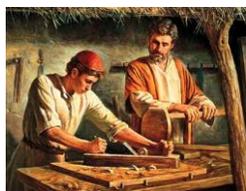


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**2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** In St Joseph, we see how the Holy Spirit works to equip each one of us with the necessary graces for our state in life and our role in God's Church - Father, husband, carpenter, member of the Nazareth Synagogue, Patron of the Universal Church etc. May he support us with his intercession as we seek from the Paraclete the help we need for daily living and for our vocations as Christians.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jul. Frs. Ian McCarthy, Michael Fountaine & Philip Thomas reach 25yrs of the Priesthood. **We hope to have a SINGLE TEAM MASS at 3.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at the R. Ag. Univ., followed by a picnic. Pray for good weather. There will be no morning masses that day.** Remember also Frs. Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton & Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

**THERE WILL BE AN URGENT MEETING IN CHURCH AFTER THIS MORNING'S 11.00AM MASS TODAY FOR ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, WANTING CHILDREN PREPARED FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO DO THIS AND TO OUTLINE A TIMETABLE FOR THIS**



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### **EASTER VIII – THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (YEAR B)**

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Jonna Jinton's intention)  
**6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)**



### **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
**No Public Mass**

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> May St Bede the Venerable, Priest  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's  
6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri, Priest (Priscillano and Hilaria Zerda W.A. RIP)  
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> May O. L. J. C. ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Feast  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's  
**10.15am Reception into St Peter's of the Late 'Patsy' Glascoe**  
**2.00pm Funeral Requiem 'Patsy' Glascoe**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May Feria of Week VIII – In the Octave of Pentecost  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Bernadette Evans RIP)  
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady on Saturday  
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

### **THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY (Year B)**

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (John and Lee's Silver Wedding Anniversary)  
**6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)**

**CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**



### We intercede: -

- For the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: that God, Who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love, together with our Pope and all the clergy, until His Son returns in glory,
- For our world: that the Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth, making it a place where people feel safe.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and especially the parish of Charlton Kings: that the flame of the Spirit may guide us all into ways of truth, life and witness.
- For the family of our two parishes: that, being open to the gifts of the Spirit, we may gladly accept the challenges which lie ahead
- For the sick and the housebound: that that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort and healing.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all working to assist those with the Corona Virus: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated.
- For those who have died and received the healing sacrament in this life, may the Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of his kingdom.



**MRS PATRICIA 'PATSY' ELIZABETH GLASCOE:** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Glascoe, who passed away recently. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Her funeral will be in St Peter's this Thursday.

**PAINT THE TOWN GREEN IN JUNE.** Inspired by the teachings of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, we know that responding to Climate Change requires working together, - as families, parishes, communities and countries (See the encyclicals: Laudate Si and Fratelli Tutti). 'Greening Tetbury' is a registered charity and community-based group taking action in response to Climate Crisis. See website: [www.greeningtetbury.org](http://www.greeningtetbury.org) During the month of June, we are asking everyone, particularly businesses, to consider what they are doing/planning to do to address the problem of Climate Change. We are inviting shops, cafes, churches and schools to display what they are doing or will commit to do to reimagine Our Common Home. St Michaels will be reviewing the building and displaying on our notice board what we as a Church hope to do. On each Saturday in June there will be a stall behind the Market Place with members of Greening Tetbury. Please come and discuss what we in Tetbury can do to address the problems we face regarding Climate Change. Come and join us! Email: [greeningtetbury@gmail.com](mailto:greeningtetbury@gmail.com)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** The Book of Acts describes the Descent of the Holy Spirit as being like tongues of flame and the rushing of wind. It does not say the Holy Spirit IS fire or wind. This picture language enables us to understand a little of what God the Paraclete does. Flames give light and God enlightens. Fire cooks our food and God transforms us into His likeness. Fire hardens pottery and God gives us strength and courage. Fire consumes our rubbish and, unlike our rubbish incineration, God burns away our faults and does no harm in the process.



Wind drives our sails and our mills, just as God the Holy Spirit is dynamic and active. God moves us and stirs us. As in the process of winnowing grain, the Spirit blows away the dross and leaves only good behind.

Despite these Biblical images, we do not use fire and wind in our public worship on a regular basis. Instead, for many centuries the touch of God's Spirit has been conveyed with Holy Oil. Three oils in particular are employed in the Sacraments and other special ceremonies, Oil of Catechumens Oil of the Sick, and the perfumed Oil of Sacred Chrism.

