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Pentecost, Year A, 4th June 2017

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your Spirit,
O Lord,
and renew
the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2.4

the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



PENTECOST

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of
Neil Kielty
and of all those whose
anniversaries
occur about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

FEASTDAYS

Monday - 5th June
St Boniface

Tuesday - 6th June
St Norbert

Friday - 9th June
St Columba
Patron of our Diocese

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £316.50.

Our World Communications Day collection raised £132.80 - thank you for your support for this important work.

Trinity Sunday

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday - end of the period for Catholics to fulfil their Easter duties.

Day for Life

Day for Life prayer cards are available in the porch. These encourage us to continue to speak out for the sanctity of life and to support and offer practical and emotional help to mothers in need.

School Show

Tickets for St John's Academy Production of the musical 'Grease' are on sale at the school. Performances start at 7pm on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June - price £6.50 (adults) and £3.50 (under 16s). All welcome.

Diocesan Youth Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Diocesan Youth Mass, on Sunday 25th June, in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee at 6pm. Starting with catechesis at 5pm, come along and enjoy an evening of Mass, prayer, catechesis, music and food with other members of youth within the Diocese! No age restrictions - please contact Mgr Hendry for more information.

Musical Evening

Carers Week Musical Social Evening - in St John's Church Hall, Monday 12th June, 5.30pm-9pm - all proceeds in aid of Support in Mind Scotland. Please contact scox@supportinmind-scotland.org.uk or call 017380 580899 if you would like to attend or perform.

Studium Biblijne - Jak żyć Słowem Bożym?

Jeśli pragniesz zgłębić tajemnice Pisma św. i nauczyć się żyć Słowem Bożym, weź udział w naszych spotkaniach na rozważaniu Pisma św. Naucz się odkrywać Boga a słowach Bożych (św. Grzegorz Wielki), bo przez Ewangelię sam Chrystus przemawia do Ciebie. Wszystkich zainteresowanych tymi spotkaniami proszę o kontakt - Diakon Krzysztof Jabłoński. Nr telefonu 01738 636589.



Fatima Masses

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene's, at 6pm, on the 13th of each month, from June to November, in honour of this 100th anniversary year of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. (Except Sunday 13th August).

Italian Association

The AGM of the Italian Association will take place in St John's Church Hall on Saturday 17th June, at 1pm.

Weekly Italian classes continue on Saturdays in St John's Middle Hall on from 4.15-6pm.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass