

## PENTECOST

"Pentecost" designates the 50th day after Passover and has been observed by the Jews for more than 3000 years and many regard Pentecost as the day Moses received the Law on Mt. Sinai which they calculated as having been the 50th day after the Exodus.

To Christians, Pentecost refers to the down-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early church in Jerusalem. To better understand this marvellous out-pouring from God of His Holy Spirit we need to keep in mind the three office-works of the Holy Spirit:

The first office-work of the Holy Spirit is that of Convictor. Jesus told His disciples in John 16:7-11, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

The second office-work of the Holy Spirit is that of Indweller. In this capacity, He performs several functions. One is that He confirms our relationship to the Father. Galatians 4:6 says, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Another function is the sealing of the believer. Ephesians 2:13-14 says, "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." To accomplish these works, the Holy Spirit comes into the believer.

When Holy Spirit comes, we learn to listen to His gentle presence in our heart... We become responsive to the ways He is calling us to act... Then we begin to experience His power and action in our lives... We become increasingly transformed as His love takes over our lives... Then, like the apostles, we become captivated by a joy that we cannot keep to ourselves, a joy that overcomes our weakness and fear...*May the Grace of Holy Spirit shower upon us*

Fr Shanju John



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## **PENTECOST**

**23RD MAY 2021**

### **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!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

## **TRINITY SUNDAY**

**30TH MAY 2021**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
The Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

<b>Easter (B1)</b>	Psalter week 4	<b>Intention/Info</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd/23rd Pentecost</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	Beryl Curran Gareth Floyd Paul Bac
Monday 24th Mary, Mother of the Church	<b>12 noon Funeral OH</b>	Mary Edwards
Tuesday 25th St Bede	<b>10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH</b>	People of the Parish Adoration
Wednesday 26th St Philip Neri	<b>9am Reception OH 10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH 12.15pm Funeral OH</b>	Melvyn Turner Lily Petford Adoration Melvyn Turner
Thursday 27th Eternal High Priest		
Friday 28th	<b>10.30am 11am KF 11am Mass KF</b>	Adoration Geoff Smart
Saturday 29th		
<b>Sunday 29th/30th Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	Joan Jeavons People of the Parish Melvyn Turner
Monday 31st Visitation		
Tuesday 1st St Justin, Martyr	<b>10am Mass OH 10.30am -11am OH 7.30pm KF</b>	In thanksgiving Adoration Novena
Wednesday 2nd	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am -11am BH</b>	Fr Stephen Adoration
Thursday 3rd St Charles Lwanga and companions		
Friday 4th	<b>10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF</b>	Adoration Becue family
Saturday 5th St Boniface		
<b>Sunday 5th /6th Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	Patrick and Kathleen Madigan People of the Parish Joseph Dao

Please pray for all those who are sick including Fr David Lloyd, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Please pray for all those whose have died, especially those on our May and June deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: KF 2/5 GA £35.00, Loose £82.00, CTF £71.00, 9/5 GA £50.00, Loose £138.52, Donation £50.00, 16/5 GA £75.00, Loose £120.50, CAFOD £10.00, Catholic Communications £56.00.

**COVID update -**

New guidance has been received from the Bishops of England and Wales which states:

**Housebound Communion** may now resume as well as home visits to the sick.

**Offertory procession** may now take place, not the collection, providing those involved sanitize their hands

**Father can now say “Body of Christ”** to each communicant not just once at the start.

**Small choir** of maximum six singers is allowed

**Up to six** unrelated people can sit in the same bench - if they wish

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**Craft group** this has now restarted and will next take place 7th June - the first shoots of normality!

**Mass intentions** - Masses at Kingswinford are booked up into July, there is more availability at Brierley Hill and Old Hill especially on weekdays.

**Please pray for our children** who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd at Brierley Hill and for those preparing for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation on the 10th of June, 12th of June and 17th June respectively.