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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
(Acts 1:8)

"By *loving humbly, serving freely and joyfully, we will offer to the world the true image of God. The Spirit, the living memory of the Church, reminds us that we are born from a gift and that we grow by giving: not by holding on but by giving of ourselves." (Pope Francis)*

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, you are invited to pray and reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life, to believe that God has great confidence in you to share the Good News of his great love and to reach out to others, using the gifts and talents God has given to you to build up his Kingdom here on earth. This Kingdom is a Kingdom of love, peace, joy, truth and forgiveness.

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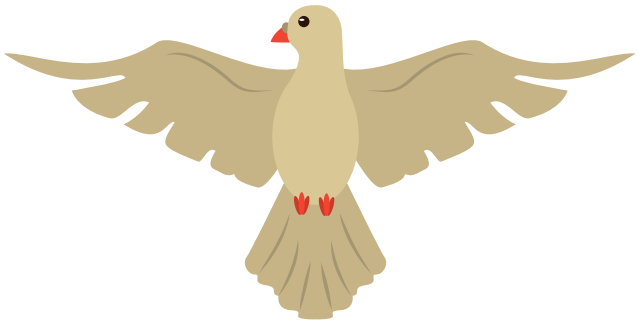

What do we celebrate at Pentecost?

- The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, giving them the courage and confidence to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ

- The gift of God's Holy Spirit living within us, through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

- The gift of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, to help us to know Jesus better and to discover God's Plan for us

- The gift of God's Holy Spirit giving us courage and confidence to proclaim the Good News, in whatever role God calls us to

- The gift of God's Holy Spirit within us so we can be the presence of Jesus in the world today

- The gift of God's Holy Spirit within us so we can go out and build up God's Kingdom here on earth

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Ideas for Celebrating a Week of Prayer leading up to the Feast of Pentecost at Home, in School and in the Parish

- Attend Mass online/in person on the Feast of Pentecost 23rd May

- Find out the date of your Baptism and thank God for the gift of the sacrament of Baptism where you received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- Say a Daily Prayer to the Holy Spirit/Write your own prayer to the Holy Spirit https://catecheticalcentre.org/primary-school-resources/receive-believelive-praying-to-the-holy-spirit/

- Pray together at home, in school, in the parish https://catecheticalcentre.org/adult-faith-resources/gift-of-the-holy-spirit-prayer-liturgy/

- Read and Reflect on the Pentecost Story the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles https://catecheticalcentre.org/adult-faith-resources/lectio-divina-for-pentecost-listening-with-the-ear-of-the-heart/

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- Quiet Prayer Time for Children-'Peace I Leave You' https://catecheticalcentre.org/primary-school-resources/finding-the-peace-of-jesus-being-the-peace-of-jesus/

- Symbols of the Holy Spirit-Consider what is the Spirit of God like in our lives? https://catecheticalcentre.org/primary-school-resources/what-is-the-spirit-of-god-like-symbols-of-the-holy-spirit/

- Holy Spirit Craft Ideas https://catecheticalcentre.org/adult-faith-resources/pentecost-craft-ideas/

- Play the 'Led by the Spirit Board Game' https://catecheticalcentre.org/primary-school-resources/led-by-the-spirit-board-game/

- Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary https://catecheticalcentre.org/adult-faith-resources/praying-the-glorious-mysteries-of-the-rosary/

- Consider what mission God has given you in life and consider how the Holy Spirit can help you to discover and live God's perfect plan for your life. https://catecheticalcentre.org/adult-faith-resources/gods-perfect-plan-for-you/