



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*17th May 2020*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS SUNDAY

in the readings for Mass, we hear how all who believed in Jesus – Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans alike were sustained by the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

In the Gospel reading, which continues Jesus' great farewell discourse from last Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples about "another Advocate" (often translated as "Counsellor" or "Comforter"). In John's Gospel account, Jesus was the first Advocate, sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus now reveals the second Advocate to his disciples as he prepares them for his suffering and death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Advocate is "the Spirit of truth", the "Holy Spirit", who represents the continuing presence of Jesus on earth among his disciples. Jesus assures the disciples, "I will not leave you orphans," a promise fulfilled when Jesus ascends into heaven and the Holy Spirit descends onto the community of believers.

In the First Reading, we hear of Philip's successful evangelization among the Samaritans. Luke tells us that Philip performed signs (exorcising demonpossessed people and curing those who were paralyzed or crippled).

Because of this, the Samaritans listened to Philip as he "proclaimed 'the Christ to them' and they were "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." As a result, Peter and John were sent to lay hands on the Samaritans so that they too would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.

When Peter wrote his letter to the Gentile churches of Asia Minor, the gift of the Holy Spirit was a visible sign and a reason to hope. The same Spirit that brought Jesus to life was now present in their Gentile communities. Peter saw that the presence of the Holy Spirit fulfilled what Jesus promised to his disciples and would not leave them orphans. Jesus remained and remains fully present to all Christians.

### **The Clergy**

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Kevin Dow

**Priest in Residence:**

Fr Nicholas Hodgson

**Pastoral Assistant:**

Rev Pat Carrigan  
(*Permanent Deacon*)



St Peter in Chains Church,  
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,  
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Dunfermline

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

### Second reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*The Word of the Lord*

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another  
Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive since it neither  
sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he  
is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me; but  
you will see me, because I live and you will live.  
On that day you will understand that I am in my  
Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and  
keeps them will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my  
Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



*May the Month of Mary*

## O MARY WE CROWN THEE WITH BLOSSOMS TODAY...

Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you,” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. (Luke 1:28-33)

Mary is the greatest among the Saints. At the Annunciation, Mary said “yes” to God and became the Mother of God, the eternal Son of God incarnate. We believe in Mary’s Immaculate Conception (that she was without sin from the moment of her conception “full of grace” by the saving work of the son she was to bear) and that sinless state continued her entire life, and why she was assumed bodily into heaven.

Mary embraced her vocation by serving in His plan for salvation. Mary is the mother of God, carrying both the divine and human flesh. The Father preserved her from sin from the first moment of existence, so to give His Son the most perfect and sinless environment which to grow. Her *Magnificat*, or Canticle of Mary, is the longest set of words uttered by a woman in the New Testament.

It is therefore fit and right that we should give honour to the Mother of our Lord. That great devotional prayer, given by Mary herself, the rosary, leads in meditation upon the life and ministry of Jesus and His mother. Please join us each day in May, when we pray the rosary together at 09.30am, led by Fr Kevin live on the parish Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/catholicswife/>

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND INFIRM**

Canon McAllister,  
Maureen McLeod,  
James Morris,  
Elaine McCormick,  
Sandra Graham,  
Ester Wren,  
Daniel Cornet,  
Ann-Marie Bevan,  
Patricia Phee,  
Angie Kempson,  
Margaret Lynch,  
Edith Bryant,  
Elizabeth McVay,  
Veronica Fogherly,  
David and Lynn  
Dean, Colin Reid,  
Martin Lacey,  
Sandra Christie,  
Eleanor Haggett,  
Susan Stevenson,  
Elizabeth Byrne and  
Jennifer Imrie  
*Our Lady, Mother of  
the sick—pray for  
them*

### **OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Bonnie Gauson *RIP*  
(*Dalgety Bay*);  
Nora Connor *RIP*  
(*sister of Eileen Col-  
lins*) and those who  
have died of Covid-19



## NEWS & EVENTS

### MAKING A DONATION

During this time of Church closure, and no public Masses being celebrated, you have very little chance of supporting the ongoing mission of the parish and upkeep of our church buildings. Therefore the archdiocese has arranged for a new way of giving. If you click on the relevant link, for which of our 3 churches you wish to make a donation towards, this will take you to the relevant site.

All you need is your credit or debit card details and you can securely make an online donation.

We thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and if you are able to continue your support, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. God bless.

For St Peter in Chains Church - [https:// donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...)

For Ss John & Columba's Church - [https:// donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...)

For Our Lady of Lourdes Church - [https:// donor.secureoperations.com](https://donor.secureoperations.com)



**Opening our Churches:** The Bishops Conference of Scotland has formed a Covid-19 Working Group for Infectious Disease, chaired by the former Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, Sir Harry Burns. It will propose procedures and protocols that will allow us to progress safely and in stages towards the opening of our churches, first for prayer, and later on for Mass, even if in a curtailed form. Please see today's press release on the BCOS website: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/News/tabid/113/Default.aspx>

A Working Group on Pastoral Ministry was also established to look at how to sustain pastoral life and ministry into the coming months, as necessary. I will keep you informed of developments emerging from both these Groups.

**Sunday evenings** At this time, there is a weekly ecumenical call to prayer on Sundays at 7pm. Thirteen Christian churches and organisations are taking part for the fourth consecutive week, with people urged to place a candle in their window at that time. We will publish details for this Sunday's prayer on our social media and website when we receive it. Please see <https://archedinburgh.org/churchesjoin-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening/>

### OUR VIRTUAL PARISH

as you all know, all public Masses, services, activities, clubs, etc are currently on hold. We do not know when the government will allow us to resume normal activities, and so please bear with us. Let us pray that the all clear may come soon, and that the virus does not claim anyone from our parish community.

