

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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May 19th 2024- PENTECOST SUNDAY

GOSPEL : John 20:19-23

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery – the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus – culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father at the request of His Son on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church through the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

Today's Gospel relates how the Risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them, sending them to carry on the mission given to Him by His Heavenly Father, then empowering them to do so by breathing upon them and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to them the Advocate or Paraclete. This gift of the Spirit would enable the Apostles to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:23). These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; which we must always avail ourselves with for spiritual healing and sanctification.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives: a) by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; b) by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit against all types of temptations; c) by seeking the assistance of the Holy Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, in the breaking of our evil habits, and in substituting for them habits of Goodness and Love; d) by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others; e) by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits, and charisms of the Holy Spirit; f) by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and g) by living our lives in the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost.

Emergency appeal for Sudanese in food crises/famine--this Sunday--19/5/24

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 18 May	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 19 May	9:30am 11:00am	Juan, Susan & Lilian
Monday 20 May Mary Mother of God	10:00am	Andrew & Ian Thomas
Tuesday 21 May Dedication of the Cathedral	10:00am	J C
Wednesday 22 May Rita of Cascia	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 23 May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST , ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 24 May OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	6:00PM	Mary Barbara
Saturday 25 May St. Bede the venerable	6:30PM	Souls Purgatory in
Sunday 26 May	9:30am 11:00am	Frederick and Maisie Bayliss

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Prayer for the Fire of the Holy Spirit

Lord of Power, just as the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit on Pentecost so drastically changed the lives of the disciples, may the burning fire of Your Holy Spirit refine and renew us, so that we will never be the same. May we move in the power of the Spirit, and may our lives and ministries be infused with Your divine, supernatural touch and authority. May the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation cause us to grow in our knowledge of You. Amen.



Say your daily rosary for peace in the world

Our Beloved Mother Mary Promised:

- 5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
- 6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

Sat.6:30pm	Sun.9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Maria Latty

Mass Offering for May 12th—£350.66

Standing orders—£118.25

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke