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Solemnity of Pentecost . Year C 15th – 22nd May.

Holy Year of Mercy – “Merciful, like the Father.”

Entrance Antiphon - “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 Acclamation - “Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!”

Communion Antiphon – “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

Today is the great Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the birthday of the Church, with the coming of the Holy Spirit; at the morning masses today the readings are being read in different languages. The Prayer Pilgrimage marking the Archdioceses 100th anniversary continues, with our prayers being offered this week for the parish of St. Mary in Abertillery, and St. Mary in Brynmawr and the Rev'd Liam Hennessy. This Wednesday at 6.00pm the training course for new Eucharistic ministers continues. Please keep the children who are making their 1st Holy Communion in your prayers, the 1st Holy Communion mass is this Saturday at 9.30am, and at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday they will be presented with their certificates.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - A MIGHTY WIND.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see [Leviticus 23:15-21](#); [Deuteronomy 16:9-11](#)). In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see [2 Corinthians 3:2-8](#); [Romans 8:2](#)). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a “mighty wind” sweeping over the face of the earth (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as “a strong, driving wind” to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see [1 Corinthians 15:45,47](#)). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also [John 7:37-39](#)). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a “new creation” in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 6:15](#)). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see [1 Corinthians 10:4](#)), we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. (Dr. Scott Hahn. St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology.)

Dates for Your Diary

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

The numbers drawn for the tote were 42, 28, 24, 8 & 48 No winner Prize money for week 30 £275. 00 and 5 numbers to be drawn

Second Collection – No Collection today. Next Sunday- Parish Decoration Fund.

Tuesday devotions: Divine Mercy Novena before Mass and the glorious mysteries of the rosary.

TOTE – PARISH LOTTERY. The income from the Parish Tote has been falling for quite a long time now and no longer raises large sums for the parish. It has been suggested to replace the TOTE with a Parish 200 club, involving a annual contribution of £25, and monthly draws with prizes of approx £100 each month and perhaps an annual Christmas prize of £500. Such a club would take some effort to set up, but once running would be very straightforward and would raise several thousand pounds a year for the parish, providing we get near to 200 members. Any opinions please to Fr. Matthew or parish councillors.

POOR CLARES – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. From Friday 27th May Sunday 29th May, 8.45am – 8.15pm each day. Midday prayer and rosary at 12.0noon, Evening prayer at 5.00m, Readings and Compline at 7.20pm.

CAFOD, has written to thank us for our generosity to their Lenten appeal, which in total, with the Fast Day Collection etc, raised over £3.5 million, and with the government's promise to double the amount raised, in total over £7 million has been raised.

SPUC THREE - DAYS TO LIVE PETITION.

A new petition against euthanasia has been launched by SPUC, as part of its "Lives worth living campaign." It is addressed to the Chief Executives of the NHS in England and Wales, opposing new guidelines in NHS hospitals which put the elderly and terminally ill at risk. Which mean that they may be denied food and fluids if they are deemed to only have 3 days or less to live. Anyone subject to this treatment is certain to die not from their illness, but from dehydration, which amounts to euthanasia. Please support the petition and help protect vulnerable people from euthanasia. The petition is at the back of Church.

DEANERY COUNCIL AGM – The Deanery Pastoral Council is holding its AGM on Wednesday this week at 7.00pm in our parish room. The scripture group will therefore be on Thursday this week.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING and RE-COMMISSIONING.

The preparation course for new and existing ministers continues this Wednesday 18th May from 6.00pm. All sessions in church in the side chapel. Existing Eucharistic ministers, along with new ministers, will be re-commissioned for their ministry on Sunday 29th May, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, at all masses on that day.

1st Holy Communion mass – Saturday 21st May 9.30am, distribution of certificates at 9.30 mass on Sunday 22nd May. No confessions, exposition or Benediction

FLOWER FESTIVAL – CARDIFF CATHEDRAL. As part of the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary celebrations, a Festival of Flowers is being held from 30th June- 4th July. Leaflets at back of Church.

Half Marathon in aid of St Michael's Hospice: I am delighted to tell you that my daughter, Anne Colley, completed the run on Sunday 8th May in memory of her Dad, Tony Colley, and to thank those who donated money for the Hospice. Many, many thanks, God bless, Joan Colley

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – If you have a relative or friend admitted to hospital please make sure they are registered as a Catholic so Fr. Matthew can visit them and also let Fr. Matthew know.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting Monday 6th June 7.00pm.

