

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Pentecost Sunday 5 June 2022

(from today's First Reading)

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.'

(Acts 2:1-4)

(The Paraclete, or Advocate, the Holy Spirit, descending on the disciples and family of Jesus in the Upper Room, on the fiftieth day after Jesus rose from the dead, by Nora Kelly, 2002)

As we celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, we give thanks for the way Queen Elizabeth has continued to live her Christian faith so publicly, and for her example of service and quiet fidelity over seven decades.

We Continue to pray for Peace – 'Dear Lord, please grant the people of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Reconciliation, Your Forgiveness, Your Love. Amen.'

Today is **Pentecost Sunday**.... At the 9.30am Mass, (a part) of the first reading will be read in French, German, Italian, Ukrainian, Polish, Russian and Kyrgyz.

It is also one of our two **Nametag Sundays** (along with the Feast of Christ the King in November) – a chance discreetly to learn the name of the person whom you don't feel any longer

you can ask...a community of disciples becomes a true community when we make an effort to imitate our God who calls each of us by name....

Today is also the Annual Day for Life – ‘The Day for Life Special collection this year will be used to help protect and care for our families and friends as they near the end of life. The collection supports quality palliative care to provide dignity to the dying while valuing life to its natural end, as well as organisations working to protect the disabled from changes in the law. A special collection will take place at Mass. Alternatively, donate direct to bit.ly/archdayforlife’

There is also a **Pastoral Letter** from the Scottish Bishops’ Conference Bioethics Committee which is included with this newsletter.

On Monday, 6 June we celebrate our monthly Healing Mass at 2.30pm in St John’s with the Sacrament of the Sick

Next Sunday we celebrate First Communions at the 9.30am Mass....with the large number of first communicants that we (are delighted to) have, the Church will be very full....we hope some of our 9.30 regulars will consider going to the Vigil Mass or to the 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene’s.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 June - 6.30pm – St John’s – Vigil Mass - livestreamed

Sunday 5 June – FEAST OF PENTECOST

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass**

Monday 6 June

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass** - livestreamed

6.00pm - Prayer Room, Parish House – **Meeting for P6**

7.00pm–8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel sharing** – click [HERE](#) or shorturl.at/gCNQ8

Tuesday 7 June - 7.00pm – Parish House “Upper Room” – Mass - livestreamed

Wednesday 8 June

9.45am [NB Change of Time] – St Mary Magdalene’s – Mass – livestreamed

11.00am - Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Kevin Ketchum**

Thursday 9 June – FEAST OF ST COLUMBA

9.45am – St John’s - **Requiem Mass for Frank Bell** - livestreamed

7.00pm – St John’s – **First Communion Rehearsal (and some first celebrations of Reconciliation)**

Friday 10 June

9.30am [NB Change of Time] - St John’s – Mass – livestreamed

10.45pm – Holy Rood HS - S6 Leavers’ Mass

Saturday 11 June

10.00am-2.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Fundraising event for little Rudi Abbott** (see below)

11.30am – St John’s – **Baptism of Ziggy Richard Hazledine**

6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 12 June – FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass with First Communions** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 14 June – 10.15am - St Mary Magdalene's – **Requiem Mass for Mary McKenzie**

Thursday 16 June – 7pm - Confirmations for St Mary Magdalene's, St John's and St Teresa's with Archbishop Leo.

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal - As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

Queen's Jubilee Celebration - Archbishop Leo will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Noon on **Sunday 5 June** to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. This will be a lovely and joyful celebration and will finish with a champagne reception after the Mass. All welcome.

African & Caribbean Mass - this monthly Mass will next take place at **1pm this Sunday 5 June** (Pentecost Sunday) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate.

