



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday, your parish church will be celebrating a great and joyful feast, Pentecost Sunday. It is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation, and at Mass.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace so that they would never be alone, to strengthen them, and to be their helper forever. Jesus never wants us to be fearful, lonely, or disturbed, and he also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This true, lasting peace, offered by Jesus (the removal of all anxiety, worry, and envy), comes only from God. It is not dependent on peaceful conditions; we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **PENTECOST**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Adapted from John 20:19-23  
Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

Good News for Everyone

When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, our helper who guides us along the way, helping us when things are difficult.



# Good News for Families

## 10 MINUTES TOGETHER TIME



### 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

**What did Jesus say as he breathed on the disciples?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." Pope Francis

## PENTECOST

The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit - the third person of the Holy Trinity. Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Ask your child what they have learnt at school about the Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost.



The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus, to do good things and be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace which come from God. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; set the table and help each other with the dishes. Is there anyone who may especially need your help?

3 \* Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say as you finish tonight's Together Time, and also at anytime throughout each day. \*

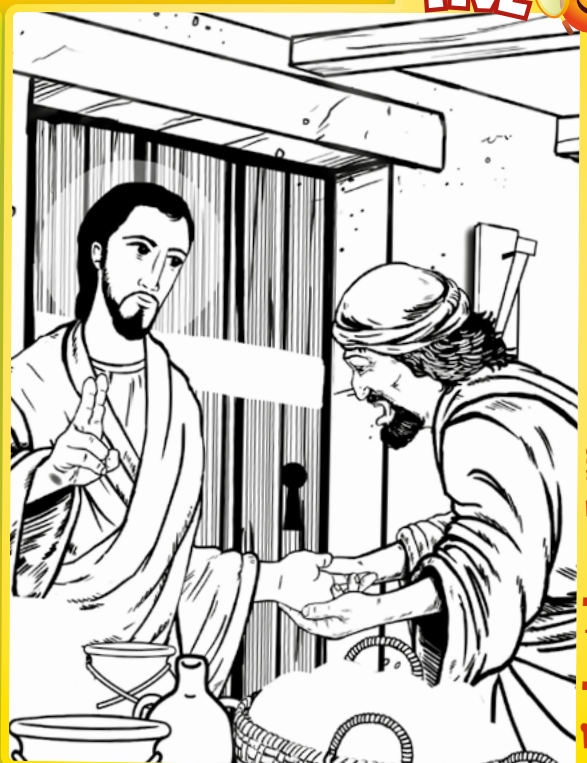
### FINDING FIVE

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **u m k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on them, "Receive the \_\_\_\_\_," he \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

### EVERYONE'S INVITED! This Sunday your church celebrates PENTECOST!

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church because this was the day when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago. All are warmly invited.