"A GRAND DAY OUT" is being held by the 3 welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00am – 3.00pm, to mark both the year of mercy and the 100th anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, celebrating especially the role of grandparents, with activities for children, picnic lunch, all ending with mass at 3.00pm. info at back of church.

PARISH SCHEDULE. 15th – 22nd MAY.

PSALTER WEEK 4. YEAR C SUNDAYS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 15th May – Solemnity of Pentecost.

9.30 am Mass Victoria Jones.

11.30am Mass. Joanne Addis

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish

Monday 16th.

9.30am Mass –

Tuesday 17th.

7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30). Frances Martin.

Wednesday 18th.

9.30 am Mass – Ann Maloney.

6.00pm Eucharistic Ministers Training session.

Thursday 19th St. Dunstan.

9.30am Mass – Sick of the Parish.

7.00pm Scripture study group.

Friday 20th St. Bernardine of Siena.

7.00pm Mass –Pauline Jones.

Saturday 21st Memoria of BVM.

9.30am 1st Holy Communion Mass.

(No confession, exposition or benediction today.)

11.30am Church Cleaning.

Sunday 22nd May – The Most Holy Trinity.

9.30 am Mass Helena and Daz Domalik.

11.30am Mass.

6.30pm Mass People of the Parish

Rota Schedule for 15th – 22nd May.

Flower Arrangers.

Cleaners: Saturday 11.30am this week. Volunteers please.

Altar Linen:. Aileen Hepworth.

Counting Kathy, Denise, John.

Welcomers. For Trinity Sunday 22nd MAY.

9.30. P. Roberts & C. Sharland. 11.30. J. McGowan & J. Kelly. 6.30 C. Milsom.

Readers.

9.30, P. Buckley. 11.30 M. Brown.

6.30 C. McAleer.

Ministers

9.30. Denise Lissaman, Celia Sharland, Simon Thomson.

11.30 Cecilia Balestra, Janusz Wagner, Eileen Cotterell.

6.30 Chris Milsom.

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 22 maja o godz 16:00

COLLECTIONS - Gift Aid £138.90, 1st £300.71. 2nd Coll £192.92 (For World Communications Day.)

Please pray for the Sick, especially Pat England, Karolina Busko, Pearl Bray, Judith Carter, Tess Forder, Agnes Lee, Emilia Dzierza, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris, Rita O'Leary, Joshua Isada, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book.

The recently dead – Pauline Jones, Frances Martin, Antonio Foligno, Bernard Clayton.

Those whose anniversary falls in May, Kaz & Helena Domalik, Harold Halls, Joseph Greene, Mary Robbins, Desmond Joyce, Hilda Bindon, Mary Turner, Bernadette Lynch, Veronica Lowe, Ann Maloney, Milborough Plummer, Gerhard Kostorz, Josephina Rizzardini, Elizabeth Donovan, Bernadette Graham, Ellen Elkin, Alice Derrick, David Martin, Marguerite Jacobs, Margaret Jones, Francis Meigh, Geoffrey Staton, Ron Tyler, Florence Pockett, Jacqueline Cotton and Franciszek Drynda.

CLEANING OF CHURCH. We are desperately in need of help cleaning the Church, either on Saturdays at 11.30ish or any other time by arrangement, volunteers to Fr. Matthew please.

SVP - The next meeting is Friday 10th June at 6.00pm in the side chapel in Church.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. Meets this week on Thursday 19th May at 7.00pm

Herefordshire Catholic History Society The next meeting of the HCHS will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 2.30 pm in the Kemble Room at Belmont .The subject “**Reginald Charles Francis Schomberg (1880-1958), soldier, explorer, diplomat, priest and parishioner of St. Frances of Rome, Ross.**”

PARISH PILGRIMAGE. Still places available on the pilgrimage, Friday 12th- Friday 19th August, flying now from Stanstead. £630 all inclusive. Booking forms are available at the back of Church, Return forms to Fr. Matthew ASAP. Led by Fr. Matthew. Organised by Tangey Tours.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – Belmont Abbey, Sunday 29th May, 4.00pm Vespers followed by Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction.

