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Solemnity of Pentecost, Year B

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P E N T E C O S T

This Sunday the Church celebrates the fiftieth day of the Resurrection, when, huddled together, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles, anxious about their lives without the Lord, received the Holy Spirit as He descended upon them by a mighty wind and tongues of fire, giving power to their mission and so giving birth to the Church.

The name Pentecost is a Greek word meaning “fifty days.” Its history lies in the Jewish celebration of Pentecost or Shavuot, which the Jews celebrate this weekend, in honour of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, fifty days after they began their exodus from slavery in Egypt.

There are many ways people around the world celebrate Pentecost. In Britain it is sometimes

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
grant that by the same
Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

called Whitsunday, and it was said that the legendary King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table would feast together every Pentecost. In France they blow trumpets to recall the sound of the mighty wind that filled the room as the Holy Spirit descended. In Italy they scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the church to symbolise the tongues of fire that rested on the heads of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles.

Pentecost is also the final day of Easter. For the past forty-nine days we have celebrated the Resurrection. We have had the paschal candle stand by us on the sanctuary, and we have worn white and gold vestments. But now, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, it is up to us to go out into the world and to continue the mission of Christ.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

waiting for volunteers

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 4: A. Quinlan,

G. Pinto, M. Asiedu, M. Moses,

G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,

C. Elegado, J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah,

A. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili,

J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,

S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,

Reanne Chidiac, Armani Barakat

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo,
Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo
Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello,
Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, John
Drake, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Joe Joseph, May
Joseph, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La
Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena
Mendoza, Giovanna Mondello, Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour,
Susan Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony
Newell, Laura Pestano, Rogalio Pestano, Rolando Pestano,
Samuel Pickering, Peter Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab,
Emanuel Tabone, Maria Ho Thi Ti, John Timbs, John Toye, Peter
Vu Van Vuong, Phyllis Webb, Willian Yott, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Thank You
Holy Mass for the
Sacrament of Confirmation**

Last Thursday evening at Holy Family Church Holy Mass was celebrated for our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for these young men and women that they may be strengthened by the grace which they have received so as to be faithful witnesses to the faith of Our Lord.

We owe our thanks to those who so generously assisted with the preparation for this Mass and for the Mass itself.

Thank you to Rosette Chidiac, Sacraments Co-ordinator, for all her work in preparing and delivering the lessons to the parents and children in readiness for this Sacrament, and for all her help on the evening with the Mass. Rosette freely offers her time for this and does so with a great generosity of spirit and with unwavering dedication.

Thank you to John Portelli and to Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music for this Mass. We are blessed to have such remarkable and talented musicians who serve the parish so generously.

Thank you to those who served at the altar: Elvis, Jeevan, Paul and Patrick. This parish is blessed to have them who give so much of their time to serving Holy Mass across the parish at both Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church. These young men are an example to us all of dedicated and self-sacrifice service who do so for the love of almighty God and for love of the Church and the parish.

Thank you, also, to Tracey Clogher, Louise Kingsley and Mary Georges from Holy Family Primary School and Holy Trinity Primary School for attending and showing their support and giving encouragement to their students.

**Thank You
Golden Jubilee Mass
of Religious Profession**

Last Saturday the parish was blessed to celebrate a pontifical Mass in commemoration of the golden jubilee, the 50th anniversary, of religious profession of Sr. Isabella, Sr. Katrina and Sr. Susanne of the Missionary Sisters of Mary, Queen of the World.

We congratulate the Sisters on this wonderful occasion and we thank them for the witness of fidelity to God and to the Church which they show to us. We pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World, will continue to bless them and lead them, always, to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank those who generously assisted with the Mass. Thank you to John Portelli for arranging the music, both in English and in Vietnamese, demonstrating his remarkable ability for which this parish is greatly blessed.

Thank you to those who served at the altar: Joshua, Anthony, Brandon, Elvis, Jeevan, Johnny and Patrick. These young men showed, again, their unwavering dedication to the parish. Many of them gave up work and sport in order to serve at this Mass. They are a tremendous example of true service to all of us.

Thank you to Richard Zaiter who photographed the Mass for the Sisters and for the parish. His beautiful work will serve to remind us and future generations of this auspicious occasion.

May God bless the Sisters and all those who serve the parish.

**Diocesan “Pastoral Plan
Think Tank Sessions”**

The diocese is hosting “think tank sessions” about the proposed diocesan pastoral plan. The fourth session will be held on Wednesday, 22 May from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Plumpton parish.

**Flower Arrangement Groups
for Holy Family Church**

Parishioners are asked to volunteer to form groups of at least two people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church. The groups will be rostered for Saturday mornings after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and will be responsible for buying and donating the flowers, arranging the flowers for the sanctuary and removing the flowers from the previous week.

Thank you to the six people who have already volunteered for this work. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This means there are three groups but it also means that flowers can only be arranged every two or three weeks.

If there are to be flowers decorating the sanctuary every week, as people want, then we need many more people to volunteer.

St. Joseph’s Table

As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Holy Cross Parish holds its annual St. Joseph’s Table.

We are asking parishioners to donate canned goods and other non-perishable foods and toiletries to this table which will then be distributed to those in need.

Tables have been placed before the altar of St. Joseph in Holy Family Church and by the statue of St. Joseph in Holy Trinity Church for your donations.

In previous years your contributions have supported many families in our parish and in our schools as well as those in other parishes and across the diocese.

Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish by donating to the St. Joseph’s Table through the month of May in support of those who are having difficulties. Your donations can do a great deal to support those in need.



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H

WALK WITH
CHRIST

CORPUS CHRISTI, SUNDAY, 2 JUNE AT 11:00 A.M.
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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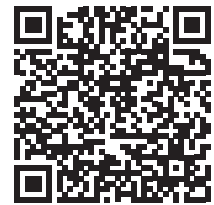


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The Readings

Introit (*Wis.* 1:7)

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

First Reading

The Acts of Apostles (2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles 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.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. *R.* v. 30)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *R.*

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *R.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to 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. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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 (*Mt.* 28:19, 20)

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

Gospel

The Gospel of John (20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communio (*Acts* 2:4, 11)

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