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COME HOLY SPIRIT – PENTECOST.

Our religion is not working well: suffering, fear, violence, injustice, greed, and meaninglessness still abound. This is not even close to the reign of God that Jesus taught. And we must be frank: in their behaviour and impact upon the world, Christians are not much different than other people.

Many Christians are not highly transformed people; instead, they tend to reflect their own culture more than they operate as any kind of heaven within it.

Let's be honest: religion has probably never had such a bad name. Christianity is now seen as "irrelevant" by some, "toxic" by many, and often as a large part of the problem rather than any kind of solution. Some of us are almost embarrassed to say we are Christian because of the negative images that word conjures in others' minds. Young people especially are turned off by how judgmental, exclusionary, impractical, and ineffective Christian culture seems to be.

Most Christians have not been taught **how** to plug into the "mind of Christ"; thus, they often reflect the common mind of power, greed, and war instead. The dualistic mind reads reality in simple binaries—good and bad, right and wrong—and thinks itself smart because it chooses one side. This is getting us nowhere.

It's time to rebuild *from the bottom up*. If the foundation is not solid and sure, everything we try to build on top of it is weak and ineffective. Perhaps it's a blessing in disguise that so much is tumbling down around us. It's time to begin again. In the year 1205, Jesus spoke to Francis through the San Damiano cross: "Francis, rebuild my church, for you see it is falling into ruin." If Jesus himself says the church is falling into ruin, I guess we can admit it also without being accused of being negative or unbelieving. Maybe we **have** to admit it for anything new and good to happen.



PICTURE OF KNIT FOR AFRICA GROUP

The Knit for Africa group meets in the Coffee Dock every Monday at 2 pm.

The group is doing great work knitting materials for children in Africa. Some people do not attend but in the quiet of their homes they support the work of the group with home knitting.



Bingo at the Parish Centre every Monday evening at 8pm
Why not try your luck !

PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

Our monthly charity is a local charity named "The Middleton Hub". We are grateful for the support for this new but important charity and we are grateful for the €1,476 we have received to date. Contributions can be placed in wall boxes at the front of the church.



The group are also collecting old Teddy Bears as part of their suicide awareness program. If anyone is willing to part with an old Teddy Bear, they'd be delighted to have it. Drop them at the Mass Office.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi on the 19th June. The feast celebrates our faith in the Eucharist. In our parish, through daily adoration, we show special respect for the Eucharist. On Friday 17th we will have a special day of adoration extending from the morning Mass till the evening Mass. We ask that people register their names at the entrance and commit to at least 30 minutes of presence with the Eucharist on the day.



UKRAINE SMA SUPPORT.

We are happy to receive donations in aid of our ongoing support for the SMA Fathers in Poland who are catering for refugees. Thanks to people who are still making contributions we can add another €900, bringing our total contribution to €18,000. Donations can be placed in the box at the front of the altar beside the cross.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.....

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father
have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit empowers the apostles with courage to speak the Word of God. The gift of Pentecost for us now is the peace, joy and endurance of Christ.

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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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 103.

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

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

SECOND READING Romans 8: 8 - 17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life

itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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 14:15-16. 23 - 26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Pray brothers and sisters,
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his
holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.