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## **Pentecost Sunday Year C – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 2:1-11

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 8:8-17

Gospel – John 14:15-16,23-26

Our Christian life is made possible through the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit within us. St. Francis of Assisi exhorted his brothers never to lose sight of this truth, and in whatever they were to do, to have the Spirit present within them and be open to His holy activity was paramount. The Acts of the Apostles teach us that we, the Church, have a mission to fulfil. Our sins and failings make us close the doors of our hearts and leave us imprisoned, whereas the Spirit comes to us in order that we spread the message about the marvels that God has done. It is the Spirit who reaches out and makes what we say understood by others. There is no more reason to be afraid or of wondering what to do next as the Spirit inspires whomever He chooses.

Today is an opportunity to remind ourselves about the gifts and the fruits of the Spirit. We have received wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. What do they mean for me and how have I put them into practice? One sure way to find out is to examine ourselves in the light of the fruits of the Spirit. These are formed in us by the Spirit as we remain open and faithful to the inspiration we receive. Here is what a spiritual person looks like and what will be visible for all to see: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity. Looking into our own hearts and checking for signs of spiritual health is a worthwhile thing to do. We don't need to make any appointments but it can prove to be more life-giving than any visit to the doctors. The Lord wants us to be healthy and to have concrete goals along our journey. Let us renew our resolution to model our lives on the picture painted by the fruits of the Spirit and renew our trust in the Spirit's guidance.

**Growing in Communion** – Christian meditation reflecting on Sacred Scripture using both **Apophatic & Imaginative** methods. Next meeting in the Friary Library on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m.** To book your place or check availability, email [iffleycross@gmail.com](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com)

**Bible Study** - Our next session will be on **Thursday 9 June, 7.30-8.30 p.m.**, in the Friary. We will be looking at Luke 9:18-10:24, and you can find a preparation sheet at <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/biblestudygroup>. Please read the passage beforehand and, if possible, have a look at the questions on the sheet.

**Thank you** – Sr. Kathleen Murphy has written a note of thanks to the parishioners which you can read in full on the notice board as you leave the church. Thank you for giving her a great welcome and for your generous support of the charities she is supporting through the sale of her book.

**Greyfriars choir** – The choir which sings at the 11am Sunday Mass each week, is eager to attract new singers, in particular an alto and a bass, but in particular an alto. The choir is a very friendly and supportive group which meets to practise the Sunday music on Wednesday evenings from 8-9pm. in the church sacristy under the director and organist, John Brennan. There is also a short rehearsal at 10.30 each Sunday before the 11am. Mass. A basic ability to sing and read music is required, but although previous experience will obviously be an advantage, a high standard is not required and there will be plenty of opportunity to obtain music to look at in advance. Why not come along one Wednesday and try us out? If you are interested, in the first instance you should contact John Brennan ([jb@positifpress.co.uk](mailto:jb@positifpress.co.uk)). We rehearse most Wednesdays, but, especially over the summer, not every week. Please contact John in advance to double check it is on the evening you wish to come.

**Corpus Christi Procession** – On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm** the procession will start from the Oratory and will end with Benediction and refreshments at the University Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars on the way for a sermon by Fr. Bob Ombres O.P. Children who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this year are encouraged to wear their outfits and throw flower petals (please bring your own!). Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

**Parish Social** – On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June starting at 12noon** we will be holding our parish social. As we have a number of parishioners from diverse cultural groups in the parish it would be good if we could have some food to reflect this at the

Parish Social. As you leave the church, please put your name down and the dish/food you could make for us to share on the day. Please put the date in your diary and pray for good weather.

**On Fire! Evangelisation Conference** – Young Catholic Adult Network in collaboration with Durham University (Centre for Catholic Studies) will be hosting this conference **9 – 11 September 2022**. You can register for it now, please look at the poster at the back of the church for details.

**Coffee mornings** – A chance to catch up with your fellow parishioners is there every Sunday morning after our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

**Rosary Prayer Group** – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Come and pray.

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Altar Servers** – If your child would like to serve at the altar during Mass, or you would like them to do so, please get in touch with the parish priest. All relevant training will be provided.

**Parish Hall** – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Church cleaning** – This week we thank the Travelling Community for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £412.75

Gift Aid: £45

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Pentecost Sunday (Year C)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Parishioners  
9.00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
11.00 a.m. Rosalina Dos Santos R.I.P.  
5.30 p.m. O.F.S.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Mary, Mother of the Church***

7.30 a.m. Martin, Verisimo, John, Adelaida,  
Joanna DaCunha R.I.P.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Ana Maria Dias, Gonsalo &  
Sebastiana Fernandes R.I.P.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest***

7.30 a.m. Kathy Shea & James Pender  
R.I.P.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Vocations

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Barnabas***

8.00 a.m. Kieran Hughes  
6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.