

# FAITH

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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### Sunday Mass Readings

#### First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 103(104)~:1,24,29-31,34

#### Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-17

#### Gospel:

John 14:15-16, 23-26

"...the Holy Spirit... will teach you  
everything and remind you of all I  
have said to you"



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## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading.  
Don't have one? No worries, you can find this  
week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) for children.

## Pray

In the Gospel and first reading today we hear  
about Jesus ascending to heaven.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you  
through this piece of Scripture? How do  
these words resonate with you personally?
- Reread those words slowly: "*As the Father  
sent me, so am I sending you.*" Reflect in  
prayer on what the Father sent Jesus to do.  
What do you feel the Father could be calling  
you to do?
- Jesus breathed His Holy Spirit on the  
apostles after He gave them this commission.  
Close your eyes and imagine being in the  
room with Jesus, as He breathes His Holy  
Spirit into you. Feel His peace, His love, His  
courage and conviction fill your heart. Draw  
life from His divine life.

## Talk

In today's readings we hear about the Holy Spirit  
coming to the Apostles at Pentecost, and how  
they were filled with courage and joy!

- How do you celebrate birthdays in your  
family? How do you mark important  
occasions? Today we celebrate the birthday  
of the Church! The Church is the family of  
God, so we should celebrate this too!
- Families don't always get on together,  
sometimes we have to ask for forgiveness.  
Jesus spoke about this in the Gospel today.  
Is there anything you need to ask for  
forgiveness for in your family today? Saying  
sorry and trying to make amends is a great  
way to celebrate the Feastday!
- Why not pray the third glorious mystery for  
your family: *the Descent of the Holy Spirit!*

## Family Challenge!

Celebrate Pentecost as a family! Check out this  
article from Aleteia for 8 great ideas to do as a  
family to celebrate the birthday of the Church  
and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!  
<https://aleteia.org/2019/06/09/8-creative-ways-to-celebrate-pentecost-as-a-family/>  
Print the attached bunting to hang up too!

**Mission:** Today is the Church's birthday, so let's celebrate! When we go to a party we bring a gift. What gift can you give Jesus, the Head of the Church, today? Can you say an extra prayer? Make a little sacrifice? Do it for love of Him!

**Song of the Week!**  
**HOLY SPIRIT FILLS ME UP**



Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Cor 3:16

## HOLY SPIRIT COURAGE!

What an incredible journey the Apostles were on since Holy Week! Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem, swiftly followed by His arrest, torture and death on the Cross: all seemed hopeless. Then within days, Jesus had risen from the dead and walked among them once more! 40 days of appearances as He continued to teach and strengthen their faith, and then He was gone at the Ascension, promising to send them the Advocate. They gathered fearfully in the Upper Room on the eve of the feast of Pentecost, until they were filled with power from on high and a courage so intense it drove them immediately to the streets of Jerusalem, proclaiming the Good News without any fear of arrest or persecution! This same courage continued to guide their ministry even to a martyr's death for all bar John, who died later in prison. This same courage ensured that the Church was founded, and continues to this day. This same courage is available to all believers through the power of the Holy Spirit. Imagine what your life could be like if you opened your heart fully to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Imagine all those fruits of the Spirit made manifest in your life! Ask the Holy Spirit to come to you and fill you anew!

**Choose one of the following to celebrate the Holy Spirit / Pentecost this week:**

- Intentionally pray the come holy spirit prayer each day
- Wear the colour red to remind you of the Holy Spirit's fire/love.
- Find out your baptism/confirmation date and mark them on your calendar to celebrate them!
- Celebrate Pentecost & the Church's birthday with cake!
- Help to renew the face of the earth: be a witness to your faith in some way this week!

**VIDEO:** Pentecost in 2 Minutes (Busted Halo)

**TUNE:** Consuming Fire (Hillsong)

Check out "To the Heights" full resource



## Family Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit,  
Come by means of the  
powerful intercession of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
your well-beloved Spouse!*

## EVENTS

**CHERISHED:** Evening of Prayer & Fellowship for women aged 18-50 - June 6th at Holy Family Mission. Rosary @7.30pm, Mass @8.00pm followed by tea/coffee and lots of chat! Contact Shauna (087) 1378364.

**Encounter:** Gathering for young adults aged 18-35. Talk - Music - Prayer - Refreshments. Fri 17th June - St John's Church, Waterford @ 8pm. More info: [www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry)

**Family Day:** Sunday 19th June, 10am - 3pm. Bring a packed lunch! Booking is essential: 052 6133181 or email [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie)

**Queen of Peace Retreats:** 4-day Medjugorje-style retreat at Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Spiritual Director: Fr Patrick Cahill. Full Board Accommodation - limited places, book now! Thurs 21 - Sun 24 July / Thurs 18 - Sun 21 Aug / Thurs 1 - Sun 4 Sept. Cost: €260. For more info or to book contact [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie) or (052) 6133181

**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: August 3rd - 10th,** Cost: €725pp, Open to those aged 16 - 35. For more info: Roisin Browne 083 3002123 <https://waterfordlismore.ie/pastoral/pilgrimages/>

## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

This reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

*from Loyola Sunday Connection*

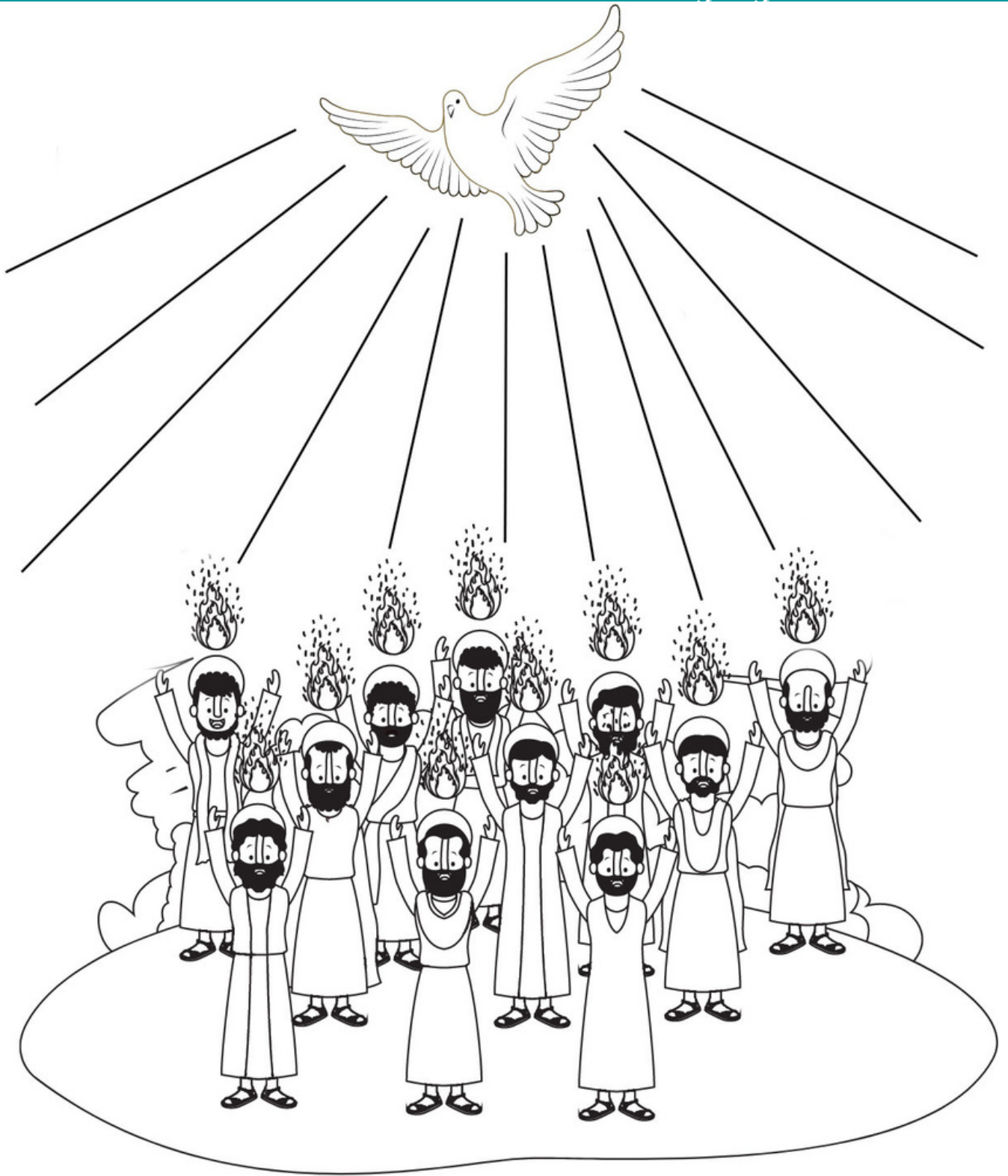
## CHECK IT OUT: SUMMER FAITH CAMPS



Catholic Faith Camps for Primary Children aged 6 - 12 happening in locations around Munster in July. The Campa Mhuire Mháthair Summer Camps will include Music & Action songs, Arts & Crafts, "Into the Deep" Bible Stories, Team Games, Drama, Daily Mass and prayer! More information on each camp and details for how to book can be found on <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/campa-mhuire-mhathair/>







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Holy Spirit!

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