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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Holy Spirit - always coming, always here!

Why do we cry 'Come, Holy Spirit' when the Spirit is always present among us and within us?

For the same reason that Jesus, conceived in the Holy Spirit needed another outpouring of the Spirit (at His baptism in the Jordan River) to impel Him into and empower Him for Ministry; for the same reason that He was overshadowed afresh by the cloud of the Spirit's presence and power (at His Transfiguration) in preparation for His Passion and Death; why He was anointed with the Spirit by Mary of Bethany's precious anointment at the beginning of Holy Week.

We need the Holy Spirit's fresh outpouring to guide and equip us for the New Evangelisation of the West that the Spirit urges upon us. We need the Holy Spirit to heal the Church of 2000 years of division and disunity that obscures the beauty of the Gospel we proclaim. We need the Holy Spirit so that we become a New Pentecost transforming the very earth itself! **Come Holy Spirit!**

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Sacraments of Initiation at 10am (streamed: Parish Website)

ORDINARY TIME RESUMES WITH WEEK 9 - SUNDAY YEAR B - WEEKDAY CYCLE 1

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church (deferred from yesterday)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Bede the Venerable (673-735) & St Philip Neri, Priests (1515-1595)
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest***
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Paul VI, Reforming Pope of Vatican II***
Adoration at 8.00.am Mass at 8.30am ***(NB Change of time)***

SATURDAY: *No Service today because of the Ethiopian Orthodox Liturgy - 8am to 1.00pm*
Evening Prayer & Adoration at 5.30pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [1] We conclude the celebration of Easter-tide with the great **Feast of Pentecost, a Feast second only to Easter Sunday itself.** We celebrate the birth of the Church in a ferment of Mission and Praise. The Spirit came with mighty wind that shook the foundations; with tongues of fire that penetrated the disciples hearts with divine love; with gifts that empowered them all to proclaim and witness, to build the Church and transform the world. The Holy Spirit comes to us to do the same! Dare we welcome the Holy Spirit?

[2] Fittingly on this Feast, we have the great joy of **celebrating Sacraments of Initiation with our elected Catechumens:** Naomi and Mary (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); Kimberlee (Reception into Full Communion, Confirmation, Eucharist), Michaela (Confirmation, Eucharist), Abel and Issa (Confirmation). Please pray for their on-going growth in Christ.

[3] You are also invited to the **Solemn Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday at 7.00pm.**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] Having celebrated the great events of our salvation in Christ, we now celebrate the very being of God in the **Feast of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.** God's loving actions flow from God's loving Being - for God is Love, and can be nothing other than love. God is a love that is creative, ever expanding, with out limit and unconditional. God is a network of loving relationships - Father, Son and Holy Spirit ... and we are made in the image and likeness of this God of Love - that same love is in us!

[2] We are baptising Stephanie in the sacred Name of this God of Love - please pray for her and her family.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the parish in Communion for Mission of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings, served by Fr Mark Moran, Parish Administrator, Mrs Linda Portwain, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of our Pastor and parish Priest, remembering also with thanksgiving the ministry of the deacons who have served our community and Andrew and Robert who are in formation to be ordained (please God) to the diaconate in the years to come.** The purpose of ordained ministry is to enable and never replace the ministries that come from the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Ordained ministry is fulfilled and fulfilling as all the People of God embrace the priesthood given in baptism and confirmation, embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry. The Church desperately needs new models of the ordained ministries, building a more equal Church where all voices count, all gifts valued and together, ordained and lay work, proclaim and serve together in harmony and collaboration. 'May they all be One' prayed Jesus. I pray for the day when gender and celibacy will not be an issue in discerning those whom God is calling to serve in ordained ministries.

WORD OF GOD FOR EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11 / Psalm 103 / 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 / John 20: 19-23
Monday Ecclesiasticus 17: 24-29 / Psalm 31 / Mark 10: 17-27

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Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 1: 12-14 / Responsorial Judith 13 / John 19: 25-27
Wednesday	Ecclesiasticus 36: 1, 4-5, 10-17 / Psalm 78 / Mark 10: 32-45
Thursday	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 / Psalm 109 / Hebrews 10: 11-18 / Mark 14: 22-25
Friday	Ecclesiasticus 44: 1, 9-13 / Psalm 149 / Mark 1: 11-26
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 51: 12-20 / Psalm 18 / Mark 11: 27-33

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £185.00 + Loose £118.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £414.05 thanks!

CAFOD £22.00 **CARITAS** £20.00 - many thanks *I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish serving the Kingdom of God.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22nd May	Pentecost Vigil Mass at 7.00pm - 'Come Holy Spirit'
23rd May	PENTECOST SUNDAY - celebration of Adult baptism and Confirmation
25th May	Ethiopian Orthodox Mass in St Nicks Church
30th May	TRINITY SUNDAY - child Baptism Sunday
6th June	Feast of Corpus Christ (Body and Blood of the Lord)
22nd June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (Parish Office)
23rd June	Borderlands trustees meet
24th June	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
27th June	Annual Parish Financial Statement at Mass
29th June	Feast Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)
18th July	First Eucharist Sunday
23-25 July	Annual Quest Conference - for details contact John Flannery
3rd Aug	Borderlands Trustees meet
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord & Hiroshima Day
15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
29th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass
5th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am
10-12 Sept	Root and Branch Synod in Bristol - participation encouraged.

FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME - PARENTS MEETINGS The special sessions for the parents are also very important and an essential part of the Preparation programme:

Spanish-speaking parents in the church alternate Saturdays at 2.30-4.15pm

English-speaking parents on Zoom alternate Fridays at 6.30-7.30pm.

THESE PARENTS MEETINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES JOURNEYING TO FIRST EUCHARIST.

CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT - A LIVE 'WEBINAR' Bristol Inner City Primary Care Network are holding a 'Webinar' featuring Dr Tom Allport, Community Consultant Children's doctor, who will be talking about child developmental issues (eg delayed speech, learning difficulties and Autism). **This will be held on May 26th 1.45-2.45pm.** If you would like to be part of this live 'Webinar', please contact lucy.taylor63@nhs.net for the internet link and if you want to ask any questions of Dr Allport.

ROOT AND BRANCH INCLUSIVE SYNOD IN BRISTOL Inspired by Pope Francis's synodal vision, some lay Catholics from across the UK invite you to embrace and advance renewal, reform and healing in the Catholic Church. Already taking place twice-monthly on Zoom, Root and Branch Inclusive Synod will reach its conclusions on issues of equality, inclusion and governance in **online workshops from 5 – 8 September 2021**. **The Synod will culminate with a conference on 10 – 12 September 2021**, earthed in the State of the Art, conference centre of St Michael's Church, Stoke Gifford, beside Bristol Parkway Station. The conference will start with the presence of Rt. Revd. Vivienne Faull, Bishop of

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Bristol, and a recorded welcome from Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton. Noted speakers (like Mary McAleese, former President of the Irish Republic and a campaigner for the reform of the Church) will encourage a process in the words of St John Henry Newman of "Heart speaks unto heart", with laity, religious and clergy meeting as equals. "Do not be afraid" says Jesus – and yet so often we are. We have been frightened to speak to one another with real honesty about issues which affect us deeply in our Church today. That needs to change. The "Heart to Heart" conversation is long overdue. As people come together, giving each other the confidence to speak up and to really listen, Root and Branch Inclusive Synod is shining a healing light into dark places. For further information about Root and Branch Inclusive Synod; how to Zoom with us and – coming shortly – details of how to book for the virtual and actual Synod (rooms reserved two Holiday Inns for those who need them), please visit: <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org>

URGENT NEED TO MAKE SOME GARMENTS If there is anyone with some tailoring or seamstress skills who would be willing to make some garments urgently needed for our church, please contact Mary Hopper, Margaret Ulloa or myself - thank you!

LAUDATO SI' WEEK - 16-24th MAY 2021 Just imagine if 1.3 billion Catholics from six continents come together to celebrate the great progress we have made and prepare for the future of our 'common home', Planet Earth, with HOPE! From 16-24th May (part of the Novena to the Holy Spirit leading to Pentecost) Catholics all over the world will reflect on and prayer for the success of Pope Francis great Encyclical on Global Warming, Climate Change and Justice for the Poor of the Earth. We will seek renewed inspiration of the Holy Spirit for our next steps on our Ecological Conversion Journey. Resources will be posted on our Parish Website and will be incorporated into the Prayer and reflection of our parish community between Ascension Day and Pentecost - 'Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth - through us!' - as Pope Francis says 'We know things can change!'

CONFIRMATION AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT Our God, Abba our loving Father, loves to pour Divine Gifts upon us whom He loves. He poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our conception so that we could be human - made in the Divine Image and Likeness. In Baptism He pours the Spirit again so that we can experience Him as the love that fulfils our lives and draws us into profound intimacy with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the The Sacrament of Confirmation, the final step in 'Initiation' into the Body of Christ, God pours His Spirit into our being to gift us for Mission and Ministry, gifts us so that we can be gift to the Church and to the world. Holy Spirit comes to empower the Christian for ministry in the Body of Christ and mission to the world in the name of Christ. It is an essential part of our growing into Christ that we not only experience His love but become His Love for others. So the Holy Spirit comes with charisms and gifts to equip us as co-workers with Jesus Christ in the immense task of building up God's Church, proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News, bringing healing and hope to the broken and oppressed, and ultimately 'renewing the face of the earth'!

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY It is a long and honourable tradition that the month of May is the Month of Mary. But why? Mary allowed the Holy Spirit to fill her life and re-shape her future - and she gave flesh, humanity to the Son of God. In becoming the mother of the Saviour of the World she said yes also to a unique relationship with the world He saved! Forever she now holds the whole world in her heart of prayer, interceding, bring God's love within her to bear upon the pain and struggles of the world and its peoples. If she loves her Son, she loves the world He died for! She teaches us how to love, how to intercede, how to heal, how to walk in solidarity with a pained world, helping it to come to a new birth.

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