

Reflection

Burn with the Holy Spirit

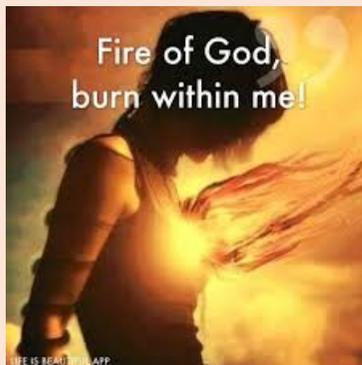
Italian fans of football, motor racing and cycling are famously passionate. They are known for waving flags and banners and for well-choreographed chanting. They are referred to as 'tifosi'. Tifosi in Italian literally means 'those infected with typhus'.

So the tifosi are supporters acting as if they had a fever. They are passionate and burning with enthusiasm. They are infectious in the best sense of the word.



We are familiar with TV evangelists who preach with great earnestness, or more vividly with burning enthusiasm. They are passionate about Jesus and have all the hallmarks of a bold Christian preacher.

We may find this 'in your face' evangelism over the top, but you can't doubt their insistence of preaching the Good News of Jesus.



As we celebrate Pentecost, we can reflect on the enthusiasm that the Holy Spirit wishes to bring to us. This is always according to our natural gifts and our vocation. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, speaks of fanning into a flame all the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit does not force itself on us. We need to invite the fire of God to burn within us. If we allow it to

happen the gifts of the Holy Spirit we pray for will be released in us in the same way.

**MASS LIVE ON
FACEBOOK
(PAUL ROY LOMAS)**

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Pentecost 2020

One in the Holy Spirit

**SATURDAY
30th MAY
Vigil Mass
4.00 pm
SUNDAY
31st May
Mass 9.30 am**

Saturday	30th	Vigil Mass 4 pm	<i>for the children of the parish</i>
PENTECOST SUNDAY		Mass 9.30 am	<i>Parishioners</i>
Monday	1st June	Mary, Mother of the Church	NO MASS
Tuesday	2nd	of Easter Week Nine	Mass 10 am <i>All frontline workers</i>
Wednesday	3rd	SS Charles Lwanga & Comp Mms	Mass 10 am <i>Priest of the Diocese</i>
Thursday	4th	Jesus, the High Priest	Mass 10 am <i>William Martin Aherne RIP</i>
Friday	5th	St Boniface Bp, Mr.	Mass 10 am <i>sick & housebound</i>
Saturday	6th	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Vigil Mass 4 pm <i>Parishioners</i>



**Next Week : Saturday 6th June
Vigil MASS 4 pm
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday
7th June Mass at 9.30am**

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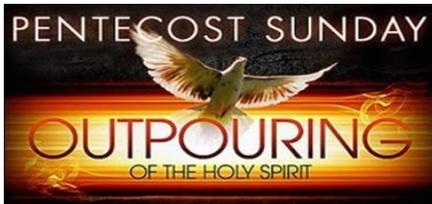


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PENTECOST CHALLENGE



The Saturday Vigil Mass THIS week at 4 pm is going to be a Children's Mass for PENTECOST. A Mass for the children to enjoy knowing that Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to each one of us: in our Baptism, when we are confirmed, when we receive Holy Communion, and the other Sacraments. Why not encourage your children to watch and take part **THIS COMING Saturday night?**



As you can see from the Mass intentions, Fr. Paul does not have many intentions to offer from you parishioners. Please either send him an e-mail, or drop a note through the door, or ring the presbytery if you have an intention that you would like him to offer at Mass.



Pentecost is one of the most joyful feasts on the Christian liturgical calendar. For fifty days the Church has been celebrating the great mysteries of Easter, most notably the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is the conclusion of the Easter season. Today, the familiar story of Pentecost will be the first reading. The Spirit blows through the upper room where the disciples are hiding and, according to tradition, resides over each of them as tongues of fire. The disciples burst forth from that upper room to preach, teach, baptize, and celebrate the Eucharist. Most of them were martyred for their faith. Courage, strength, love, resolve, faith, and conviction were the marks of the apostles as they began their ministry to the known world after that experience of the Holy Spirit in the upper room.

A committed Christian can bring hope, love, forgiveness, and life to his or her world. A Christian who has been "fired up" by the Spirit does not tolerate hatred, racism, bigotry, gossip, cheating, or lack of respect for human life. If Christians live the Gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit, they can bring the teachings and life of Jesus Christ to all whom they meet.

Let's get to it! Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth person by person!



"Devoted and with one accord to prayer, together with Mary (cf. Acts 1:14)". On this theme Pope Francis will lead the recitation of the Rosary on Saturday 30th May, joining the Marian Shrines of the world which, due to the health emergency, have had to interrupt their normal activities and pilgrimages. The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5.30 pm Rome time. (this 4.30 pm GMT)



'May they all be one'

Mass on Friday this week in honour of Saint Boniface, born Winfrid in the Devon town of Crediton in Anglo-Saxon England, was a leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of the Frankish Empire during the 8th century. He organised significant foundations of the church in Germany and was made archbishop of Mainz by Pope Gregory III.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering insider.

Your weekly offering for the Upkeep of St. Benedict's.

Those of you who make a weekly cash offering are not able to do so now. Can I suggest you either download a Standing Order form from the Diocesan Website. If not, then put your money in the weekly envelopes and bring them to Mass when we can all meet again. Can I suggest that you hold on to the Easter Offering for Fr. Paul until we are back together again. Thank you.