

Pentecost- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. 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.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th.

In the Christian tradition, 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.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. According to the Catechism (Paragraph 691): “Holy Spirit is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children”

On the day of the celebration of the Pentecost, May the Holy spirit come down upon us and renew the face of the church, renew our faith and renew our community. Amen!

Fr Shanju John



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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 Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at sg.lol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or sg.stmary.brierleyhill@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 SUNDAY YEAR B

19TH MAY 2024

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, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Easter B1	Easter	Intention/Info
Sunday 18th/19th Pentecost	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Francis and Olwen Borg People of the Parish
Monday 20th Mary Mother of the Church	10am Mass KF	Christopher Payne
Tuesday 21st St Christopher Magalanes	NO MASS	—————
Wednesday 22nd St Rita of Cascia	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Paul Wiecewski Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 23rd Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 24th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Joan Jeavons Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 25th	5pm Mass KF	Beryl Curran
Sunday 25th/26th Holy Trinity	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Beryl Curran People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our May 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 Becky Lodge, Chris Payne, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, 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 £28.00 Loose £145.59 Catholic Communications £85.06 Keralan Mass £50.00
KF GA £89.00 Loose £326.55 Catholic Communications £53.60

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 10th June 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week and next for Church Maintenance.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up. No teas at KF until further notice.

Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place of Friday 21st June at St Mary's at 7pm for the children from St Mary's school. Please pray for the candidates, their families and their teachers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Mass intentions There are vacancies for Mass intentions on weekdays. If you would like the Mass offered for your intention please write the name and Church requested on an envelope and give it to Fr Shanju. Masses can also be requested for weekends but may take longer to be said. Thank you.

Multi-cultural Mass - We will be having a multi-cultural Mass at BH on Sunday 23rd June. If you would be willing to sing or say a prayer in your native language please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church or let Fr Shanju know. On the day we would welcome donations of different types of food from the various cultures if possible. Thank you.

Defibrillator training - is there anyone able to offer training to some parishioners on how to use the defibrillator in an emergency? Please let Fr Shanju or Stephanie know. Thanks

Friends of St Mary's school Summer Fair at St Mary's on Mill Street on Saturday 29th June from 11am-2pm and will be called 'GlastonMary.' Volunteering is open for anyone in the parish community who is able to lend a hand planning, running a stall or even performing a musical talent to keep with the festival vibe. Speak to Megan after mass or ring/text 07949 189257.

Sound system at St Mary's - this has been checked and some of the equipment is faulty as it is very old. We are waiting for a quote for the cost to replace the system so that everyone can hear clearly but no doubt it will be expensive. Please be patient in the meantime.

Pope's prayer intention for May For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. Amen