

Come, Holy Spirit

Today we contemplate and re-live in the liturgy the outpouring of the Holy Spirit sent by the risen Christ upon his Church; an event of grace which filled the Upper Room in Jerusalem and then spread throughout the world.

But what happened on that day, so distant from us and yet so close as to touch the very depths of our hearts? Luke gives us the answer in the passage of the *Acts of the Apostles* (2:1-11). The evangelist brings us back to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the apostles were gathered. The first element which draws our attention is the sound which suddenly came from heaven “like the rush of a violent wind”, and filled the house; then the “tongues as of fire” which divided and came to rest on each of the apostles. Sound and tongues of fire: these are clear, concrete signs which touch the apostles not only from without but also within: deep in their minds and hearts. As a result, “all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”, who unleashed his irresistible power with amazing consequences: they all “began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability”. A completely unexpected scene opens up before our eyes: a great crowd gathers, astonished because each one heard the apostles speaking in his own language. They all experience something new, something which had never happened before: “We hear them, each of us, speaking our own language”. And what is it that they are they speaking about? “God’s deeds of power”.

The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ. The Holy Spirit is the soul of mission. The events that took place in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago are not something far removed from us; they are events which affect us and become a lived experience in each of us. The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures.

Today’s liturgy is a great prayer which the Church, in union with Jesus, raises up to the Father, asking him to renew the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May each of us, and every group and movement, in the harmony of the Church, cry out to the Father and implore this gift. Today too, as at her origins, the Church, in union with Mary, cries out: “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love!” Amen.

From a homily of Pope Francis, Pentecost Sunday 2013

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| Entrance Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia. <i>Day:</i> The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. |
| 1st Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> Genesis 11:1-9. <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11 |
| Psalm R: | <i>At 10.30:</i> Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. <i>Otherwise:</i> Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) |
| 2nd Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> Romans 8:22-27. <i>Day:</i> 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7. 12-13 |
| Sequence: | Veni, Sancte Spiritus... Come, Holy Spirit, come! |
| Alleluia: | Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. |
| Gospel: | <i>Vigil:</i> John 7:37-39. <i>Day:</i> John 20:19-23 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia. <i>Day:</i> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia. |

Baptism Preparation: the next session is **Sunday 7 June**; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

Our Children’s Liturgy has been going for almost a year, and it is time now to develop and consolidate this important part of our parish apostolate. The Children’s Liturgy takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am Mass. **TODAY, there will be a meeting for all those interested in developing and assisting with the liturgy and for developing other areas of catechesis for our children, of all ages.** Hopefully this will enable us to put in place a plan and a structure for the Autumn Term that will help our children to cherish the Faith and grow in grace.

Blackfriars’ Market will take place on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June

Our aim is to raise £10 000 towards improvements in the church and maintenance of the priory. Please show your support in three ways:

1. Please buy and sell raffle tickets – available from the tables after Mass – cash prizes up to £150;
2. Keep the dates free in your diary and come along with friends and family;
3. Bring in donations of cakes, bottled goods, gifts, toiletries, toys, chocolates, sweets and prizes. You may also donate cash to help cover the costs of the event so that more of the proceeds go to church and priory improvements – there are gift aid envelopes available for this.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £969.39 (of which £326.10 was Gift Aided and £643.29 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; Solidarity Fund £3.28; Friends of Holy Cross £4.74; Holy Souls £73.04; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

The new Gift Aid envelopes are now available on the table by the Wellington St entrance. If you have not already done so, please take the box with your name on it. If you are a UK income tax payer and are not yet enrolled as a Gift Aid donor, please see any of the Dominican friars. Gift Aid increases the value of your contribution to the church by 25%, at no extra cost to you. Many thanks.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Monday is a Bank Holiday and there will only be one Mass, at 12.30pm, after which the church will be closed.

Blackfriars Market Picture Raffle: "Abbey Park" by Isidore Clarke O.P. Tickets: £1.00 each.

