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Pentecost Sunday, 15th May 2016

Come Holy Spirit, Fill our Hearts

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts
will be full of joy.



it. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the

world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Handing on the Faith

The syllabus for Catholic Religious Education in Scotland is entitled - 'This is Our Faith' and it is intended to help parents, teachers, catechists and clergy ensure that young people can develop their knowledge and understanding of Catholic faith, nurture respect for other Christian traditions and world faiths.

Dunkeld Diocese will shortly be providing a training day to enable parishioners to support teachers in the classroom - enabling them to let our young people learn more about the Catholic Church.

**If you are interested in finding out more
about this project
please give your name to Mgr Hendry**

AROUND PERTH

Sunday Mass in St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

Sunday Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's 6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of
the soul of Paddy Ryan,
Daniel Chabot and Mai Hickey
and all the faithful departed whose
anniversaries occur at this time.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th
St John I
Pope and Martyr

Friday 20th
St Bernadine of Siena
Priest

Saturday 21st May
St Christopher Magellanes
and companions
Martyrs

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£241.65

Communications Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last
Sunday's Communications Collection
- it amounted to £110.80

End of Easter duties

Next Sunday - Trinity Sunday - marks
the end of the period of our Easter duty.
Because Church law obliges Catholics
to approach the Eucharist during the
Easter season, and because one may
not receive Communion in a state of
sin, the two sacraments have long been
associated as a faithful Catholic's East-
er duty.

Union of Catholic Mothers



Tuesday 17th, Outing to Crieff for
Mass with Fr Tom Shields, followed by
Fish Suppers. Meet outside St John's at
6pm for transport.

Italian Association

The next monthly meeting of the
Italian Association will be on Saturday
28th May - at 1pm - followed by Mass
in Italian at 2pm.

Italian classes in hall will resume on
Saturday 4th June - at 4.15pm.

May Procession

The May Procession will take place
on Saturday 28th May, at 2.45pm, in
the grounds of St John's Church, cul-
minating in the Crowning of Our La-
dy's statue. All are welcome to come
along.

Rosary in Italian

Rosary in Italian will be recited
on Saturday 21st May - at 2pm in St
John's.

Justice and Peace

*"... it is only after the coming
of the Holy Spirit on the day
of Pentecost that the apostles
depart to all the ends of the
earth in order to begin the
great work of the Church's
evangelisation. . . . The Spirit
who causes Peter, Paul and
the twelve to speak, and who
inspires the words that they are
to utter, also comes down 'on
those who heard the word'."*

Evangelii Nuntiandi, p.75.1

Italian Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass
in Italian with Mgr Aldo in St Mary
Magdalene's Church on Wednesday 1st
June, at 7pm - the Feast of the Sacred
Heart. All welcome

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY SERVICE

Taize Music

for the personal intentions
of our parishioners

7pm, Wednesday,
18th May in St John's

*The Month of May
is a time of
special devotion to
Our Blessed Lady*

*Please take a moment to
recite the Rosary*

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass