



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE
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“Come **HOLY SPIRIT** fill
enkindle in them the fire of your love”.



the hearts of your faithful,



Hello everyone, Welcome to Outreach this week. Fr. ADRIAN WRITES:

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we are celebrating the day when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The coming of the Holy Spirit changed the Apostles and empowered them and saw the launching of a new community – the Church. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and renews us, strengthens us and inspires us to follow Jesus and to proclaim the Good News the Gospel. Next weekend at Portsmouth Cathedral, it was hoped that the Sacrament of Confirmation would have been conferred on young people of our Pastoral Area, including thirty candidates from our Parish. This has had to be delayed until Eastertide 2021. However, I would like to thank our candidates for their faithful attendance on Friday evenings at workshops to prepare for their Confirmation. I would like to thank their catechists, their parents and their families for their support. We will remember them all especially next Sunday, Trinity Sunday, when the happy event would have taken place. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely the mystery of God who is Father, Son and Spirit. It is a mystery and not a puzzle. Puzzles some clever people can solve. The mystery of the Trinity is something to enter into, to celebrate, to pray and to live. God bless you all, thank you for your support and I do miss you all. Adrian Howell, SJ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley and Mary Atfield

THOSE RECENTLY DEAD: Josephine Bua

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR NOW: Leonard Simonis; Roberto Jongco and Alfie McDermott

Anyone who wishes to have Mass offered for a loved one please put name and donation and drop it into the Parish Office, 18 St James Square. Fr Adrian will offer his daily Private Mass for them.

PENTECOST

Luke’s version of the first Pentecost is the biblical account that has most captured the Christian imagination. Fifty days after Easter, the disciples of Jesus gather for prayer in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit comes upon them in dramatic fashion, with a strong wind and “tongues of fire.” They begin to speak in different languages, and miraculously their proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is heard and understood by Jewish pilgrims



from different countries with different native languages.

The Spirit

comes to us too and is active in our lives: The sequence from the Mass of Pentecost sums up that action:

“Where you are not, we have naught,
 Nothing good in deed or thought,
 Nothing free from taint of ill.
 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour your dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:
 Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.
 On the faithful, who adore
 And confess you, evermore.
 With thy sevenfold gifts descend.
 Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with thee on high;
 Give us joys that never end.
 Amen. Alleluia”.

JESUIT POSTS.

1. A cannonball strike in the leg kept Saint Ignatius stuck in bed. Thank God for that. Because Ignatius’ “quarantine”, his time spent in stillness, in prayer and reflection and imagination, sparked a movement that’s still going strong today: **The Society of Jesus**. In times where things are flipped upside down and routines fundamentally altered, there might be more space than usual for creativity to break out. What newness might the Spirit be calling forth from our lives in these days? What might God help emerge from any suffering we are



facing? St. Ignatius of Loyola, unofficial patron of those of us stuck at home and champing at the bit to get out into the world, pray for us.

2. A FORMER JESUIT SUPERIOR GENERAL, ADOLFO NICOLAS, DIED RECENTLY IN JAPAN. The present Superior General said of him: “He brought to the Society his deep missionary vocation that helped us to see the universality of the mission from the perspective and the passion of presenting the Good News in all corners of the world”. Fr Nicolas composed this prayer during a retreat:

“Lord Jesus, What weaknesses did you see in us that made you decide to call us, in spite of everything, to collaborate in your mission?

We give you thanks for having called us, and we beg you not to forget your promise to be with us to the end of time.

Frequently we are invaded by the feeling of having worked all night in vain, forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us. We ask that you make yourself present in our lives and in our work, today, tomorrow, and in the future yet to come. Fill with your love these lives of ours, which we put at your service. Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking about what is “ours,” what is “mine”, always excluding, lacking compassion and joy. Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget to make us smile when things do not go as we wished. At the end of the day, of each one of our days, make us feel more united with you and better able to perceive and discover around us greater joy and greater hope. We ask all this from our reality. We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends. Amen”

HELP!!!

The head of the world Bank has said that the Covid pandemic “could push as many as 60 million people into extreme poverty.” Our own CAFOD is trying to respond:



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Donate to support the most vulnerable at
cafod.org.uk/coronavirus

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF LAUDATO SI: Pope Francis’ letter addressed to every person on the planet to protect the earth. Last week we celebrated 5 years since the publication of Laudato Si and now look forward to a yearlong series of initiatives from May 24, 2020, to May 24, 2021, for communities throughout the world, dedicated to the safeguarding and care for human life and all Creation. As the world continues to deal with the coronavirus pandemic the encyclical's message is "just as prophetic today as it was in 2015." And will help us look to the post-pandemic future.

COMMON PRAYER
for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs
not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future
generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into
hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that
are needed in search of the common good.
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of
a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

KIDS CORNER: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR CHURCH, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!!!!