



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL  
W/C SUN 23RD MAY 2021

# PENTECOST

The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us

ROMANS 5:5, 8:11

## "THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'



## Happy Birthday Church!

Here we are - Pentecost! 50 days after the events of Easter Sunday, and God's promise is fulfilled completely. Jesus may have returned to Heaven, but we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, to inspire and guide us while we remain on Earth. The Holy Spirit is often depicted as a Dove, but also wind, and fire. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, and were able to communicate with people of all languages, and so the Gospel could be spread. This is why we remember it as the birthday of the Church - it was this day that the Apostles began the mission, the work of building the Church, telling everyone all that they had witnessed about Jesus and the glory of God. The Holy Spirit is what still inspires and guides us today - thanks be to God.

### MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11  
Filled with the Holy Spirit  
Psalm 103:

Send forth your Spirit O Lord  
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25  
Let us be directed by the Spirit  
Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit of Truth will lead you to  
the complete Truth

### THIS WEEK

Monday 24th: Mary, Mother of the Church  
Tuesday 25th: Feast of St. Bede

### DISCOVER



### WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died or have anniversaries at this time.



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