



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost



Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 137: S.28

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: 139 (1st Tune): 137: 138: 140

At the start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace
In the Name of Christ. Amen

At the end of the Procession

The Apostles did speak with other tongues Alleluia
The wonderful works of God Alleluia

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

691 Spiritus Domini Whit Sunday

Introit The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be to the Father...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. V. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. V. Come Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people: and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia.

Offertory Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us: for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem, shall kings bring presents unto thee, alleluia.

Communion Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind; and it filled the house where they were sitting, alleluia: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost; and began to speak the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch2 v1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Second Reading - Romans Ch8 v22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel - John Ch15 v26-27 & Ch16 v4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, ²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for this week

Monday 24th May 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

Tuesday 25th May 11.00am Said Mass - BCP

Sunday 30th May

Trinity Sunday

9.30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

Special Day

Next Sunday is a special day for Fr. Leslie who will be celebrating 65 years since he was ordained into the priesthood.

Come and join us after the 11.00am Service when we will be having a celebratory reception for him .

The Dean has been invited to preach at both the 9.30am & 11.00am Mass

Sponsorship

Liz Dudin (who attends 9.30am) has taken up the 30:30 cycle challenge and is cycling an hour a day everyday for the month of May to raise money for Les Bourgs Hospice. She would greatly appreciate it if anyone would sponsor her. The direct link for anyone to make a donation is below or I will be happy to pass any donation to her.

<https://giving.gg/donate/event/7007/30/30-cycle-challenge-2021---lan-Brown-s---Dudin-s-challenge>



Naomi tags along for the ride!

Interregnum

Please return your questionnaire by next week 30th May Trinity Sunday the latest

Many thanks.

Tony & Elis

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 11.00am Mass*

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**

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