

# SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

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## 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.

*Monday, Memorial of St. Boniface; Thursday, Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral in Oban; Friday, Solemnity of St. Columba.*

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



Our warmest congratulations to **Zuzanna Matuszczak, Calum Archie MacKinnon, Aidan Paterson, Ruby Weir and Lewis MacKinnon**, who, this Pentecost Sunday, receive the Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. We thank all those who have prepared them for this very special day. A special thanks to Anne as she continues the good work she did in St. Mary's School.

You are all invited to the **Ecumenical Pentecost Service** which, this year, takes place in the Church of Scotland in Caol, at 6.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mark Stokes, Norman MacInnes, Teresa Archibald, Margarita Morrison, Tam McEwan, Alexander MacLennan, Christopher Cooney, Tommy McKinney, Sheena MacDonald, Fr. Ted Murphy, Margaret Auty, Adam Ward, Ronnie MacDougall, Agnes MacAlister and Rona MacDonald**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass of young **Eilidh MacLeod**, one of the victims of the Manchester atrocity, will take place on Barra this Monday at 11.15 a.m. Please keep her loved ones close to you in your prayers. And a very special prayer also for Fr. John Paul MacKinnon, their parish priest.

Thank you for your very generous donations to the collection for **Father Wynne** on his retirement. We will be able to present him with a cheque for £500, along with a parish Mass card on behalf of us all.

There will be a special collection next Sunday for **Catholic Communications**.

**Our sincere thanks** to all those who came along to clean the church on Thursday morning!

Perhaps we will all need the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the **General Election** this week!

One of the challenges of secularism is that it's not something outside us. In too many instances, secularism has so permeated the church that sometimes it's the frame of reference even for very good people, people who have a strong allegiance to the church.

(Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington)

In my experience, self-hatred is the dominant malaise crippling Christians and stifling their growth in the Holy Spirit.

(Fr. Brennan Manning)

In Christ, for the first time, we see that in God himself there exists--within his inseparable unity--the distinction between the Father who gives and the Gift which is given (the Son), but only in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

(Fr. Hans Urs von Balthasar)

The Spirit of God breathes inspiration, while the carnal mind breeds vanity.

(Fred C. White)

The Spirit inspired the Word and therefore He goes where the Word goes. The more of God's Word you know and love, the more of God's Spirit you will experience.

(John Piper)

When God laughs at the soul and the soul laughs back at God, the persons of the Trinity are begotten. When the Father laughs at the Son and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit.

(Meister Eckhart)

The Holy Spirit can rejuvenate a tired Christian, captivate an indifferent believer, and empower a dry church.

(Billy Graham)

There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous.

(Blaise Pascal)

The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.

(Rabindranath Tagore)

Our faith gives us knowledge of something better.

(E. F. Schumacher)

How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvellous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication.

(Pope John Paul II)

Are we open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to him to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? And this is a prayer we need to pray every day, every day: Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God, may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open to the beauty of God, every day.

(Pope Francis)