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**Pentecost Sunday. Year C. 05th June 2022**

**Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26**

***Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.***

**In Summary**

***The season of Easter concludes with the feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.*  This event marks the beginning of the Church.**

The Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of Jesus with all His disciples. The Spirit will inspire the apostles of Jesus to continue His mission and will provide assistance and guidance. It is the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth sent by Jesus from the Father, who will accompany the Church and all His disciples (like us) throughout history.

When the apostles were filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, they were able to overcome barriers (like languages) and other divisions (like traditions, suspicion and customs) and to preach the Word of God, to people from all parts of the world.

**The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity but who is the Holy Spirit??**

**The Holy Spirit**

**Symbols of the Holy Spirit and their Origins in Scripture**

Each symbol of the Holy Spirit conveys something of the mystery of **the Spirit of God.**



**One of the most common symbols of the Holy Spirit is a** **DOVE.** It comes from the story of Jesus’ baptism, when Jesus saw “the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.” (*Mark 1:10,* [*Matthew 3:16*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/matthew/matthew3.htm#v16)*,* [*Luke 3:22*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/luke/luke3.htm#v22) *and* [*John 1:32*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/john/john1.htm#v32)*)*

**FIRE** **is another popular representation of the Holy Spirit**. Like the fire that appeared on Pentecost ([*Acts of the Apostles 2:3*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/acts/acts2.htm)) as well as, the burning bush on Mount Sinai from which God spoke to Moses ([*Exodus 3:2*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/exodus/exodus3.htm)). During the Exodus, the people of God were led by a pillar of fire at night ([*Exodus 13:21*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/exodus/exodus13.htm#v21)). **Fire calls attention to the strength and force of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Holy Spirit is also represented by WIND**. The original Hebrew and Greek words for “Spirit” can be translated as “wind.” The wind that appeared on Pentecost ([*Acts 2:2*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/acts/acts2.htm)) was reminiscent of the wind that blew over the waters at the beginning of Creation ([*Gen 1:2*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/genesis/genesis1.htm)). **The wind calls attention to the Holy Spirit breathing life into the Church.**

**WATER** **signifies birth and life**. From a faith perspective, it **represents the cleansing and life-giving action of the Holy Spirit at Baptism** ([*Matthew 3:11*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/matthew/matthew3.htm#v11)*;* [*John 3:5*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/john/john3.htm#v5)).

**The CLOUD is used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit because clouds provide life-giving water.** In the Old Testament, God often leads his people with a cloud or appears to them in a cloud. ([*Exodus 16:10*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/exodus/exodus16.htm#v10)) **The image of a cloud is often combined with the image of light to symbolize the God who is hidden and mysterious but always present**.

**Anointing with OIL**

**Anointing with oil** **is the Holy Spirit uniting us with Jesus, the Messiah - the Anointed One.** ([*Acts of the Apostles 10:38*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/acts/acts10.htm#v38)*;* [*1 John 2:20-27*](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/1john/1john2.htm#v20))

(Reference: CCC 694-698, 701)

**The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

**The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to be more attuned to the actions of God in our lives and in our world. At baptism, the Spirit comes upon the newly initiated Christian, and at confirmation, the Spirit of God is renewed and confirmed in the faithful.** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear (awe) of the Lord *(CCC 1831).* The church lists twelve fruits of the Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity *(CCC 1832).*

**The Holy Spirit will teach us everything and guide us to the truth**

**The Holy Spirit is the grace and love of the Father and the Son, who awakens and sustains our faith.** The role of the Holy Spirit is to unite us to the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is our counsellor and advocate, “**who has spoken through the prophets**,” however, the Holy Spirit also speaks to us and “***will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you,”*** sometimes, we just have to be still and listen.

**We are disciples of Jesus**.

*Red is the colour that is often associated with the Spirit, and red vestments are worn by the priest on Pentecost Sunday. Red symbolises the intense love, or, ‘fire’ of the Holy Spirit*.

**Monday 06th June is the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church**

Our Lady has been referred to as the **“Mother of Christians,”** as well as, the **“Mother of the Church,”** since ancient times. The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, is the most recent addition to the liturgical calendar, instituted by Pope Francis in 2018. **The Memorial is universally celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.** It’s origin can be traced back to the fourth-century with St Ambrose and **evokes Mary’s spiritual motherhood to all the faithful.** This feast helps all Catholic Christians, to a deeper understanding of Mary’s role, in the Church - **devotion to the Blessed Virgin is part of our Christian faith. Out of love for the Lord, we honour His Mother and our Mother, in heaven.**

**Our Parish Worship Schedule** A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to “live the Gospel.” **We are a community of Jesus’ disciples** **and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

**Mass Times** Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri 8.00 am (the Rosary after)

Saturday 6.00 pm

**Mass Times**  Sunday 9.30 am

**Reconciliation** Saturday night 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Anointing of the Sick** Liaise with Fr Greg

**Baptisms, marriages and funerals** Liaise with Fr Greg

**Our Prayers of the Faithful**

In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

**Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering**

Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family**,** Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson**,** Celeste Vicensoni, Michael D’Souza, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson**,** Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Iliffe, Claire Webster, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Elham Nejaty, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Alvin Desker, Jess Cable, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Joseph Fernandes, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

**Prayers for our Recently Departed**

**Matthew Antony, Annamma Antony,** Vernon Thompson, Kerry Wimbridge, Glen Langan, Eugene Marie and Felice Palumbo.

***“God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort.”*** (Matthew 5:4).

**Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed**

Teresa Lee Huan (02 Jun), Valerie Nunis (08 Jun) and all our departed relatives and friends.

***Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies”*** *(John 11: 25-26).*

***Note:*** *Parishioners may email Cliff at:* [*cliffordgerard@bigpond.com*](mailto:cliffordgerard@bigpond.com)*, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our “Prayers of the Faithful.” Thank-you.*

***Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.***

**We Welcome “God’s Little Children” to Our Mass**

*People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He* *said to them,* ***“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”***Mk 10: 13-14.

Activity sheets and colour pencils, are available at the rear of the church, to occupy the children during Mass. Parents may even pin their child’s work on the noticeboard (when space is available) for others to appreciate their efforts.

**Our Parish St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Food Donations Today**

***Food donations may be left at the rear of the church (a box is situated for small items/donations), or, in the parish centre. Cash donations may be deposited in the poor box at the door. Every donation helps SVDP to help the needy in our local communities.***

Parishioners who may need a “helping hand,” may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or, speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041**) at Wilson Parish, or **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential*.***

***After Pentecost, the liturgy returns to Ordinary Time, Year C, with two solemnities***

1. ***The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (next week), and***
2. ***The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (the following week).***