During this trying time, both Deacon Pat and Fr Kevin have taken to social media to try and keep some form of parish activities on going. The timetable on the back of the newsletter, tells you of when and what we are doing.

All of these Masses and services are being 'live streamed' through the parish Facebook pages: "The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity" and "Most Holy Trinity Parish-Our Lady of Lourdes Church." If you have Facebook and you have not already 'liked' these pages (why wouldn't you have already?!), then please do so and keep in touch with the parish.

If you do not have Facebook, then please subscribe to our parish YouTube channel, where Masses are uploaded for you to view.

**Prayer resources** There are an increasing number of valuable resources online that are very useful to Catholics during the lockdown. One which you may find worthwhile is on a website called They Kingdom Come, which has issued a range of neatly formatted resources, including Morning, Evening and Night prayer as well as a Pentecost Novena. You may wish to share these with parishioners. Visit: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

**Parish First Holy Communion celebrations:** because of the on going pandemic and the closure of our churches, the scheduled celebrations have been provisionally moved to the following dates after consultation with the senior management teams in our parish schools: Our Lady of Lourdes Church (St Margaret's PS) - Saturday 7th November at 11am & Ss John & Columba's Church (St John's PS) - Saturday 21st November at 10am.

**Children's Sunday Newsletter:** Copy and paste this link into your web browser and it will take you to this weeks edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish: <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/the-kids-bulletin-easter-6.pdf>

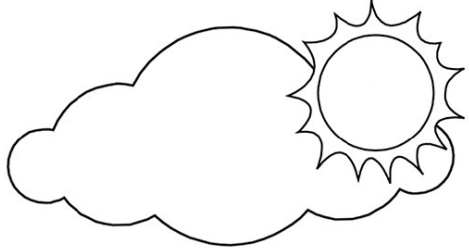


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## Gospel Today Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 14:15-21

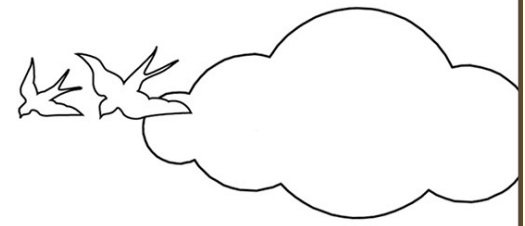
Jesus says if we love God by keeping His commandments He will send the Holy Spirit, the unseen Spirit of truth, we **believe** is with us.

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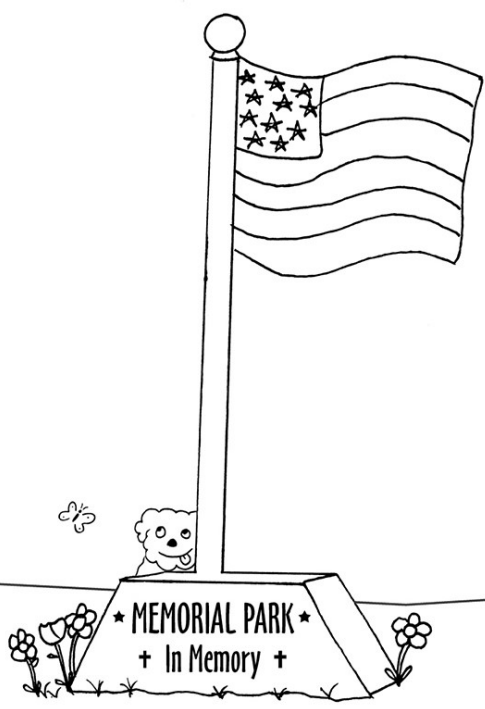
We can't see the wind - only what it moves, and we can't see the Holy Spirit - only what it moves, in people! Is the Holy Spirit moving in you? How?



*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."*

- John 14:15

Thanks, Honey. It's a good reminder that the Holy Spirit moves like the wind - unseen, but really there!



J.D., I like your new kite, the "Spirit of Truth".



## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 17th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am</b>  4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>  <i>May Devotions &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 18th May</b> <i>in the 6th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Bernard McGonagle RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b> <i>in the 6th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Mary Irvine's Intentions</i>
<b>Wednesday 20th May</b> <i>in the 6th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Alice Kennedy RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 21st May</b> <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>The intentions of the parish clergy</i>
<b>Friday 22nd May</b> <i>in the 6th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Denis Sullivan RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 23rd May</b> <i>in the 6th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>M &amp; B Sullivan RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 24th May</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am</b>  4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>  <i>May Devotions &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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**Parish Safeguarding Coordinators** Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLOL)

**Baptisms & Marriages** Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

**Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations** Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Dow to visit. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans of St Marie's Kirkcaldy (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain (emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife) please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan at St Margaret's (625611) **Please note that a patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.**

**Names for sick list** Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. Please advise the Parish Office of any name to be added or removed.

**Mass Intentions** Please try to have any intention that is required to be said on a particular date in a month before hand. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

**Hall Bookings** Please contact (for St Peter's Hall) Mrs Pat Reid on 417214 or Mary Irvine at the Parish Office (for Our Lady of Lourdes Hall) for availability.

**Bulletin Notices** All notices should be with the Parish Office by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekend bulletin