



# St. Anne's Parish

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## Feast of Pentecost



**This Week in St. Anne's**

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Masses this week: No mass this week!**

**Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.**

**All services are streamed live online**



**Parish Office:** Open Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.  
**Parish WhatsApp Group** – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**First Holy Communion:** Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Your Giving**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering &**

**Weekly Offering: Envelopes £1098.20 & Loose £139.60**  
**Renovation Fund: £361**

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the necessary forms from our website...or call 028 90610112

**OR Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish

**A/C No. 07707787**  
**Sort Code 93 83 00**

A new **"Digital Collection Plate"** for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available for use in the main entrance porch. It is "contactless", and you can Gift Aid your donation....so simple!

### **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Jim Robinson, Florence Rafferty  
**Anniversary:** Louis McGreevy, Brian Malone, Augustine & Mary McCaul.

### **Foodbank:**

Your continued generous support is gratefully appreciated by the foodbank workers and the recipients. Sadly with the cost of living crisis and increasing food poverty the need for the bank continues to grow. The Spring and Summer months generally show a drop in donations. We again thank our regular donors for their generosity and encourage others to join in giving to those most in need.

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
2. To his followers Jesus promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
4. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?

## Liturgy of the Word

### Saturday Vigil Mass

*(Any one of the following readings from the Old Testament may be chosen)*

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of Genesis 11:1-9

*Throughout the earth men spoke the same language, with the same vocabulary. Now as they moved eastwards, they found a plain in the land of Shinar where they settled. They said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire.' – For stone they used bricks, and for mortar they used bitumen. – 'Come,' they said. 'let us build ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven.*



Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth.'

*Now the Lord came down to see the town and the tower that the sons of man had built.*

*'So they are all a single people with a single language!' said the Lord. 'This is but the start of their undertakings! There will be nothing too hard for them to do, come, let us go down and confuse their language on the spot so that they can no longer understand one another.'*

*The Lord scattered them thence over the whole face of the earth, and they stopped building the town. It was named Babel therefore, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. It was from there that the Lord scattered them over the whole face of the earth.*

#### **Alternative First Readings**

A reading from the Book of Exodus 19: 3-8. 16-20

Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,  
'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all

the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”

Those are the words you are to speak to the sons of Israel.’

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, putting before them all that the Lord had bidden him. Then all the people answered as one, ‘**All that the Lord has said, we will do.**’



Now at daybreak on the third day there were peals of thunder on the mountain and lightning flashes, a dense cloud, and a loud trumpet blast, and inside the camp all the people trembled. Then Moses led the people out of

the camp to meet God; and they stood at the bottom of the mountain. The mountain of Sinai was entirely wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. Like smoke from a furnace the smoke went up, and the whole mountain shook violently. Louder and louder grew the sound of the trumpet. Moses spoke, and God answered him with peals of thunder. The Lord came down on the mountain of Sinai, on the mountain top, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me,

‘**Son of man, can these bones live?**’

I said, ‘*You know, Lord.*’

He said,

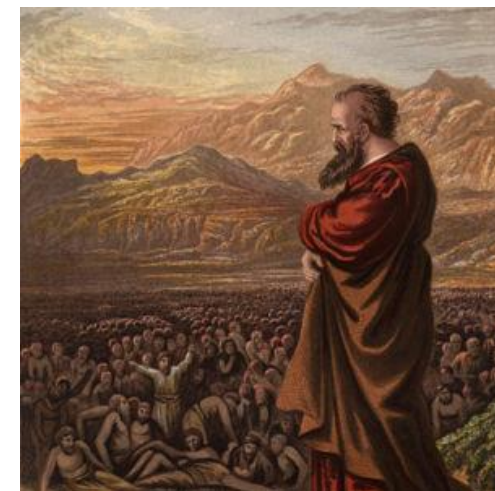
‘Prophesy over these bones. Say, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord.”’

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them.

He said to me,

‘**Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man. Say to the breath, “The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!”**’

I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army. Then he said, ‘**Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, “Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead.”** So prophesy. Say to them, “The Lord says this: I am



now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, Yahweh, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.”’

A reading from the Book of Joel 3:1-5



*Thus says the Lord:*  
*'I will pour out my spirit on all mankind.*  
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men see visions.  
Even on the slaves, men and women,  
will I pour out my spirit in those days.

I will display portents in heaven and on earth.  
blood. and fire and columns of smoke.'

The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,  
before the day of the Lord dawns, that great and terrible day.  
All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved,  
for on Mount Zion there will be some who have escaped, as the Lord  
has said,  
and in Jerusalem some survivors whom the Lord will call.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 103**

**Response: 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,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!

*Response*

2. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul.

*Response*

3. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill *Response*

4. 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. *Response*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:22-27



From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 7:37-39

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

*'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!*

*Let the man come and drink who believes in me!'*

*As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water. He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

## Mass during the Day: Pentecost Sunday

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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 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.'*

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 103

### Response:

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

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Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. *Response*

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. *Response*

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. *Response*

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-17

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.



### SEQUENCE

**H**oly Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

**C**ome, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

**T**hou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

**T**hou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

**L**ight immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

**I**f thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

**H**eal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

**B**end the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

**T**hou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

**G**ive us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that 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**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-16, 23-26

*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 for ever,

'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.'



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