

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday — Fr. Gregory

St. Stephen's R C Church Blairgowrie

→ St. Mary's Coupar Angus
→ St. Luan's Alyth

9th June 2019. Pentecost Sunday. Year, C. 2019.
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Warm Welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors .

Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved into the area, please feel very welcome ... thanks.

Parish diary for the Week

Sunday: Vigil. 6.30pm;

9.30am Mass: St Luan's;

11.00am: St. Stephen's.

Tue: 10.00am. **Funeral Mass at St. Stephen's for Late Michelle Wallace.**

Wed: 6.00pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wed: 7.00pm—Mass at St. Stephen's.

Thurs: 10 am— Mass at St. Stephen's.

Fri: 10.00am—Mass at St. Stephen's

Sunday Mass: Vigil. 6.30pm;

9.30am Mass: St Luan's;

11.00am: St. Stephen's.

Divine Mercy Devotion.

Tues after morning mass. Pls join us.

Sac. of Reconciliation.

6.00pm every Sat & 9am on Sundays.

First Saturday of the Month:

Mass of Our Lady the BVM and Rosary .

Fam. Rosary, adoration.

Weds 6pm, and mass for the sick last Weds of every month.

Mass with St. Stephens P. Sch.

1st Thurs & 3rd Frids of the month; end of terms and core events masses.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1st: Acts 2:1-11 - The gathered apostles heard the wind, were filled with the Holy Spirit, and able to speak in the languages of everyone in Jerusalem.

Psalm: 103 - Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth. 2nd: Romans 8:8-17 - The Spirit of God has made his home in you ... everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26 - If you love me, you will keep my commandments ... I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Mass Intentions

Please for the following who have recently passed away - **Zeppa Bartle, Annie Marie (Nancy) Fraser and Aloysius Umunna, and for Jessie Davidson** whose anniversary we remember at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

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***Hospital Chaplains:** Please call: N/wells 01382 611282; P.R.I: 01738259371. *Please let the priest know if you are having a long stay at the hospital and would like a visit .

***Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** Please make appointment with the Priest before any arrangement and date.



Prayers

please:

Please remember the following in

your prayers:
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Ursula Edgar,
Janet Melville

Roy Melville

Nancy Dellaquaglia,

James Warden

Michael Rolls.

Ron Crisp

Eilidh MacInnes

LieseLotte Stuart,

Neil McDowall

Michael O'Malley

To be continued

Thank God for the daily Mass-goers.

Those who attend Mass through the week are an invaluable part of the life of a parish – why not join them?

For most people, Mass is a once-a-week celebration. Attending to our Sunday obligation is all the Church requires of us.

Many people would love to come to church more often, but work and family commitments prevent this. There is, however, a small band of people in every parish who are able to attend Holy Mass through the week.

Daily Mass

Daily communicants are usually retired parishioners, or those who are looking after small children during the day. Some attend as married couples, some are single and others are widowed.

This group usually follows particular conventions. They almost always sit in the same seats, and some even leave prayer books as a gentle 'reserved sign' on their pew. This group rarely changes.

They are the same faces who greet me, from the same pews, every morning when I step onto the altar.

In fact, when someone is missing it's immediately noticeable (I hope this doesn't give them a complex!).

Assisting the parish

They are also the people who are most likely to put themselves forward to help in the parish in practical ways. When chairs have to be moved after Mass, or crib figures assembled, or kneelers to be mended, these are the people I rely on most. They are always on-hand to help whenever required.

Aside from their practical gifts, they also offer real, concrete spiritual

support in times of need. For example, daily communicants attend all the Requiem Masses in our church, often reading when family members are unable. Their presence is especially valued at funerals with few mourners. The daily Mass people lead the singing and support the grieving family with their presence and their prayers.

Helping the lapsed

Their confident responses can be assuring for those who have lapsed in their faith and who struggle through the Catholic liturgy. Daily communicants help them to navigate the all-important questions of when to stand, kneel or sit. In these small ways they are a gentle guide and consolation at a time of grief. These good people, steeped in a discipline of personal prayer, are a tremendous spiritual support to so many in the family of our parish. They have a ministry all of their own.

Aiding the bereaved

They are also the people who are most likely to tell me of the arrival of a new grandchild, or the illness of a fellow parishioner, or the death of a neighbour.

They are the first to ask the prayers of the priest whenever life brings change or challenge. And whenever Father announces a Holy Hour or Marian devotions or a new novena, they are already signed-up and first at the door.

Even as I write these words I can picture their faces in the same familiar seats. In my eight years at St Augustine's I have come to know many of their stories so well.

I know their families, their struggles and worries. I have celebrated with them and mourned with them as a family of believers. We live each day together, united in the Mass.

Friendship

If it is the case that I know them, daily

communicants also get to know their priest more than most. They pick up our eccentricities and imperfections, and priests have many!

