

# SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

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## Noticeboard

### Sunday Masses

Saturday, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

Monday, 7 p.m. (*Ordination to the  
Diaconate of Thomas Wynne*)

### Other Weekdays

10.15 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45-10 a.m.  
4 to 4.30 p.m.  
5.30-5.45 p.m.

*Monday is the Solemnity of St. Columba; Wednesday, the Memorial  
of St. Barnabas; Friday, the Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua*

## Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy Faithful!

This year's Pentecost has a special significance in our Diocese as we begin to ask the help of the Holy Spirit in the search for a successor for Bishop Toal.

Before he leaves us, the Bishop has one very agreeable task: the **Diaconal Ordination of Thomas Wynne**, here in St. Mary's, this Monday, at 7 p.m. Please be part of this celebration. Our sincere thanks to our organist and cantors for the long hours of practice in the past few weeks!

Please remember the ecumenical **Pentecost Walk** this Sunday evening. It begins at 6.30 p.m. in the Salvation Army Hall. Then there will short services in St. Mary's and the Duncansburgh MacIntosh, finishing at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Do come along to walk and pray with our Christian brothers and sisters.

Keep our young **First Communicants** in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Lord for the first time at next Sunday's Mass. We thank all those who helped prepare them for this very special day.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Father Ted Murphy, Catherine MacDonald, Jock MacDonald, Margaret Auty, Adam Ward, Ronnie MacDougall, Agnes MacAlister, Allan Campbell, Charlie Campbell, Alex Kennedy, Ellen Semple, Charles Kerr, Joseph Mulrooney, Catriona MacDonald, John Cameron and Mary Brady**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our sincere thanks to all those who help the parish through **Gift Aid**. We have been credited with £5,674.55, being the amount claimed on your donations over the past financial year, plus the much more modest claim made possible by the Small Donations Scheme. A very special thanks to those who count the parish collections! Without them, our Gift Aid credit would be impossible.



To ignore, repress, or dismiss our feelings is to fail to listen to the stirrings of the Spirit within our emotional life. Jesus listened. In John's Gospel we are told that Jesus was moved with the deepest emotions (11:33)... The gospel portrait of the beloved Child of Abba is that of a man exquisitely attuned to His emotions and uninhibited in expressing them. The Son of Man did not scorn or reject feelings as fickle and unreliable. They were sensitive antennae to which He listened carefully and through which He perceived the will of His Father for congruent speech and action. Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet. *(Bishop Tom Wright)*

Prayer does not blind us to the world, but it transforms our vision of the world, and makes us see it, all men, and all the history of mankind, in the light of God. To pray 'in spirit and in truth' enables us to enter into contact with that infinite love, that inscrutable freedom which is at work behind the complexities and the intricacies of human existence. This does not mean fabricating for ourselves pious rationalizations to explain everything that happens. It involves no surreptitious manipulation of the hard truths of life. *(Thomas Merton)*

When you become outraged over a person's fault, it is generally not "righteous indignation" but your own impatient personality expressing itself. Here is the imperfect pointing a finger at the imperfect. The more you selfishly love yourself, the more critical you will be. Self-love cannot forgive the self-love it discovers in others. Nothing is so offensive to a haughty, conceited heart as the sight of another one. *(St. Francis de Sales)*

God's love, however, is full of consideration, patience, and tenderness. It leads people out of their weakness and sin one step at a time. *(Bishop François Fénelon)*

As a former high school teacher and a student in a class of 60 urchins at St. Brigid's grammar school, I know that education is all about discipline and motivation. Disadvantaged students need extra attention, a stable school environment, and enough teacher creativity to stimulate their imaginations. Those things are not expensive. *(Bill O'Reilly)*

The Holy Spirit is God at work—creating, speaking, transforming us, living within us, working in us. *(Michael Morrison)*

The Holy Spirit is the invisible third party who stands between me and the other, making us mutually aware. *(John Vincent Taylor)*

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and keep quiet.

Harry walked over to the priest after Mass, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary. I would like to attend church next week, but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday. It's just out of the question." "Oh Harry, Harry!" said the priest, "Don't you know? That's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up. "You mean I could record your sermon?"

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?  
Philippe Philoppe!

