

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stepher

Sunday 8th June 2025 The Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday



Services Today

9.30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am	Sung Mass with Procession
Hymns:	139 : Responsorial Psalm 104: 137: 140: S.28

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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.**

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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...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. 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; so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

Communion Suddenly there was heard a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, where they were sitting, alleluia: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the wondrous 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.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch11 v1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. **2** As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.**3** They said to each other, 'Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They used brick instead of stone, and bitumen for mortar. **4** Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.'s But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. **6** The Lord said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. **7** Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.'**8** So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. **9** That is why it was called Babel_[– because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Responsorial Psalm 104: 'Bless the Lord O my soul'

New Testament Reading - Acts Ch2 v1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Gospel - John Ch14 v8-17

8 Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' 9 Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

15 'If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in 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.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augistino, Margaret Morris, David Streek, Wendy Clamp and Mark Renouf.

Notices

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer Tuesday 10th June 11.00am - Said Mass Saturday 14th June 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church 4.00pm - Nicole Wyatt Concert

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday 9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass with Procession



Please join us for refreshments In the Vestry after the 11am Mass After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

What do you call a person that speaks several languages - Multi-lingual. A person that speaks two? - Bi-lingual. Someone that only speaks one? – English