

Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St,
Tayport



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Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026

A (II) Psalm week 4. Liturgical colour: red

Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

First reading: *Acts 2:1-11* 'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

Responsorial Psalm: *104 (103)* Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: *1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13* 'In one spirit we were all baptised into one body.'

Gospel: *Matthew 26: 14-27* 'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm
Eucharistic Service: Monday and Friday 10am

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15am

Days on which Bishop Andrew will be sharing Mass at St Fillan's can be found on the special Whatsapp Group set up by Sam Morton. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>. Days vary with diocesan duties.

Mgr Pat's Corner The Language of the Spirit

The first reading for today's Feast of Pentecost shows us what the Spirit does if people are open to the coming of the Spirit. The Spirit works to bring together in Christ people from very different traditions and cultures. You could say that the Spirit helps us to discover and give expression to that deeper language that is common to us all as human beings.

Whenever people of very different cultures and background recognise each other as brothers and sisters under one God, there the Holy Spirit is at work. Whenever we work to reconcile those who are estranged, there the Holy Spirit is moving. In situations of conflict, there will always be some people who work tirelessly to build bridges rather than blow them up. Such people in the words of today's second reading, are 'under the influence of the Holy Spirit'.

We are all very aware that in the world in which we live, the blowing up of bridges can be more to the fore than the building of them. Some people seem to be more intent on driving deeper and deeper wedges between those already estranged. There are forces at work in the world that are the opposite of the force or power of the Holy Spirit. We may even be conscious at times of the presence of such forces in our own hearts. However today's first reading suggests that a language which is very different from our own can be the language of the Spirit.

Mgr Pat

Pentecost: True or False: the name comes from a) the Greek word for fiftieth
b) a five sided shape used to represent the thrones, hosts, choirs and dominions of angels, including archangels, cherubim and seraphim c) an abbreviation of the name for the first five books of the Hebrew Bible

Special Prayers: Please pray for the dead and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Please pray for those who are sick or struggling and those who help them. Pray that all with difficult decisions may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A visitor to Our Lady's last Saturday left a note for a Mass to be said for Catherine Morrison. He was a relative over from Utah, so perhaps you could include Cathy in your prayers.

To request prayers or Priestly assistance Mgr Pat may be emailed.

Annual shared Pentecost Service: Sunday 24th May 6,30pm in Tayport Parish Church, Queen Street. All welcome.

Sequence

Veni, sancte Spiritus
Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy 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.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Pentecost is named from the Greek for 50 (a) because it follows 49 days after the second pilgrimage festival day of Passover, Shavuot, when the Jews celebrated freedom from slavery.

The five books of the Hebrew Bible, most commonly called *the Torah* have an alternative name – *Pentateuch*, derived from the Greek word for a 5 volumed vessel – as the 5 books carried core law and teachings. Pentecost has nothing to do with the five-sided shape, the pentagon.

Interestingly there is a pentagon shaped window above the organ in St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, with Christ in an eternal circle surrounded by 5 scroll carrying seraphim, as well as the Greek letters alpha and omega, representing the eternal facets, and chi and rho representing Christ. It is quite unusual to find pentagons used in churches as the Triangle is one of the most powerful images we have to understand the connected distinctness, the one and three, of the Trinity.

Whilst God is referred to as the Lord of Hosts, *Yahweh Sabaoth* in Hebrew and God's heavenly angels appear throughout the Bible, in choirs and individually as messengers, it is the Spirit of God who comes, to fire the hearts of the fearful people.

Christian Aid walk - thanks to all who supported the cause! £240 was raised in sponsorship and this , alongside envelope offerings will be collated with the other Tayport churches gifts and forwarded to Christian Aid. Please return any outstanding envelopes to Sheila McRobbie by May 31st.

Call For Weeders - Our Lady Star of the Sea car park is getting quite weedy. Maria and Angela have been taking care of the front and right hand side over the past few years but any extra support is always welcome - there's a brown bin round the side of the porch for the weeds! WARNING it can be quite addictive!

Thank you for continuing to support the Food Bank. Remember also to keep an eye out for double wool. Help with the Café is welcomed. And please do consider joining those who perform important service through cleaning our churches.

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