No doubt they notice with a sixth sense those days when we are tired or irritated or rushing around.

This is precisely what happens when you live alongside the same people day after day, and it's a great grace in the life of a priest.

Our daily Mass goers are an amazing group of people.

Witness to prayer and Christianity

Sometimes we can forget what a gift they are to our parishes. No matter the weather, no matter the schedule changes imposed upon them, these men and women are ever-faithful in coming to church to join together in praying the Mass for themselves and for the needs of so many others in our communities. They are a tremendous witness to prayer and an example of good Christian living.

As the world goes about its business each day this small faithful group gather to be nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist. Most could not imagine starting the day without it. The Mass is certainly the source and summit of their Christian lives.

Acknowledging contributions

Perhaps daily communicants underestimate their contribution to parish life. So sometimes it is important to acknowledge it. We priests offer a debt of gratitude to all our daily Mass-goers. We thank them for their faithfulness, their sacrifices and their daily support. For any of our readers who might be free some morning this week, you might think about joining their number for daily Mass.

By Fr Michael Kane

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass at Scaln takes place this year on Sunday 16 June, Trinity Sunday, at 4.00pm. It was on this feast in 1769, 250 years ago this year, that Bishop George Hay, one of the great names of our Catholic past, was consecrated bishop in the tiny upstairs chapel in the present Scaln building, in secret because of the anti-Catholic Penal Laws. Scaln can be reached by leaving Tomintoul on the A939 (B9008 Dufftown).

Ordination of Michael Hewing:

The priestly Ordination of Reverend Michael will be held on Wednesday 27th of June at St. Joseph's Chapel Lawside, Dundee.

Bishop's Jubilee Mass:

His Lordship Bishop Robson will celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of his Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood in St. Andrew's Cathedral Dundee on Thursday 20th June at 7.00pm with a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving. Please keep him in your prayers.

Some Practical Notices Please:

1. As you are all aware, my brother Aloysius Umunna passed away few weeks ago. It is my desire to be with my family and support them at this time of grief. I will therefore be away from the parish from the 27th of June to the 21st of July for the funeral.

2. There will be no weekday and Vigil masses but only the usual Sunday masses at 9.30am in St. Luan's Alyth and 11.00am in St. Stephen's on the 30th of June, 7th, 14th and 21st of July. The Chancellor of the Diocese will arrange to have a priest cover these masses.

3. In case of emergencies, please call on Fr. Tobias Okoro, the parish priest of Kirriemuir and Fortar on 01301641201. Many thanks, Fr. Gregory.

The 50/50 Club: Winners

The result for the 50/50 is as follows.

P McKenna £10
S Johnson £10

Total money received £312.00

Donation to Church £172.00

Prize money £140.00

June to December 2 x £10 each month.

Regards -Roddy

Parish First Holy Comm

Thirteen of our boys and girls are making a spiritual journey into an intimate union with Christ through the Eucharist. On the Sunday of the Solemnity of the body and Blood of Christ in June, they continue to witness to their faith through active participation at all the Sunday masses. Please pray for them.

Liturgy of the Word for Children.

It is important that all children attend their Sunday Liturgy. The true message of each week of the year will be explained and the reasons for our joy explored. Age bracket for children's liturgy: 1-8.

Foodbank. Support to the foodbank supplies is an ongoing effort towards those who need to be served by this provision. Thankyou very much for your support in this direction.

Communion to nursing homes.

house bounds and the elderly is part of our ministry of care. Please let any of the Eucharistic Ministers or myself know if you know someone who is in need of this care. Thanks.

Last Sunday's offertory collection:

£522.36. Many thanks to you for supporting your parish.

A newcomer to the parish?

Have you registered your name and family in the parish record? The parish community welcomes you. Please get a form from Fr Gregory, fill and hand in the form or just pop it in through the door of presbytery. Thanks.

Reflection:

Pentecost is a time in the Church's year when we focus on the idea of gifts. Unlike Christmas or birthdays, though, we are not thinking of things wrapped in attractive paper but something more lasting. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

-wisdom -understanding -counsel -fortitude -knowledge -piety -fear of the Lord.

Each is a grace from God to help us follow Christ to the Father. And yet, whilst Jesus talks of gifts in the readings for Pentecost, he also emphasises that our love for Him will be shown by how our lives bear fruits. There are twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit:

charity -joy-peace -kindness -goodness -generosity -gentleness -faithfulness -modesty -self-control -chastity.

Christ sends the Holy Spirit to bring us great gifts that we are called to receive with gratitude.

These gifts are unconditional but are sent with a purpose. They are not given so that we may simply be comforted and strengthened, but that we might go out and bear fruit.

Each gift that we receive must be received with gratitude, nurtured and allowed to bear fruit.