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Pentecost Sunday Sunday 28th May 2023

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 1-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

Pentecost **literally** means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai

The event: On the day of Pentecost: 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as tongues of fire. 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. 3) The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus. The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: 1) As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (1 Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. c) Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. d) Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by changing bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity, through Epiclesis. e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church community holy. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. 5) As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass from Boby Thomas	Saturday 27th St Augustine of Canterbury Born 6 th century. In 595 he was Prior of St Andrew's Abbey in Rome. Pope Gregory the Great saw Anglo-Saxon slaves and said, "not Anglos but angels". Sent Augustine on a mission to England. Helped by Frankish clergy as his interpreters & introduction to pagan King Ethelbert whose wife was a Frankish Christian. He landed on Isle of Thanet near Ramsgate and met by King Ethelbert in 597. Example of Augustine and his monks holy and simply lives converted King Ethelbert. Gave land at Canterbury where Augustine founded monastery of St Peter and St Paul, later St Augustine's Abbey, and introduced Rule of St Benedict. Started building cathedrals in Canterbury and London. He revitalised Christianity in south England from Roman times.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday
First Communion Training 4.45 to 5.45 6.30pm Mass	Monday 29th Blessed Richard Thirkeld Born near Darlington in County Durham. Studied at Oxford University. In 1565 left to study in France and ordained as an old man in 1579. Returned to England in York. Confessor to St Margaret Clitherow in York and helped in the education in secret of those preparing to become Christians. Ministered in secret for 4 years and was very popular. Arrested. In prison in York. Ministered to prisoners. Executed in secret due to his popularity on 29 th May 1583.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 30th St Joan of Arc Born in 1412 to a peasant farming family in France. When Joan was 3 years old King Henry V of England won the Battle of Agincourt and took the throne of France from King Charles VI. His son the Dauphin claimed the throne on the death of Henry V in 1422. In England Henry VI was an infant aged one, and his Protector, claimed the throne of France in his name. The Dauphin could not be crowned as both Paris and Rheims were still in English hands. Aged 14 Joan heard voices saying "save France". She went to the Dauphin at court at Chinon Castle in Loire valley. He eventually gave her an army to relieve the siege of Orleans. Wearing a white suit of armour and carrying a standard with the words "Jesus, Maria", nobleman followed her as they thought that Joan was divinely inspired. 2 days later Orleans was relieved. The Dauphin was crowned at Reims in 1429 with Joan standing beside him. Returned to fighting the English. Wounded and captured. King Charles made no attempt to rescue her. Corrupt trial found her guilty of witchcraft. Burnt at the stake in the market place at Rouen. King Henry VI's secretary said, "We are lost. We have burned a saint".

