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Sunday 8 June 2025 – Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Year C

Dear Friends

We have reached the end of Eastertide, the 50 days of Alleluias that mark the most important part of the Christian calendar. This Sunday is Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, so long awaited. There is a sort of liturgical relief after all these weeks of expectation!

The Second Vatican Council produced four key documents. "Lumen Gentium", one of these four, addressed the Church, her nature, role and structure. I would like to reproduce the passage on the Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church to explain who the Holy Spirit is and what He does.

"When the work which the Father had given the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost that He might forever sanctify the Church. In this way all believers would have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of Life, a fountain of water springing up to eternal life...The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. In them He prays and witnesses to the fact that they are adopted sons and daughters...By the power of the Gospel He allows the Church to keep the freshness of youth and leads her to perfect union with her Spouse. The Spirit and the Bride both say to Lord Jesus: "Come!" Thus the Church shines forth as a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

This wonderful document continues to explain that one of the Spirit's works is to equip believers in many different ways: "Alotting His gifts as He wills, He also distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake various tasks and offices for the renewal and building-up of the Church".

So all of us are able to contribute to the community of believers, whether that is at the altar, arranging the flowers, greeting at the door...all can play a part in the Body of Christ. We only need to say: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your Love."

God bless everyone Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Weekday Masses – Holy Trinity 9:15am Monday and Thursday (Tuesday there is a Conference for Priests in Birmingham) **Holy Rosary for Peace Friday 9:15am**

St Teresa's Weekday Masses – 9:15am Wednesday and Friday

Second Collection: Catholic Communications.

Tuesday 7 pm: Holy Trinity Finance Committee in the parish room.

Friday: First Confessions for our children preparing for First Communion, at usual lesson time after school.

Urgent: Your Voice Matters on the Assisted Suicide Bill Your MP's vote on the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill is imminent and critical. This Bill, if passed, cannot be undone. Your MP needs to hear from you. Many are **wavering**, and your opinion can truly make a difference in defeating this Bill. Please do not leave it to others. Take just one minute to write to your MP today: prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/bill

Next Sunday 15 June is Day for Life – please see the poster at the back of Church with information about where to find information and how to make a donation.

Sunday 22 June (Corpus Christi) is First Communion for our Holy Trinity children. It has been an excellent year at both churches and a great amount of effort put into preparing them by Mary and Nareen. In June we also have baptisms and weddings so it promises to be busy and happy!

Please continue to pray for the soul of Bishop Mark Jabale and for all his family, friends and parishioners who mourn his loss. Bishop Mark planned his funeral which was glorious. Next week at the back of Church there will be a Biography of Bishop Mark which was read at the start of his funeral: Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Homily together with various photographs. We are grateful to Johnny Hulme for compiling this for us.

Pope Leo's intention for June 2025 is that the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

