

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

15th May 2016

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El Greco's "Pentecost"

Noticeboard

Sunday Masses First Mass of Sunday (Vigil), Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses Monday, 5 p.m. Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions Wednesday, 7 p.m. (*Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 p.m.*)

*There are no Feasts or Memorials this week. The Masses are those of the
Seventh Week of the Year, Year 2*

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your Faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

We wish you all the **blessings of Pentecost!** The Holy Spirit is the God within you who seeks God for you. May you experience all the more the wonder of that Gift.

SCIAF has written to thank you for the £1088.58 you raised through the Wee Boxes. With match funding from the UK government your final donation will be £2177.16. Well done, St. Mary's!



We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Angus Kennedy, John Keane, Helen MacDonald, John MacLellan, Mary Catherine McAuley, John Law, Rosemary Archibald, Rhoda Fletcher, Ryan Laskey, Mary Tully, Elizabeth Davidson, Greg McKee, Ann MacDonell, Bill Smillie and Mairi Girvan.** May they rest in the peace and joy of their Risen Lord.

The **Catholic Communications** special collection is overdue. Sorry about that! We will have it next Sunday. Whatever you can give is really appreciated!

There will be a meeting of the **clergy of the Deanery** at St. Mary's on Tuesday, the first since the ordination of Bishop McGee.

Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet. *(N.T. Wright)*

I would love God even if he damned me, because he was so gracious to others. *(Charles H. Spurgeon)*

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven. *(St. Ephrem the Syrian)*

As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls. *(St. Peter Damian)*

I would like to ask you a question: how many of you pray to the Holy Spirit every day? Probably few, but we must satisfy this desire of Jesus and pray every day to the Holy Spirit, so that he opens our heart towards Jesus. *(Pope Francis)*

Not long ago a Chinese house church leader commented, 'When Western Christians read the book of Acts, they see in it inspiring stories; when Chinese believers read the book of Acts, we see in it our lives.'

Truth is not determined by a majority vote. *(Pope Benedict XVI)*

Those who work most for the world's advancement are the ones who demand least. *(Henry Doherty)*

Sometimes you succeed.... and other times you learn. *(Robert Kiyosaki)*

AND ALSO.....

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. *(Anon)*

Anyone who thinks the art of conversation is dead ought to tell a child to go to bed. *(Robert Gallagher)*

How do construction workers party? They raise the roof.



"Bring flowers of the rarest"

The shrine of Our Lady in St. Mary's parish garden



"We love you, Syria. Forgive us."

These are the words of little Sara, seen above with her oldest sister as her family finally leaves Aleppo. The photo is a still from Channel 4's extraordinary and deeply moving documentary: *"Children on the Frontline: the Escape,"* broadcast last Tuesday. Sara now lives in Germany with her mother, her brother and two sisters. There has been no news of her father since he was seized by ISIL extremists. It is estimated that, so far, 11,000 children have died in the Syrian civil war, 2,000 in Aleppo alone.