

PENTECOST



Pentecost occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word *pentecoste*, meaning 50th.

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

Happy Birthday, Church It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers. He tells the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cuts them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorts them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.



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SAFEGUARDING - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or sg.stmary.brierley.hill@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PENTECOST YEAR C

8TH JUNE 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 7th/8th Pentecost	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Ann Maybury People of the Parish
Monday 9th Mary, Mother of the Church	10am Mass	Eloy Cyriac
Tuesday 10th	7pm KF	Novena
Wednesday 11th St Barnabas	10am Mass BH 1030am-11am BH	Kath Prince Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 12th Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9am Mass School	
Friday 13th St Anthony of Padua	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Joe Higgins Adoration, Confessions and Divine mercy Chaplet
Saturday 14th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th/15th Trinity Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Danny Wright (B/day)

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Maureen Jane Floyd, those on our June deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Ed Benedict, Joyce Southall, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections

BH GA £35.00 Loose £270.86 Catholic Communications £78.99 Teas £26.15 Candles £80.20
KF GA £75.00 Loose £181.84 Catholic Communications £90.87 Teas £8.00 Johnson Fund £5.00

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 16th June 2pm-4pm all welcome.

KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Mary's meals, next week for Day for Life

Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us. (Robert Baer)



NB: Novena will be offered to Our Lady of perpetual help at Kingswinford on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm - everyone is welcome

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF and Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

Mary's meals - today there will be a short appeal and collection for Mary's meals. They are a Catholic charity who provide nutritious food to children in some of the world's poorest countries.

Multicultural Mass Sunday 8th June at St Mary's today we will celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost with a Multicultural Mass. Thank you to all those who have offered to take part in anyway and to all those who have bought food from their cultures to share.

Big clean and clear out at St Mary's Saturday 14th June from 10.30am our Church and Parish centre are in need of a good clear out and clean. Please come along and help if only for an hour. We need people to move heavy items and people to dust and Hoover. All volunteers will get tea/ coffee and biscuits!

Mass of anointing and healing - Tuesday 24th June at 11am at St Mary's followed by lunch with some of our school children. This is a lovely Mass for anyone with health problems, concerns or worries or just for a lovely peaceful Mass. Please sign the sheet to help with catering. Thank you.

Summer fayre and raffle - Saturday 12th July 10.30am - 2.30pm at St Mary's in order to raise much needed funds. Donations of bottles, toiletries, children's' games and toys in good condition will all be very welcome.

Pope's prayer intention for June - That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us may find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and, from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. Amen.