



## PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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### Feast of the Pentecost – year cycle B – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Entrance:** *The spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said. Alleluia*

**Responsorial psalm:** *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia:** *Come holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia*

**Communion:** *They were all filled with Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God. Alleluia*

#### HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PENTECOST

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit”. Speaking to the Apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus said that after he left this world he would send them *the gift of the Father*, that is, the Holy Spirit. This promise was powerfully fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, who were gathered in the Upper Room. This extraordinary outpouring was not limited solely to that moment, but was an event that was renewed and still continues to be renewed. Christ glorified at the right hand of the Father continues to fulfil his promise, sending upon the Church the life-giving Spirit who teaches us, reminds us and lets us speak.

The Holy Spirit *teaches us*: he is the Interior Master. He guides us along the right path, through life's challenges. He teaches us the way. At its beginning, Christianity was called “the way”, and Jesus himself is the Way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow him, to walk in his footprints. More than a master of doctrine, the Holy Spirit is a master of life. The Holy Spirit *reminds us*, he reminds us of all that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church, and when he reminds us, he helps us to understand the words of the Lord. The Spirit of truth and charity reminds us of all that Christ said, and helps us to enter ever more fully into the meaning of his words. We have all this experienced this. It is the Spirit who leads us to take this path: the path of the living memory of the Church. And he asks us for a response: the more generous our response, the more Jesus' words become life within us, becoming attitudes, choices, actions, testimony. In essence, the Spirit reminds of the commandment of love, and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian but only halfway there: a man or a woman, a prisoner of the moment, who doesn't know how to treasure his or her history, doesn't know how to read it and live it as salvation history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, however, we are able to interpret interior inspirations and life events in light of Jesus' words. And thus, within us grows the knowledge of memory, knowledge of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the Christian memory within all of us! And there that day with the Apostles was our Lady of Memory, who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. Mary, our Mother, was there. May she help us on this path of memory. The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us, and — another aspect — *lets us speak*, with God and with men. There are no muted or silent Christians; no, there's no place for this.

He lets us speak with God in *prayer*. Prayer is a gift that we freely receive; dialoguing with him in the Holy Spirit, who prays in us and allows us to address God, calling him Father, Abba; and this is not merely an “expression” but a reality: we truly are children of God. “All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God”. He lets us speak in the act of faith. Without the Holy Spirit, none of us is able to say: “Jesus is Lord”. It is the Spirit who lets us speak with people in *fraternal dialogue*. He lets us speak with others, recognizing them as brothers and sisters; to speak with friendship, with tenderness, with compassion, understanding the heartaches and hopes, the sorrows and joys of others. But there's more: the Holy Spirit also lets us speak to men through prophecy, making us humble and docile “channels” of God's Word. Prophecy is made with candour, to openly demonstrate contradictions and injustices, but always with compassion and constructive intent. Filled with the Spirit of love, we can be signs and instruments of God who loves, who serves, who gives life.

The day of Pentecost, when the disciples “were all filled with the Holy Spirit”, was the baptism of the Church, which was born in “going out” to proclaim the Good News to everyone. Jesus was peremptory with the Apostles: do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait until you have received the power of the Holy Spirit from above. Without Him there is no mission, there is no evangelization. For this, with the whole Church, let us implore: Come, Holy Spirit!

## Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

**The numbers drawn week 34 were 5, 38, 41 & 47**  
**No winner**  
**Prize money for week 35 is £300.00, and four numbers to be drawn**

**Second Collection** Missionary appeal for The Columban Fathers

**Tuesday devotions:** Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterward.

**Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey** - Sunday 6th September 2015 - 3.00pm We are hoping to organise a coach from the Herefordshire Deanery joining other members of clergy and parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cardiff in attending this annual ecumenical service. To give an indication of numbers of those who are interested please email [tintern.herefordshire@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tintern.herefordshire@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01989 563463 with your name, contact details and number of places required by Monday 18th May. Further details about this year's service may be found at [www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk](http://www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk) The date to register if you would like to join the coach has been extended by a couple of weeks to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Quiz night.** An enjoyable evening was had by all with thanks to Lindsaye and Andrew and an amount of £146.30 was raised and that was without a raffle. The buffet with everyone bringing something to eat was very successful, plenty of food.

**St Francis Xavier's School** are looking for a clerk to the governors. Full details available from the school office on 01432 273941, or from the school website.

**Litter** It was suggested at the PAC meeting on Monday that a "litterpick" be carried out as soon as possible, a date to be announced, before the BBQ. Tickets for which will go on sale next Sunday, Arthur Staton has procured a "Recycling" bin to enable us to do our bit for the environment

**Calling all Golfers Men & Women** The Knights of St Columba will be holding their annual golf tournament on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, supporting the Priest's training fund of the Archdiocese see notice on the notice board.

**World Youth Day 2016 (WYD2016) is to take place in Krakow, Poland from July 25th-August 1st 2016. Pope Francis will be with millions of young Catholics from around the world and Cardiff intends to be there! It is our intention to take a group of young people (age 16+ by July 20th 2016) from the diocese to share this special time with Pope Francis. Check out our dedicated WYD2016 website, or collect a booklet/application form from your local parish. The closing date for the (non-returnable) deposit and application form is 1st June 2015. The address to mail your application form and money is to Fr. Michel Doyle, St. Mary's Presbytery, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 1TP.**

We have some forms here

**St Mary's School reunion** class of 75, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June Imperial Hotel from 7pm. Contact Denise Edwards, (Francis) 07802829592 email [denisefrancis353@hotmail.com](mailto:denisefrancis353@hotmail.com)

Message for Pentecost Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

My dear Friends in Christ,

A very happy Whitsun to you all! With the wonderful feast of Pentecost we come to the climax of our Easter journey, which started 90 days' ago on Ash Wednesday. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with God's love and a spirit of fidelity to the Lord Jesus, that we may be truly Christians, always bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and the beauty of our faith.

Today we welcome to Our Lady's Fr Denis Carter, a Columban Missionary, who is making this year's missionary appeal, as organised by the Archdiocese.

We congratulate the 18 Polish children making their First Communion at the Polish Mass, celebrated at Our Lady's this afternoon at 4 o'clock. May the good Lord bless them and their families and may they receive Holy Communion every Sunday, so that their faith may grow and flourish.

May the Lord Jesus grant us all the gifts of the Spirit. Amen.

Abbot Paul

