

“Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts,
keep encouraging one another” (Heb 3:13)

June 5th 2022
Pentecost Sunday
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Acts 2:1-11

The experience of the first Pentecost is described in the Acts of the Apostles.

Romans 8:8-17

The gifts of the Spirit make it possible to live in unity and peace.

St. John 14:15-16. 23-26

The presence of the risen Lord fills the disciples with peace and joy.

“They
were all
filled with
the Holy
Spirit.”



Have you ever watched a TED Talk? There are thousands available to view online. The powerful talks are generally less than 18 minutes long and cover a huge range of topics, from science to business to social and global issues. There are talks in more than 110 languages, and they are used in schools, businesses and many other settings, to educate, motivate, and open minds.

While these speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, the one thing they have in common is their ability to communicate. For every talk I've listened to, the speaker has the audience in the palm of their hand. They are gifted communicators, with a passion for a particular subject, and the ability to draw their listeners in.

We often hear that in order to be a good communicator, we have to learn how to speak another person's language. On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, each of the people gathered heard them speaking in his or her own language.

The ability to communicate and to be understood was the first gift they received from the Holy Spirit. Today, we need the gift of communication more than ever. There are times when we have the opportunity to share our faith, or to witness to others in the way we live our faith. We might feel that we struggle to share our faith in a way that others can understand. In order to meet people where they are, we first need to 'speak their language' – to know them, listen to them, and recognise God's presence in them. The Spirit that came upon the early believers is the same Spirit that guides us today.

Triona Doherty

Today's Psalm
Psalm 103

The writings of John apply the name Advocate to Jesus and to the Holy Spirit. Advocate is a Latin name exactly translating the Greek name Paraclete. It literally means somebody called to your side, to comfort or to speak on your behalf. 'If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just' (1st John 2:1). The Holy Spirit is 'another Advocate to be with you for ever'...making a home within us...enabling one to find new life in the words of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is like the air we breathe, invisible but absolutely necessary for life.

Scripture writers attributed the secret of life to the breath or spirit of God. Today's psalm expressed the simple belief that life was the gift of God's breath on loan for the term of life. *You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.*

This Pentecost day we hand over all our worries about the Church to the Spirit who is Lord and giver of life. *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday June 5, 2022

Sun: Pentecost Sunday

8.30.am: Parishioners

10.30.am.: Eddie Mc Dermott

Mon: Our Lady, Mother of the Church

9.30.am.: Private Intention

Tues: Weekday

9.30.am: William Thomas Taylor

Wed: Weekday

9.30.am: Peter John Taylor

Thurs: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30.am: Private Intention

Fri: Weekday

7.00.pm: Margaret Dickinson

Sun: The Most Holy Trinity

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Vincent Kieran

0771 942 7926 (only for emergency use)

Confessions

At your request

On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

Cemetery

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop; Catherine Thompson, Maureen Beardsworth, Desmond Gorman

Our prayers and sympathies go to the family and friends of Harold Fish who died recently and will be cremated following a Requiem Mass 11-30.am. Thursday June 16th.
May he rest in peace'

Happy Birthday Church. The word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word for "fifty." The day celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following Jesus' ascension. The Day of Pentecost is seen as the culmination of the Easter season and return to 'Ordinary' Season with green vestments.

Refreshments will be available next Sunday after 10.30. Mass in the Parish Hall and all are welcome.

June 2022 Pope Francis's Prayer Intention For families Future generations depend on the leadership found in the home, and the values and love they receive there. As parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, it is our job to teach our children about the values that they will use to guide their own lives. This requires a lot of work because not only do we have to directly teach these values to our children, but our children will look to us as role models. Our children will notice if we do not behave in the same way that we expect of them. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for June, "... We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives."

Month of the Sacred Heart Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16) "We all have the extraordinary coded within us, waiting to be released." Jean Houston