

Solemnity of Pentecost

20th May 2018

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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, Mass at 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, 6.30 p.m.)

Saturday is the Memorial of St. Philip Neri

Please remember our ecumenical **Pentecost service** in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church this Sunday evening at 6.30. Do try to take part.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember very specially **Cathie Cameron**, who has died peacefully in Invernevis House. May her beloved Saviour now lead her home. She and her husband Peter shared a life of faith, gentle goodness, and devoted love, one for the other. We extend our sincere prayer and sympathy to Peter and all of Cathie's loved ones and dearest friends and neighbours. Cathie's Funeral Mass will be announced in the coming days. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mary Tully, Agnes Delaney, Ann MacDonell, Bill Smilie, Mairi Girvan, Elizabeth Davidson, Mary MacNeil, Angus MacAlister, Jock MacDonald, Gregory McKee, Duncan MacDonald, John Archie Gillies, Roddy Wright, Bella MacKinnon, Stephen Archibald, Doris Borrill, Lawrence Childs, Neil MacKinnon and Ellen Thompson**. May they all rest in peace.

There is a special collection today for **Catholic Communications**. Whatever you can give is deeply appreciated.

The **increased attendance** at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our May Devotions was very encouraging.

Our thanks to the parishioner who handed in the evocative reflection overleaf: "Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged".

There is a **First Holy Communion** rehearsal after Mass this Sunday.

The community of priests that **St. Philip Neri** formed around him in Rome was called "The Oratory". Philip loved music and encouraged its development in his services. The great Catholic composers Victoria and Palestrina probably participated in the saint's music ministry. Philip's Oratory has given us the musical term "Oratorio". Famous Oratorios would include Bach's "St. John's Passion" and Haydn's "Creation".

O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams. *(Saint Augustine)*

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. Ephraem)*

If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus... for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit. *(St. John Chrysostom)*

Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you. *(St. Catherine of Siena)*

In the heart of Jesus, which was pierced, the kingdom of heaven and the land of earth are bound together. Here is for us the source of life. This heart is the heart of the Triune Divinity, and the centre of all human hearts... It draws us to itself with secret power, it conceals us in itself in the Father's bosom and floods us with the Holy Spirit. This heart, it beats for us in a small tabernacle where it remains mysteriously hidden in that still, white host. *(St. Edith Stein)*

You could not love Jesus if you did not possess the living source of holy and pure love, namely, the Holy Spirit. Our divine Redeemer said, "He that believeth in Me, out of him shall flow streams of living water." (John 7:38.) This He said of the Spirit which they should receive who believed in Him. Therefore, when God enkindles in you the flames of divine love, holy, pure, and without stain, let yourself disappear in the infinite Good, and, like an infant, sleep the sleep of faith and love in the bosom of your heavenly Spouse. *(St. Paul of the Cross)*

Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come! As you descended upon Mary that the Word might become flesh, work in us through grace as you worked in her through nature and grace. Come! Food of every chaste thought, fountain of all mercy, sum of all purity. Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in you. *(St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi)*



Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who stop to chat
with a cheery smile for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say,
'You've told me that story twice today!'

Blessed are they who make it known
that I'm loved, respected, not alone.

Blessed are those who know the way
to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are those who know I'm at a loss
to find the strength to carry my cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days
on my journey home – in loving ways.

(From a poem by Myrtle Lane)