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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 MAY 2023:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11  
Resp. Psalm: Ps 103 (104): 1, 24, 29-31, 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13  
Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 28 May	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (pp. 417 ff.)</b> <b>Special Collection: Day for Life, 2023</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
Tuesday 30 May	Tuesday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>	---
Thursday 1 June	St. Justin, Martyr	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 3 June	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 4 June	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY (pp. 816 ff.)</b> <b>Special Collection: Social Communications</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>

### Solemnity of Pentecost: 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)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The feast of Pentecost renews the awareness that the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit abides in us. He also gives us the courage to go outside the protective walls of our "Upper Rooms", of our little groups, without easing into a quiet life or withdrawing into sterile habits. (Regina Caeli Address, St. Peter's Square, 31 May 2020)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy: Solemnity of Pentecost, Year A (pp. 417 ff.)

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**St. Andrew Community Youth Group** – every Friday in the church hall at St. Mary's, in Huntly Street, Inverness. Ages 6-11: 5.00pm-6.00pm; Ages 12-18: 6.30pm-9.00pm. For details: email [youth@standrewx.org](mailto:youth@standrewx.org), or call 07754 891808.

**30 May-1 June: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures** – Fr. Abbot and the Community of Pluscarden Abbey are delighted to announce that this year's Pentecost Lectures will be held at the abbey, in St Scholastica's Guesthouse, from Tuesday 30 May until Thursday June 1. The speaker will be Fr. Richard Price, a retired priest in the Archdiocese of Westminster and a former lecturer at Heythrop College. His overall theme will be "Living the Faith in the World of Today". All welcome. See poster on noticeboard for details.

**Sunday 11 June: Parish Barbecue!!** – to celebrate with our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time, we will be having a simple Parish Barbecue on the patio at the back of the church. Everyone is warmly welcome. **Any Barbecue aficionados among us? We are looking for a cook**, and helpers to organise the event. Please speak to Fr. Domenico, or see the sheet in the entrance foyer. Thank you.

**Saturday 17 June: 'New Dawn in the Church' at St. Ninian's, Inverness** – a day of Praise and Worship, inspiring talks, youth ministry, testimonies, workshops, healing and much more! The day begins at 10.30am with Holy Mass. Take a packed lunch with you. All welcome.

**Sunday 26 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden** – Bishop Hugh is extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to attend this annual diocesan event together. There will be opportunities to relax in the grounds of the Abbey, with a chance to meet people from other parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own picnics; however, refreshments will also be available from 12 pm in the refreshments tent. **The focus for the pilgrimage will be on the ministry of Altar Servers**, who will be most welcome to attend, with their cassocks, cottas, and Guild of St. Stephen medal (if applicable):

1.00pm - Exposition in the Lady Chapel until 2.30pm

1.00pm - Individual confessions in the parlours at St. Benedict's Retreat until 2.30pm

3.00pm - Mass of the day, followed by a Marian procession to the garden facing St. Benedict's Retreat.

**PIETY STALL** – looking for First Holy Communion gifts, or ideas for presents? Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024!** – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

**MONTHLY FUNDRAISER BINGO:** No date set, as yet, for future Bingo nights.

**90 CLUB: DRAW TODAY AFTER MASS!!** – Good luck to all who have a number! Would you like to be a winner? Speak to Don for details!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh

**Anniversaries:** Neil Munro, Elspeth Angus, Margaret MacLennan, Anne MacLean, Maureen Mason