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DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 18 May | 5.30 pm | SG | For Bill Hill and the deceased of the family |
| Sun 19 May | 9.30 am | SG | People of the Parish |
| | 11.15 am | HS | Mass in thanksgiving and welcome Ezra Christopher, great grandson to Glenda |
| Mon 20 May | 9.30 am | SG | For peace all over the world. |
| Tues 21 May | 9.30 am | SG | Yvonne Clarke for a good result after heart surgery. |
| Wed 22 May | 9.30 am | SG | Donor's intention, St Anthony |
| Thu 23 May | 9.30 am | SG | Kate Toolan RIP, AW |
| Fri 24 May | 9.30 am | SG | For the work of Evangelisation |
| Sat 25 May | 9.30 am | SG | .For Bill Hill and the deceased of the family |
| | 5.30 pm | SG | Lourdes Watters RIP |
| Sun 26 May | 9.30 am | SG | People of the Parish |
| | 11.15 am | HS | Thomas Callaghan RIP, birthday memories |

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful with the fire of your love'. (Gospel Acclamation)

By the grace and power of the liturgy the same Holy Spirit who was poured out upon the first believers on the Day of Pentecost is poured out on us today. As we open our hearts we will be renewed and refreshed in faith. Be expectant, be filled with hope and be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit. We are called to live by the Spirit, and the more we die to self and live for Christ the more we will walk in the Spirit.

Living life in the power of the Holy Spirit is at the very heart and essence of the Christian vocation. As we open up our lives to this power, we will begin to manifest the fruits and gifts of the spirit. In Galatians 5:22-23 Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control (for a list of the gifts of the spirit see, eg. 1 Cor.12:7-11).

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Paul points to love as being the greatest fruit of the Spirit. One thing we need to be very clear about is that the Spirit can give us the power, the grace and the strength to live and act in a way that we of ourselves could never do. The Spirit can give us the grace, for example, to forgive, when we know that of ourselves we could not. The Spirit can give us the power and courage to stand up and witness to our faith, when we know that of ourselves we could not. This is exactly what it means to live a life in the power of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, the blessing of Pentecost, is given so that we can live lives of love. St Augustine said that love alone distinguishes the children of God from the children of the devil. He even went as far as to say, 'Love and do what you will.' When we are born of the Spirit we are born to love and the power to love is the gift of the Spirit.

'We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith; we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.' (Byzantine Liturgy, Pentecost Vespers)

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon. 20th May: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Thurs 23rd May: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Sat 25th May: Saint Bede, the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church.

A FORTHCOMING FUNERAL:

For Eddie O'Rourke, Friday, 31st May, 10.30 am, St George's.

Gone With the Wind

.....suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind... ACTS 2:2

Sometimes, a little turbulence is a good thing. We need to be unsettled, startled, shaken. The first Christians learned as much on Pentecost. This singular event in the life of the Church – the "birthday of the Church" – doesn't arrive quietly: "Noise like a strong driving wind" announces that the Holy Spirit has arrived. You want winds of change? Brace yourself. The world, in effect, is being blown off course.

Pentecost reminds us that God's work in the world can sometimes leave us unsettled and mystified. It can take us out of our comfort zones. But every now and then, we need that. We need something (or someone) to jolt us out of the world we know and take us some place new. The people gathered in the Upper Room learned soon enough that "driving wind" might take you where you never expected. It might even shift the tides of history.
DCN. GREG KANDRA

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME RUNS FROM NOW

THROUGH THE SUMMER: During this time we are asked by our church leaders to pray for the following intentions:

- a] For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews
- b] For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights
- c] For Europe
- d] For Human Life
- e] For Seafarers

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY: During May we should have a special devotion to Our Lady, Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church. Pray the Rosary regularly for world peace and for all who are not well. Also, the Angelus is a fine prayer to say each day.

Our daily Mass is preceded by the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each day.

PUBLICATIONS

The free papers, Catholic News and Catholic Post are available at the Church. Please take a copy. You can read news of the Diocese and wider church in these papers.