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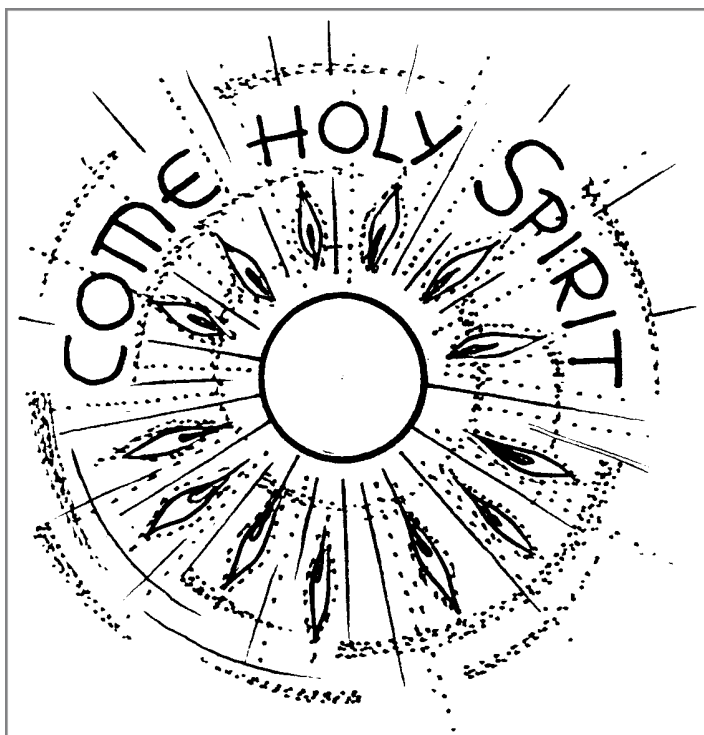
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### **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME**



#### ***The God of Wind & Fire, Energy & Peace!***

Come Holy Spirit! Come uncontainable God!  
Come Divine energy for Mission! Come Divine  
Love that heals and builds relationships! Come  
God who is Community! Come Spirit that gifts  
each one of us! Come Spirit that empowers our  
mission! Come Spirit that drives us into the mar-  
ketplace of the world! Come Spirit that seeks to  
use to 'renew the face of the Earth'!

Come Spirit of Fire, warm our coldness, inflame  
our apathies, purify our hearts into the pure gold  
of Your love!

Come Spirit of Mighty Wind, sweep away our  
fears, drive from us our anxieties and energise us  
for mission! Come Mighty Wind and blow us  
where you will through our world to scatter seeds  
of Gospel freedom, love and truth! Come gentle  
breeze and breath of God and refresh our wear-  
iness of heart!

Come Water of Life, spring up within us to  
quench our thirst for God, our thirst for Life and  
Justice!

**SATURDAY: EXTENDED VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST at 6.00pm**

**SUNDAY: PARISH MASS OF PENTECOST at 10.00am (Live-streamed)**

### **ORDINARY TIME RESUMES - WEEK 8 YEAR A WEEKDAY READINGS YEAR 2**

**MONDAY: Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church No Liturgy**

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**TUESDAY: Feast of St Philip Neri, Priest & Founder of Oratorians (1515-1595)**  
No Liturgy

**WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Monk, Missionary Bishop (d. 604)**  
No Liturgy

**THURSDAY: Feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**  
Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion 12.00 noon

**FRIDAY: Feast of St Paul VI, Reforming Pope (1897-1978)**  
Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12noon

**SATURDAY: Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon**  
**Symposium on Pope Leo's Apostolic Letter 'Dilexi Te' (St Brendan's College)**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.00-4.30pm only**

**TODAY** [1] We celebrate the second greatest Feast in the church's year - **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST - THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST - BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A FERMENT OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION!** Make it a special priority to come and call upon the Spirit to renew your own life and the life and mission of our Parish Community. **COME HOLY SPIRIT, RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH! COME RENEW YOUR CHURCH - GIFT EACH OF US FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION!**  
[2] There is a **Special Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday evening at 6.00pm** - I hope many will come and pray for the renewal of our Parish as we move forward to a new future harnessing all the gifts needed and empowering lay leadership.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] Having celebrated the great actions of God to bring Divine Saving Love to the World, we now celebrate the **Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity - the Feast of Who God is - God is Love.** God is not some lonely isolate Almighty Power, but God is rather a network of self-giving love Whose Being is a vortex of Loving energy always given to the Other. Only a Community of love (the call and true identity of the Church as the Body of Christ) can really witness to the Divine Community of Love that is God. Will we build this Church as a Community of Love? Will we build this Sacrament of the Divine Trinity, the Creating Love?  
[2] Very appropriately, we celebrate **The Sacrament of Baptism** with two of our children, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for our **Ministry of Liturgical Music**, our choir and instrumentalists. St Augustine of Hippo said 'Singing is praying twice over' and also 'Sing a New Song to the Lord - our New Lives is the song we are to sing'. Singing in different languages is an essential part of our worship of God in our diverse parish and so we are seeking to rebuild our choir. We invite as many as possible to come and join the choir (it meets for practice each Sunday after the 10am Mass - but if more join us a different time could be arranged). We also need instrumentalists to accompany the singing: guitars, drums, and especially key-board. Please contact Eneyi or Richard.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** We pray for the parishes in communion for mission of St Mary's, Swindon served by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson, Fr John Salter,, Deacons Elias Fernandes, Paul Thompson Parish Administrator Rev Elias Fernandes, and all their community.

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**COLLECTIONS      MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION**

GA: £00.00 + Loose £224.22 + Card Reader £226.12 + S.O. £206.35 = £656.66

**World Communications Sunday** £15.00 - thank you!**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

22nd May	Second Parents baptismal Preparation Session Assisi Centre 6.30pm
23rd May	<b>Vigil Mass for Feast of Pentecost at 6.00pm- Come Holy Spirit</b>
24th May	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME HOILY SPIRIT! RENEW US ALL</b>
31st May	<b>Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday (10am Mass)</b>
4th June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
7th June	<b>FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY &amp; FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b> - 10am Mass
4th July	Diocesan Celebration Day at Downside Abbey 10.00am - 4.30pm
9th July	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

**URGENT NEEDS OF OUR FOODBANK****THIS IS AN UGENT APPEAL** Food and Toi-

letries needed - It has become much more difficult to source suitable food and other items and often we have little to offer those with great need. Please bring anything you and ask your friends and neighbours to help and share with those who have so little. We need fresh meat (which can be frozen), bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables; pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, milk, sugar, tea/coffee, pasta sauces, and tinned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, baked beans etc. Some vegan food-stuffs also needed as well as some pet food. And of course also washing powder, cleaning materials and toiletries. Please bring what you can at the Offertory on Sundays - larger deliveries by arrangement with Lahiru our foodbank manager, (mob: 07438976736). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - Patron of pregnant women & families**

St Gerard, a Redemptorist Brother of extraordinary holiness and humility, has long been asked for his intercession for childless families yearning for a child; and also for all pregnant women and for troubled families. There is a special special celebration and opportunity to seek St Gerard's intercession at St Gerard Majella Church, Talbot Road, Knowle, BS4 2NP on Saturday 6th June at 12noon Mass led by Bishop Bosco. The church will be open from 11.00am for personal prayer before the relics and individual and family blessings with the relics after 12 noon Mass.

**AREA HOUSE MASSES**

To gather parish members dispersed around Bristol, to bring the Eucharist to the community and to build small local communities, we are holding regular Area Masses, After such Masses we have simple refreshments - tea/coffee, biscuits (may be cake), but no more. Please contact Richard if you will host a Mass. Any Volunteers for the next few Area Masses ? Please contact Richard

**GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE LIFE AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH**

Our parish, together with nearly all churches and voluntary organisations around the country, has not yet recovered fully from the effects of the Covid Pandemic. A significant number of our community are not coming to Mass here for a variety of reasons. It is a joy to welcome new families and individuals who have found their way to St Nicks. However we need to draw more members into being part of the many ministries and tasks of the parish. **Whether it is the Welcoming Ministry, Church Cleaning, the Foodbank, Catechists, Parish Office Ministry too few are doing too much in support of the parish's life and mission.** We are all called by our baptism to serve, to sacrifice time and energy to build our parish community and support the Mission of

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Christ entrusted to us. However difficult, I do ask everyone to reflect whether you can give some time can be given to sustain the parish's life and mission.\

**PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM** Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism course and celebration:

**BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 31st May at 10am Mass**

**CONFIRMATION & GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT COME HOLY SPIRIT RENEW THE EARTH**

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.

**SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP**

Each week on **Thursdays at 6.00pm** come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: [j.flannery@btinternet.com](mailto:j.flannery@btinternet.com)) or Richard (email above) for the Zoom link.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST** request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise.

**IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY MASS:** FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES, SUNDAY WAS THE DAY THAT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD AND CELEBRATE JESUS CALL TO COMMUNITY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF WORK PREVENTS YOU FROM COMING TO OUR 10am MASS THERE ARE 3.00pm MASSES AVAILABLE TO YOU TWICE A MONTH - 1st and 3rd Sundays. IT IS SO IMPORTANT NOT TO MISS SUNDAY MASS UNLESS SERIOUS ISSUES PREVENT (LIKE SICKNESS, CARING RESPONSIBILITIES, UNAVOIDABLE WORK). WE MUST RECLAIM SUNDAY AS THE LORD'S DAY!

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