Catechumens are men, women and teenagers, preparing for Holy Baptism. The word means Inquirer. During the run up to the waters of the Font, they are anointed for strengthening and preparation. Sometimes, Oil of Catechumens is called Oil of Baptism, because of its use in the run up to this Sacrament.

Sacred Chrism is oil mixed with natural perfume and aromatic substances, like resins and spices. It is a rich oil, used after the flow of the waters of Baptism. In the Sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination, it is used to show that God is working powerfully in and on the Candidate.

For those who are seriously ill or who have grown weak through old age, the Oil of the Sick conveys the healing touch of the Saviour and the strength of the Spirit. For some this will bring about spiritual and physical healing in this world. For others, it will aid them in the journey to spiritual healing in the next life.

Besides the Sacraments, these oils are used to bless bells, altars, church buildings, chalices and patens for Mass.



## MASS TEXTS

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

**Kyrie or Lord, have mercy**

**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

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11 *St Luke describes the Descent of the Holy Spirit.*

**Psalm Response** Send forth Your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** 1. Corinthians 12:3-7 & 12-13 *Diversity of gifts from the One Giver*

**The Sequence**

1 Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From Thy clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give,  
Come, Thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure,  
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

2 Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art Comfort sweet,  
Pleasant Coolness in the heat,  
Solace in the midst of woe

3 Light immortal, Light divine, visit  
Thou these hearts of Thine,  
And our inmost being fill;  
If Thou take Thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in us will stay,  
All our good is turned to ill.



4 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew,  
Wash the stains of guilt away,  
Bend the stubborn heart and will,  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,  
Guide the steps that go astray.

5 Thou on those who evermore  
Thee confess and Thee adore,  
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend;  
Give them comfort when they die,  
Give them life with Thee on high,  
Give them joys which never end.



**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 *Receive the Spirit, Who forgives sins, the Giver of My peace*

**RENEWAL OF CONFIRMATION**

**The Traditional Prayer over the Candidates**

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

**A Litany of the Holy Spirit** God the Father of Heaven, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us.**

Divine Essence, one true God, **Have etc.**

Spirit of truth and wisdom, **Have etc.**

Spirit of holiness and justice, **Have etc.**

Spirit of understanding and counsel, **Have etc.**

Spirit of love and joy, **Have etc.**

Spirit of peace and patience, **Have etc.**

Spirit of longanimity and meekness, **Have etc.**

Spirit of benignity and goodness, **Have etc.**

Love substantial of the Father and the Son, **Have etc.**

Love and life of saintly souls, **Have etc.**

Warming Fire that never goes out, **Have etc.**

Living water to quench the thirst of hearts, **Have etc.**

From all evil, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From all impurity of soul and body, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From all gluttony and sensuality, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From all attachments to the things of the earth, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From all hypocrisy and pretence, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From all imperfections and deliberate faults, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From our own will, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From slander, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From deceiving our neighbours, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From our passions and disorderly affections, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From being inattentive to Your holy inspirations, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From despising little things, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From love of comfort and luxury, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From seeking or desiring anything other than You, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

From everything that displeases You, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

**Our Petition for Renewal of Confirmation Defend us once more, O Lord, with Your heavenly graces, so that we may continue as Your children for ever. Make us daily to increase in Your Holy Spirit until we attain to Your everlasting Kingdom. Amen.**

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

**Act of Spiritual Communion** Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.



## **Introduction to our Renewal of**

**Confirmation** On the day of Pentecost, today, the apostles received the Holy Spirit as the Lord had promised. Having the fullness of Holy Orders, they also received the power of giving the Holy Spirit to others and so completing the work of baptism. This we read in our Acts lesson this Sunday. When Saint Paul placed his hands on those, who had been baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in other languages and in prophetic words.



In our day the coming of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is rarely marked by the gift of tongues, but, by faith, we continue to recognize His work in us. He fills our hearts with the love of God, brings us together in one faith but in different vocations, and works within us to make the Church one and holy.

The gift of the Holy Spirit that the Confirmed receive was a spiritual sign and seal to make us more like Christ and more perfect members of His Church. At His baptism, by John, Christ Himself was anointed by the Spirit and sent out on His public ministry to set the world on fire.

All of us already been baptized into Christ have received the power of His Spirit by the sign of the cross on our forehead, traced with Holy Chrism. We must be witnesses before all the world to His suffering, death, and resurrection, with a way of life that should at all times reflect the goodness of Christ.

Christ gives many varied and different gifts to His Church, and the Spirit distributes them among the individual members of Christ's Mystical Body, to build up the holy people of God in unity and love. In our Renewal of Confirmation this Sunday, we seek to be active members of the Church, alive in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we give our lives completely in the service of all, as did Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.



**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen**