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## Pentecost Sunday Year A – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

**At the moment Places of Worship form part of Phase 3 of the government's plan to recover from the lockdown. This means that, if all goes well, they could re-open for public worship from 4 July, with social distancing rules in place. We await further guidance.**

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in May:**

**And we pray for Teresa Rodgers** who died recently. Her funeral service will be held at Tynemouth crematorium on Fri 5 June at 2.15pm. May she rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Matthew Heenan, Kathleen Cotton, Betty Hill, John Keenaghan, Thomas Matthews, Michael Savage, Ethel Farrimond, Patricia Patterson, Anne Cunningham.

**Helpline:** Please call **251 3770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping. **If you would like to volunteer** to help then please ring this number.

**Fr Martin** will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

**On-line Scripture Resource:** the Wednesday Word is a great on-line resource reflecting on the weekly Sunday readings for all the family. Well worth a visit. [www.wednesdayword.org/](http://www.wednesdayword.org/)

**Prayers for Pentecost:**

*Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost. (Pope John XXIII)*

*Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*God the Holy Spirit, Comforter and Sanctifier, melt our hearts that we may accept your love. Renew our minds that we may know your truth. Strengthen our wills that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Update from Bishop Robert:**

“As we await guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference and from the recently established Places of Worship Task Force, as to when and how our Churches will reopen, please be assured that the Diocese is developing plans which will enable the COVID-19 secure reopening of all of our buildings. Once we have established which Churches might reopen first, a very small number will be selected in which we will pilot the reopening procedures. Our learning from these “dry runs” will be incorporated into the approach we will take across the Diocese and it can then be shared more widely.

To ensure that we all return to safe environments, there is much that needs to be done...the Property Department will prepare and undertake site-specific risk assessments. After the risk assessment is complete, protocols and procedures will be developed and put in place to enable the churches to reopen safely and securely...compliance with these Diocesan protocols and procedures will be a requirement...so that the opening of our Churches, and indeed all buildings, is safe and shown to be safe. I fully appreciate the importance of the reopening of our Churches and our shared desire to see this happen.”

**Parish Finances:** Some parishioners have been asking what to do with their weekly envelopes. It is probably best to simply keep these envelopes until the churches re-open. If you prefer, you can always make a donation via the internet or set up a standing order with the parish, to the following HSBC account:  
Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin  
Account Number: 12011336  
Sort code: 40-34-18

**The 'Magnificat' Booklet** is an excellent resource and is available online free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the daily mass readings at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

**We are invited to Pray the Rosary** each Friday at 9.00am, for Vocations to the Priesthood.

**First Reading**

*Acts 2:1-11*

*Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the effect it had on them.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles 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.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 103*

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

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| 1.     Bless the Lord, my soul!<br>Lord God, how great you are,<br>How many are your works, O Lord!<br>The earth is full of your riches.                   | 2.     You take back your spirit, they die,<br>returning to the dust from which they came.<br>You send forth your spirit, they are created;<br>and you renew the face of the earth. |
| 3.     May the glory of the Lord last for ever!<br>May the Lord rejoice in his works!<br>May my thoughts be pleasing to him.<br>I find my joy in the Lord. |                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13*

*The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-23*

*The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?**