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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

5 JUNE 2022:
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Resp. Psalm: 103 (104): 1, 24, 29-31, 34
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8-17
Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 5 June	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (p. 502 – Year C) Retiring Collection: Day For Life	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 6 June	Mary, Mother of the Church	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 7 June	Tuesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: In Honour of the Holy Angels	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 8 June	Wednesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 9 June	Feast of St. Columba, Abbot	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 10 June	Friday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 11 June	St. Barnabas, Apostle Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's Most Immaculate Heart	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 12 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (p. 1100 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Pentecost Sunday: A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth

(see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

THIS WEEK: PLUSCARDEN PENTECOST LECTURES: LIVE-STREAMED, 7-9 JUNE 2022 – This year's Lecturer is Dr. Christopher Ruddy, of the Catholic University of America, postponed from 2020. His talks will be livestreamed direct from the US at the usual times, to fit in with the monastic timetable. A link will be available nearer the time on the Pluscarden Abbey website and recordings will be available afterwards for those who cannot tune in live. The theme of Dr. Ruddy's talks will be as follows: "It ain't no sin to be glad you're alive': Praise in an Age of Agitation".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: DEANERY PREPARATION DAY, 11 JUNE AT ST. MARY'S INVERNESS – the St. Andrew Community are offering a preparation for any children in the Highland Deanery who are making their First Holy Communion this year. The day begins at 10.00am, and ends at 3.00pm. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING DAY: SATURDAY 25 JUNE AT ST. MARY'S BEAULY – This Day is open to all current Altar Servers, in all of the parishes in the Deanery, AND any prospective future Servers are also welcome to find out about Serving! Drinks and snacks will be provided, but bring their own packed lunch. See the poster and timetable for details.

ANNUAL PLUSCARDEN PILGRIMAGE WITH MASS, AND FAMILY DAY, SUNDAY 26 JUNE – Refreshments will be available from 12 noon; feel free to take your own picnics; Eucharistic Adoration and Confession available from 1.00pm; Mass begins at 3.00pm; followed by a Marian procession. All welcome!

PARISH NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of Pentecost, Year C (pp. 502 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 502: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 422: Preface: The Mystery of Pentecost

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE – each year, on or about this time, the Catholic Church in the UK and Ireland commemorates a Day of Prayer for, and Protection of, Human Life at all stages, from the moment of conception to the end of natural life. The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations.

PIETY STALL: First Holy Communion? Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacramental occasions. How about a Rosary for this Marian month of May? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

90 CLUB – MAY WINNERS: First Prize: Don Williams; Second Prize: Margaret MacLennan; Third Prize: David and Janey Oates. Congratulations to all our winners! You too could be a winner! If anyone would like to join in, it is only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won at each draw. Good luck to you. Next Draw: Sunday 26 June.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming, Godfrey Herman, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Anne Hamill, William McIntosh, Joyce Willett, Caryn Anne Schmidt

Anniversaries: Maureen Mason, Anne MacLean