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## Pentecost Sunday

**Pentecost:** the Spirit of God poured out as gift on the apostles made them, who had cowered indoors in terror, into a great people, jubilantly singing God's praises. Here indeed is the Church, a new humanity, alive with a new breath, telling the world about a new, undreamed of, crowning happiness. Good news about the forgiveness of sin, news about what eye had never seen, nor ear heard, nor had man's heart hitherto experienced. This is not a time for fear, for withdrawal into oneself, rather it is *the* time for the Spirit to break down all barriers and to lead humanity to the place where God awaits it.

Pentecost, formerly a Jewish harvest festival (Ex 34:22; Deut 16:9; Lev 23:16), is inseparable from Easter, because it offers us the fruits of Easter; the trophies conquered in a decisive battle. We realize that, although we have not yet achieved anything, all has been given us with this fruit which the flowering of Easter promised: the Spirit of God, aflame with his fire, who fills the universe and the earth.

Pentecost is, with the sending of the supreme Gift, the vindication of the divine folly, of the prodigious generosity of the Father, of the superabundance of his life given to mankind in an eternal embrace. Pentecost fulfils the prophetic words: 'you shall be as god's'. Far from disregarding the realities of our life here below, the Spirit both stimulates and encourages and tells of the future: a new heaven and a new earth! This is the transfiguration of all things put before us in the closing pages of the Apocalypse - all that God has prepared for those whom he loves. Is not the Spirit this very eternal life, already commenced here below? Let us then listen to the murmur of this living water saying; 'Come to the Father.' In this rising wind let us set sail - to live for the God who is man's destiny.

### Come Holy Spirit

Come, O Creator, Spirit blest,  
And in our souls take up thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

Drive far from us the foe we dread  
And grant us thy true peace instead;  
So shall we not, with thee for Guide,  
Turn from the path of life aside.

Great Paraclete, to thee we cry,  
O highest gift of God most high,  
O Fount of Life, O Fire of Love,  
And sweet anointing from above!  
Thou in thy sevenfold gifts art known;  
The finger of God's hand we own;  
The promise of the Father thou,  
Who dost the tongue with pow'r endow.

Oh, may thy grace on us bestow  
The Father and the Son to know,  
And thee, through endless times confess'd,  
Of both th' eternal Spirit blest.  
All glory while the ages run  
Be to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death; the same to thee,  
O Holy Ghost, eternally!

Our senses kindle from above,  
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
With patience firm and virtue high  
The weakness of our flesh supply.

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. **This** is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation.

You may return donation to Parish House, Cloone on this weekend 30th/31st May. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**Accord: Covid-19 Couples & Relationships support Line.** If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships counselor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life..... Contact 01 5313331 from 9.00 am—8.00 pm, Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

**Cloone Tidy Towns 5 year plan:** The closing deadline for submissions to Cloone Tidy Towns 5 year plan survey is Monday June 1st. Please complete as soon as possible if not already done. To assist in this process Woodrow Sustainable Solutions and Flynn, Furney Environmental Consultants are working with Leitrim Development Company to create a new long-term Tidy Towns Plan for Cloone. This will help to plan actions and initiatives that will help to make Cloone more sustainable, attractive and a better place in which to live. In order to help make this plan as relevant as it might be, we would be delighted if you'd take just a few minutes to complete the questionnaire by using the link below or by filling out the hardcopy version available in the church porch and posting to the address on the form. Online link for survey <https://surveyhero.com/c/b7e68486>.

**A COVID - 19 Community Outreach Champion** is now available in your county to link local community groups and volunteers to those people cocooning or in need of support at this time. You can contact your local Champion for County/City, Karen Dolan, on 087 7167593 or email [kdolan@ldco.ie](mailto:kdolan@ldco.ie). The Local Authority helpline is 071-9650473 and is open from 8am-8pm, 7 days a week.