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**PENTECOST SUNDAY
YEAR C
8TH-9TH JUNE 2019**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*
**The Spirit of the Lord
has filled the whole
world and that which
contains all things un-
derstands what is said,
alleluia.** *Wisdom 1.7*

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

**They were all filled
with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the mar-
vels of God, alleluia.**
Acts 2.4

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 2.1-11:** The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles in the form of a mighty wind and tongues of fire. They are empowered to proclaim the marvels of God to the people of many nations assembled before them

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

2nd Reading: **Romans 8.8-17:** The Spirit of God has made his home in us so that we need no longer be caught up in unspiritual things. He assures us that we are children of God able to cry out, "Abba, Father."

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

John 14.15-26: Through the Spirit the Father's love comes to us; they make their home with us. The Spirit helps us keep the word of Christ. He is our Advocate with the Father who teaches us all things and reminds us of what Christ has said to us. It is in the Spirit that we have access to the



Father through Christ so that we are caught up in the life and love of God himself.

Thanks to everyone who organized, helped out and took part in our first parish Garden Party. It was a very enjoyable few hours together. Special thanks to our Parish Council for all their help and to our primary children for their advertising the event with their posters and for their beautiful singing on the day. Although the event was primarily an opportunity to get together and spend time with each other, it nonetheless raised £1400 for the church refurbishment.

We welcome to our Sunday Mass the families who had children baptized in the past 12 months. We pray for these children that together with their parents they will grow in faith, hope and love and come to know God's infinite love



Please pray for our Primary 6 & 7 children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday at 7pm. May the Lord fill them and their families with his Holy Spirit, God's abiding

for them. A special blessing will be offered to each child.



presence within them, and empower them to bring his Good News to our world. The children receiving the Sacrament are: Conor Dowling, Holly Fleming, Johann Gillon, Joseph Irvine, Hollie Murphy Glencorse, Neil Nightingale, Niamh Porter, Ciara Reynolds, Luke Tennant, Charlie Toohey, Ryan White, Jamie-Lee Allan, Jack Armstrong, Bailey Fleming, Ciara Kelly, Ashleigh Kilmurray, Aiden Lammie, Christopher Larkins, Leela Mathers, Lucy McCaig, Jasmine McConnell, Zara McIntyre, Roisin McLaughlin, Lucy McShane, Joseph O'Hara, Brandon Regan, Grace Reilly, Lucy Smith, Carmen Stewart, Cara Swan, Ryan Thomson & Mariesha Ward.

Our parish focus over the past months has been "Growth in Holiness through Prayer." This will culminate in September when we will celebrate: "Together in Christ. Reflections and Connections." Each evening during the week 8th-14th September we will meet to pray, listen to guest speakers, reflect, eat and drink together and finally celebrate with Mass on Friday. Please sign up today or next week for this important event in the life of our parish.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for June: That social networks may work towards that Inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

The Internet is a gift of God, but it is also a great responsibility. Communication technology, its places, its instruments have brought with it a lengthening of horizons, a widening, for so many people. It can offer immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. May the digital network not be a place of alienation. May it be a concrete place, a place rich in humanity.

Thank you for last week's collection and for your continuing generosity to the refurbishment fund. This week's 2nd collection is for the Church's ministry of communications. Archbishop Tartaglia's letter about communications is in the Gathering Area. Thank you also for your generous contribution to SCIAF through the "Wee Box" appeal. All the amounts are on the sheet on the noticeboard.

Pizza night reunion for those who took part in the Rome pilgrimage—in the hall on Saturday June 22nd at 7.30pm.

Some of our parishioners would like to re-establish St Athanasius' Boys' Club. If you have a child in P3-7 and would like to find out more about the proposal, please come to the meeting in the hall on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm.

MARY'S MEALS will be here again 22nd-23rd June. Please begin gathering together your unwanted textiles.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY from *Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church* by Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit reminds us; he reminds us of all that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church, and when he reminds us, he helps us understand the words of the Lord. This remembrance in the Spirit and by virtue of the Spirit . . . is an essential aspect of Christ's presence within us and within his Church. The Spirit of truth and charity reminds us of all that Christ said and helps us enter ever more fully into the meaning of his words. We all have this experience: one moment, in any situation, there is an idea and then another connects with a passage from Scripture. . . . It is the Spirit who leads us to take this path: the path of the living memory of the Church. And he asks us for a response: the more generous our response, the more Jesus' words become life within us, becoming attitudes, choices, actions, testimony. In essence the Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian but only halfway there: a man or woman, a prisoner of the moment, who doesn't know how to treasure his or her history, doesn't know how to read it and live it as salvation history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, however, we are able to interpret interior inspirations and life events in light of Jesus' words. And thus within us grows the knowledge of memory, knowledge of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the Christian memory within all of us! And there, that day with the apostles, was Our Lady of Memory, who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. Mary, our Mother, was there. May she help us on this path of memory.

The blessing of the Memorial Plaques and the consecration of the parish garden for the burial of ashes will take place after 11am Mass on Sunday 23rd June.

Confirmation cards are on sale in the shop. Also on sale: *"Dementia. Hope on a Difficult Journey."* Practical and spiritual care from a Catholic perspective. Price £9

Prayer for our sick and housebound. Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Eurosia Lauder, Alison Rooney, Eileen McDonald, Jim McArthur & Theresa McNally



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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