

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
THURS	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	9.30am Mass: Thursday of 7 th week of Ordinary Time	Mrs Maria Ezekoka RIP
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: The Most Holy Trinity	
SUN	10.30am Mass: The Most Holy Trinity	
Last week	Collection: £281.50	Communications: £17.00
		Attendance: 56
MINISTRIES	19/5/2024	26/5/2024
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey	-
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Gray/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	R Hendry	M Collins
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EME	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	T Coull, A Mitchell	E Danby, M Le Mero
Sun EME	E Danby, R Harvey	I Grant, A Mitchell
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19th May 2024
 Pentecost Sunday - (B II) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles like tongues of fire. Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit, the promised gift of Christ from the Father for the Church, empowering them to boldly proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles narrated the miraculous incidence at that Pentecost feast when the disciples received the Holy Spirit. At that moment they were enabled to speak in other languages while speaking in their tongue, proclaiming the wonders of God to the diverse crowd gathered in Jerusalem. The miracle is that the Holy Spirit unified their languages in one understanding of God's wonders.

The second reading from St Paul reminded us that no one can confess Jesus as Lord unless the Holy Spirit is in them. He emphasised the variety of the gifts of the one Holy Spirit, which are to be used in the service of the one Lord in diverse ways. It is the same God that is at work for the common good in all the gifts. Like the different parts of the body working together for the good of the whole body, all of us baptised into one body of Christ by one Spirit are called to use our various gifts in unity and love, to build up the body of Christ.

In the gospel, Jesus promised his disciples that He would send them the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who would guide the disciples into all truth and empower them to bear witness to Him. Jesus showed them how He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit so the disciples would understand that the Holy Spirit is not a different being, but the one God. Through the Spirit's guidance, the disciples would be equipped to go on their mission of preaching the Good News to all nations.

The Holy Spirit constantly accompanies the Faithful to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of God and how they can please God in their earthly pilgrimage. The Spirit empowers us to live out our faith with boldness and integrity. In a world filled with confusion and uncertainty, the Spirit offers us clarity and wisdom, in discerning God's will and following His path of righteousness. Let us open our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit afresh in us!

Fr Kingsley

Sacrament of Reconciliation: available on Thursdays during Adoration and on request.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for our new members, whom we welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil: Stephanie McPhee, John Mitchell and Keith Cruickshank, and also Mrs Pauline Brennan who started her course after Easter.

Second collections in May: 18/19: Maintenance Fund.

SCIAF: Thank you for your Wee Box donations. This year, the parish donated a fantastic total of £3022.18, which will be doubled by the UK government, on top of the Gift Aid contribution. Last year the donation was £2639.59.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all those who are coming up with ideas, the Aberdeenshire Saxophone Orchestra are very kindly giving their services for a donation, so hopefully we can make a good profit for them and us! If you can put a poster up to advertise it, please take one from the porch. Donations of home baking, craft, bottles (not necessarily alcohol!) and “new to you” clothes all very welcome. We still require more volunteers to help organise this in advance and help out on the day, Saturday 1st June. All hands-on deck, the more volunteers we have the less each will have to do, so please, speak to Margaret Farrell or Liz Danby as soon as possible! Tickets available from Liz Danby & Deacon Graeme, cost £3, primary age children free. If you know any saxophonists, they might be interested too!

COFFEE MORNING 1ST JUNE: There will be a meeting in the Hall **after Sunday Mass THIS WEEK 19TH MAY**, for everyone who has a stall or who is volunteering to help, so that everything can be arranged for the concert and coffee morning.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden: Sunday, 30th June, Bishop Hugh invites the diocese, and especially all of our lectors (readers) to gather on the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul with the theme “*Unrolling the Scroll: The Ministry of Proclaiming God’s Word*”. Refreshments available 12 – 2pm, Exposition in the Lady Chapel at 1-2.30pm and Confessions in St Benedict’s at the same time, Mass at 3pm, followed by Marian Procession to the garden, weather permitting.

Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact Elizabeth Danby for information.

St Thomas’ Church is open each day from 9am to 3pm for private prayer.

Tea & coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass. All welcome.

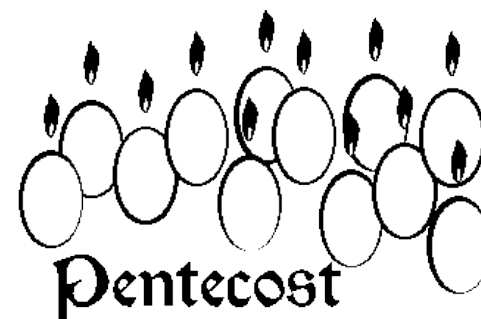


Pluscarden Pentecost lectures: “Scottish Catholic Literature and the ‘transfiguration of the commonplace’” 4 talks by Dr Linden Bicket. 21st -23rd May 2024, including the works of George Friel, Muriel Spark, George and Ann Scott-Moncrieff and George Mackay-Brown. No charge, register with Pluscarden Abbey or by emailing guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Pope’s prayer intention: May: For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Safeguarding: The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Elizabeth Danby, and she can be contacted as shown overleaf. The diocesan Safeguarding page can be found at [Safeguarding – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen \(rcda.scot\)](http://Safeguarding – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen (rcda.scot)) and the text of **In God’s Image (V2)** is accessed by clicking on <https://www.bcos.org.uk/LinkClick.aspx?link=131&tabid=124&portalid=0&mid=584>

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance	22 nd May 2024 7.00pm in the hall
PPC	29 th May 7.00pm in the hall
Coffee morning with ASO	1 st June in the hall 10-12.30
Pluscarden Pilgrimage	30 th June from 1pm
Scalan Mass	7 th July 4pm



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