

Pentecost Sunday

8th June 2025 Readings

FIRST READING

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

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. Response cf v.30

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

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R/.**

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. **R/.**

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. **R/.**



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans

8:8-17

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to 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

John 14: 15-16, 23b-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Lectionary Year C

The Word of God

Saint of the Week

"How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language."

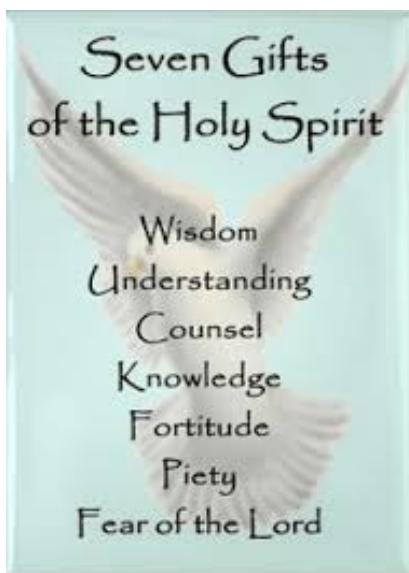
Friday 13 June 2025

**St Antony of Padua
(1195? - 1231)**

On this great day in the life of the Church we all celebrate our birthday. On this day, the Church came into being. Until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, the infant church consisted of people who followed Jesus, people who missed him when he died, who were overwhelmed with joy when he rose again, but who were, perhaps, a little perplexed when he ascended to the Father - to such an extent that an angel told them sharply not to hang around but to get on with it. "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking into the sky?" Comforted by the promise of Jesus' return they went back to Jerusalem and grew together as a community, gaining such confidence that they appointed Matthias as an apostle, a witness of the resurrection, to take the place of Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus. On Pentecost Day they received the Spirit in such a definitive way that they were enabled to face the future with confidence. They were given a Parakletos, an Advocate who would speak through them and for them.

"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."

The Spirit remains our gift, bringing us the presence of Christ, reminding us of his teaching and sealing with his promptings our best intentions and endeavours.



Saint Antony was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that

he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak.

His shrine is a centre of pilgrimage, and he is also the patron saint of the lost and found.

He is often seen (as in the picture above) with a white lily stalk, representing his purity. He also typically appears carrying the infant Jesus

Prayer of the Week

A Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord.

Amen.