

PENTECOST - GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

What are **the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**?

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: *(see Isaiah 11: 1 – 4)*

- A: Counsel (*right judgement*):**
the gift which moves us to act with prudence
(*proper care and forethought*), especially in difficult cases;
- B: Piety (*reverence*) (*real and deep respect*):**
the gift which moves us to love God as our Father
and to have affection for all the persons
and things consecrated to Him;
- C: Fear of the Lord (*awe & wonder* (*in the Presence of the Lord*)):**
the gift which moves us to fear offending God
and being separated from Him Whom we love;
- D: Fortitude (*courage, strength, power*):**
the gift which moves us to do great things for God joyfully
and without fear of difficulties and obstacles;
- E: Knowledge (*science*):**
the gift which move us to see things of this world
in their true perspective,
in their relation to God;
- F: Understanding (*insight*):**
the gift which moves us to a deeper insight
into the truths that God has revealed to us;
- G: Wisdom, (*knowing how to love*):**
the gift which moves us to judge all things
human and divine,
as God sees them
and to have relish (*great enjoyment*) for the things of God.

All the Gifts of the Holy Spirit make us
docile (*teachable*) and receptive (*open to receive*)
to the guidance of God and the graces He sends us, and so
enable us to act quickly and easily in the performance of His Will.

+ JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 23rd May 2021

In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Patron of the Dying: Pray for us!
Hope of the Sick: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!

HOLY ROSARY MAY MARATHON TO END THE 'PANDEMIC'

The recitation of the rosary with

Pope Francis can join live around 6pm UK time.

The broadcast is supported by: [EWTN](#)

and is best watched through the Walsingham National Shrine:

[Shrine's Facebook Page](#) or [YouTube Walsingham Catholic TV](#)

Funeral Requiem Mass

CECILIA D'MELLO

Time: May 28, 2021 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 895 5046 6245

Passcode: 933776

Could this be the Reason:

THIS Is Why People Are Leaving the Church!

(The Peterson-Barron Conversation)

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**A call to enter the adventure and the quest to be like Jesus Christ:
"Pick up your Cross everyday and follow Me", says the Lord....**

As Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote it is:

"Costing not less than everything!"



BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

PASTORAL LETTER FOR PENTECOST 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of “God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God’s revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

‘God’s Spirit is always and everywhere “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God’s children.’ In this liberty, as God’s children, we call on the Spirit to ‘renew the face of the Earth’, and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God’s creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God’s gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accept-

ing the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and ‘renew the face of the earth’.