Fatima Devotions in May: During the month of May we are holding Devotions in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima each Saturday morning at 10am Mass. Please make a special effort to attend these devotions which will mark this special month of devotion to Our Blessed Lady. **Adoration** is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00 am and on Saturdays during the Fatima Novena.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Monday 8th - Friday 12th June. From Stansted, staying at the Agena Hotel. £425 per person sharing. Please contact Fr David.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Kelly whose funeral was celebrated during the week. He was a regular attender of the 7pm Sunday Mass and gave us the statue of the Little Flower.

Rosmini Centre. Saturday 30 May - Day of Prayer for Intergenerational Healing, 'Healing of Family Tree' - 10.30 for 11am to 4pm - a day of prayer centred around a Healing Mass; lunch included. PLEASE TELEPHONE or EMAIL for organising catering. Other details email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. **Friday 5 June**, Healing Mass 7.00pm. **Saturday 6 June - Desert Day Retreat.** Quiet day, away from it all; 11.00am Introduction; Mass, simple lunch; end at 4.00pm, well refreshed we hope!

Fr Bruno Clifton OP, is looking for sponsors for his Ultimate Trail Challenge in the Lake District on 27 June. Fr Bruno's 68-mile run (110 km) will be completed in one single summer's day. Apart from having the physical strength to complete it, Fr Bruno will need great mental discipline, endurance and self-belief in overcoming this monumental challenge. He is volunteering his time and effort in the hope of raising money for the training of Dominicans to preach the Gospel, making his contribution towards the £1 million target of The Dominican Friars Training Fund Campaign. Please sponsor Fr Bruno by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP> or sending a cheque payable to the Dominican Council to Fr Bruno's Challenge, Development Office, 17 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2NA.



Something appeared to the apostles that seemed like tongues of fire ... and came to rest on the head of each of them.

| Year 1 | This week's calendar & Mass Intentions | Psalter Week 4 |
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| Sunday | PENTECOST SUNDAY | |
| | Vigil 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i> | |
| | Sung 10.30 Mgr Patrick McKinney, Bishop-elect of Nottingham | |
| | OP Rite 12.30 Mgr McGovern 19.00 Neglected intentions | |
| Monday | The Translation of our Holy Father Dominic. As today is a Bank Holiday, the church will close after the 12.30 Mass | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 <i>No Mass at this time today</i> 12.30 ☩ Eloisa Alonso 18.10 <i>No Mass at this time today</i> | |
| Tuesday | St Philip Neri, Priest | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory 18.10 | |
| Wednesday | ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 Vocations to the Dominicans 12.30 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| Thursday | Feria (8th week of Ordinary Time) | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 ☩ Holy Souls 12.30 Reparation for sins against the Blessed Sacrament 18.10 | |
| Friday | Feria | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 12.30 ☩ Holy Souls 18.10 Reparation for sins of the clergy | |
| Saturday | Feria | |
| | OP Rite 8.00 10.00 Clients of Our Lady of Fatima 12.30 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| Next Sunday – TRINITY SUNDAY. Readings: | | |
| Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40 | Romans 8:14-17 | Matthew 28:16-20 |

Please pray for the candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion or be Confirmed on Sunday 21 June.

Donations for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. We are really grateful for the parish's continuing magnificent response to the appeal, but do please note that the only acceptable gifts of food are non perishables. These people also need toiletries, baby items, kitchen utensils, shopping and mobile phone top-up vouchers, and stationery. The amounts you give are most generous and really welcome, and we hope you can keep it up.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass for tea, coffee, fruit juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.

Meister Eckhart and Divine Justice. The annual conference of the Eckhart Society will take place in Leeds from 4 to 6 September, including talks by three Dominicans, including Fr Greg. For details see www.eckhartsociety.org.

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass |
| MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers *WEDNESDAYS ONLY |
| SATURDAYS 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers |
| BANK HOLIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed |
| Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day. |
| Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512 |
| Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons. |
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