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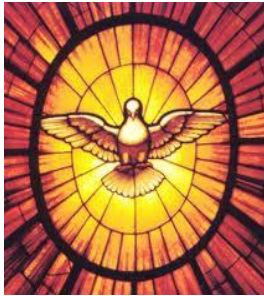
5 th June 2022 Psalter Week 2		Pentecost Veni, Sancte Spiritus	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 20:19-23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>		
Saturday 4 th June +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 5 th June +	10.30am	Mass – (Jack Robbins RIP)	
So Ends Eastertide			
Week 10 in Ordinary Time			
Gospel Year of Luke (Year C) – Weekday Lectionary – Year 2			
Monday 6 th June Mary, Mother of the Church	10.00am	Mass – (The Daughter's of the Holy Spirit)	
Tuesday 7 th June Feria		No Parish Mass Today	
Wednesday 8 th June Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 9 th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL PRIEST	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Tim Ashford RIP)	
Friday – 10 th June Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Liam Ryan RIP)	
Saturday – 11 th June St Barnabas, Apostle - memoria	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass (Eileen Barrett Int.)	
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY			
Saturday – 11 th June +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Bernie Wogan RIP)	
Sunday – 12 th June +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	



Prayer for Queen Elizabeth II

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Sacrament of Confirmation



On this Pentecost Sunday, we have four young adults from our parish who today, by the Grace of God, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David at the **Cathedral at 3pm**. We hold them all, together with their families and friends, in our thoughts and prayers. The Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral via this link:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/>

First Holy Communion



Next Saturday morning here in Our Lady's, 12 of our young parishioners will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Please note that this special Mass will begin slightly later than normal at 11am. In the days leading up to next Saturday, please keep our young people, their families and friends, in your thoughts and prayers.

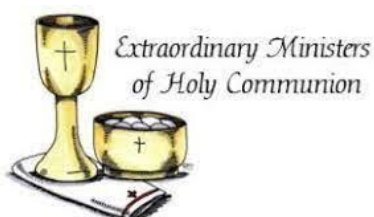


One of the many blessings here in our parish is the tremendous generosity of your time, your giving and especially your prayers for each other and for those most in need. Two splendid examples of this are:

CAFOD - Parish Lenten Appeal for Afghanistan - Change for Food

The lack of basic health provision and starvation crisis which the Afghan people are currently facing is a concern to many charities including CAFOD. Our Parish has responded magnificently to our Lenten Appeal. A total of **£809** has been sent to the CAFOD Afghanistan Crisis Fund on your behalf. Thank you - **CAFOD Parish Group**

PLANT SALE – Thanks to Terry & Joan Askew whose recent plant sale raised a magnificent **£117.30** which will be given to Mary's Meals.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop David invites all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join him in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday 12th June from 3pm – 4pm at Northampton Cathedral**



Pentecost Reflection by Cardinal Vincent Nichols

The opening lines of the Book of Genesis are a great source of inspiration and reflection. They speak of our beginnings, our origin, as the work of God who draws the 'heavens and the earth' from an earth that was 'without form and void'.

Two creative forces are named: the 'Spirit of God' which 'was hovering over the face of the waters' and the Word of God, spoken at each phase. We read 'And God said...' eight times as the wonders of creation are unfolded. Here is a reflection of such importance. Without that Holy Spirit and that Word, all we have is 'without form and void'. It is the Holy Spirit and the Word who bring forth a cosmos, an ordered world.

St John names that Word for us, in the Prologue of his Gospel, saying that 'All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made' (Jn 1.3). And, of course, he proclaims that 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (Jn1.14).

Spirit and Word. Without them our lives remain lacking in their fundamental shape and purpose. Without them our lives are oriented towards death and oblivion. With them our lives take on a new purpose, a new meaning. We have a road to follow and a pattern to live by. With Spirit and Word, we go from darkness to light, from death to life.

Easter and Pentecost, then, belong together: the feast of the Word, in the triumph over death, and the feast of the Spirit, poured out again on the face of the earth, with new vigour, from the side of Christ. Here we are at the very core of our faith, a truth that reaches to our deepest realities: created by God, given light and meaning by God, destined for eternity with God and all put without our grasp by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, in and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Land is the place on earth where the events we celebrate at Easter and Pentecost first took place. This is a Land precious to us for ever. This is the Land which draws us back, again and again, to touch and feel the realities that Jesus touched. Here is the Rock of Calvary, the Tomb from which he was raised, the Upper Room from which poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of our wonderful Gospel message.

Every place on earth is marred by our failure and our sinfulness. Violence and unending conflicts are the fruit of that failure. So it is that today we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth, for peace and good order, for redemption from the chaos that we cause. And our prayer can and should have particular intensity for the Holy Land and for its people.

May God bless us all this Pentecost. May the Word of God find a fresh lodging in our hearts and minds. May the Holy Spirit invigorate our wills and our determination to act according to the will of our Heavenly Father, forsaking all other motives and serving Him alone, through Christ our Lord.

[May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph and St Lawrence pray for us all. With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter](#)