gathering of people, that they were witnesses to the risen Lord. It was no longer a question of running away from him. Now they would work and suffer for him. Now “with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all”.

The Holy Spirit then, though not an object of the imagination, can be known through what the Acts call, “His wonderful works”. We can know him through truth and power and love. Where these are found there is the Spirit.

Masses and Prayers: Sr. Rose Anne RSC, Eunice Morris and John Burns (recently deceased), Frances Canham, Antoune Bakhos, Darcy, Connie and Bede Smith (anniversaries), Sadie and Samuel Mir, Therese and Norman Mir and all their deceased family members. Leslie Kelly (ann.26/5), Maureen Stevens (ann.31/5)

Restricted Opening of the Church for Mass: As you may be aware, Services can resume in our Churches provided the number of congregants does not exceed ten. At this stage I do not plan to have any extra Masses during the week of on Sunday. At present Mass is celebrated in the Church at 8 am each day. The weekday Masses are attended by those who, hitherto normally came each day, albeit they are now on a roster basis. I invite parishioners who wish to attend the Sunday Mass at 8 am to contact Nicki, the Parish Secretary, on Thursday or Friday, to make a reservation (9580 1864). If you cannot be accommodated for one Sunday, she will allocate you for another Sunday. Please note, only ten persons can be in attendance.

When the restrictions are eased further, and the number of congregants can be increased, I plan to resume the normal Mass timetable for the weekend, i.e. 5 pm (Vigil), 8 am and 10 am.

Because of cleaning and sanitizing requirements that are mandated by the Health Authorities, it is not feasible at this stage to open the Church for private prayer or for Confessions. If anyone requires the Sacrament of Penance, I am available by appointment 0400 346 301.

Baptisms are now permitted with the same restriction of ten persons.



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Sunday Mass

31st May 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

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

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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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.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (See Bulletin Liturgy Sheet)

Gospel Acclamation

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. Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (See Bulletin Liturgy Sheet)

Profession of Faith

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the common good of the whole human family.

1. For God's holy Church, gathered from every nation under heaven: May we proclaim, in every language, God's mighty deeds of power. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For the United Nations and for all dedicated to world peace: May the Spirit's power put an end to division and gather us as one. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For the easing of the restrictions presently in place because of the Coronavirus pandemic: May we once again be able to resume our Sunday worship in our Parish Church as a community gathered around the Eucharistic table. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those without adequate housing and health care, education and work: May we act decisively on their behalf in the power of the Spirit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For those whose labour is difficult, for those whose hearts are closed, for those who are bereaved and for those who have gone astray: May the Spirit comfort and heal, cleanse and restore. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For this Eucharistic community, as we conclude the season of paschal joy: May the Spirit send us forth as witnesses to peace and reconciliation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For the souls of the faithful departed: May they receive virtue's sure reward and joys that never end. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God, Help of all Christians: May we, through the Holy Spirit, receive the Word as she did and proclaim it faithfully with our lives. **HAIL MARY.**

Father all-powerful, receive these prayers from a people made one by the Holy Spirit, who always dwells within us. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING FOR PENTECOST

May God, the Father of lights,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
grant us gladness by his blessing
and make us always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse our hearts from every evil
and pervade them with its purifying light.

Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give all perseverance in that same faith
and, by believing, may we journey from hope to clear vision.

Amen.

May Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God!

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