Vocations Mass - The monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm this **Monday 6 June** at Sacred Heart Church, 56 John Street, Penicuik, EH26 8NE. Please come along and pray that more young people in our Archdiocese respond to God's call to the priesthood or religious life.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair - The monthly Mass to pray for the canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at **1:30pm (7 June)** at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on **Sunday 18 September**. More details will follow soon. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

Corpus Christi Procession - As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19 June** at 3pm. Gather at the Bandstand in High Street before processing to St Francis Xavier's Parish (around 20 min walk). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and should be a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

Archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul Mass - Renato Lima de Oliveira, International President General of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, will attend the annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 7pm on **Friday 24 June**. A buffet will be served after Mass. All welcome.

Family Afternoon - A Family Afternoon at the Gillis Centre will take place on **Saturday 25 June, 2.00pm-5.00pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB**. It will include separate sessions for adults and children, focusing on *The Eucharist: Source of Family Love*, family prayer time in St Margaret's Chapel and family games. This event coincides with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome. Details and registration at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

Justice & Peace event - An event titled *Caritas, Justice and Peace – a Synodal Way Forward* takes place on **Saturday 25 June, 10:00am-3:30pm** at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ. It's a chance for everyone who sees Caritas, Justice and Peace as integral to their Catholic faith to participate in shaping the agenda of the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace over the next two years. All welcome. Details and registration

NOTICEBOARD

Fundraising Event – 11 June 2022, St John’s Hall, 10.00am to 2.00pm

Preloved clothes and accessories will be on sale, as well as a raffle, to help raise funds in order to send little Rudi Abbott to America this summer, for further treatment after surgery for a rare and aggressive grade four brain tumour. Rudi is 8-year-old and attends Tower Bank Primary School in Portobello. He has completed chemotherapy treatment at the Royal Sick Children Hospital and is gearing up to travel to Seattle where he is set to receive life-saving immunotherapy treatment – but his family are desperately trying to raise £250,000 to help them travel. You can read his full story and find a link to donate by clicking [HERE](#) or go to <https://www.shorturl.at/iqtHS>.

If people want to kindly donate gifts for the raffle, please, contact Elizabeth (0131 6699976).
Thank you

A Message from Bethany Christian Trust to Care Van Volunteers

On behalf of Edinburgh City Mission and Bethany Christian Trust, we wanted to and send all our Care Van volunteers congratulations!!!

The Care Van has been awarded a Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service.

This award is your award! It recognises all the hard work and time that you dedicate to the Care Van and the people of Edinburgh.

Thank you to each and every one of you who serves and provides in different ways to make this service run as smoothly and as well as it does, whether that be serving, making soup or rolls, driving, chatting with the clients or praying. You all contribute to the Care Van in different ways and have all contributed to this award. Thank you!

You may see the Care Van appearing in some local newspapers or on social media over the next day or too.
Thank you all!

A Message from the Justice and Peace Group about the Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre

‘We recently wrote about what our parishes’ volunteer teams had done during the recently ended season for the Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre. Here is a brief article from Bethany Christian Trust reporting on the overall picture for the season.

Welcome Centre Wraps up Rewarding Season

Bethany's Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre has wrapped up its 2021-2022 season!

Every year, from October - May, the Welcome Centre offers free accommodation, meals and 1-1 personalised support to individuals who have nowhere to call home.

This season, over 1000 volunteers working together with Bethany staff, and partners including the NHS, Crisis and Shelter, helped 1,137 guests get the vital support they needed. Many of this season's guests have moved on to longer-term accommodation with follow-on support, and 97% of known outcomes have been positive!

This work could not have been done without the support of our generous donors, partners and volunteers. Bethany is extremely grateful to all who give in some way to this work, and we look forward to an even more impactful 2022-2023 season.’

To find out more about the Welcome Centre, other ways we help individuals in a crisis, and how you can support, go to

<https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/services>

WOULD YOU LIKE A HANDMADE BEACH WOOD OR OLIVE WOOD ROSARY? – made by Sr M Benedicta Arndt, a hermit on the Isle of Wight ..available soon in the St John’s Shop....

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK

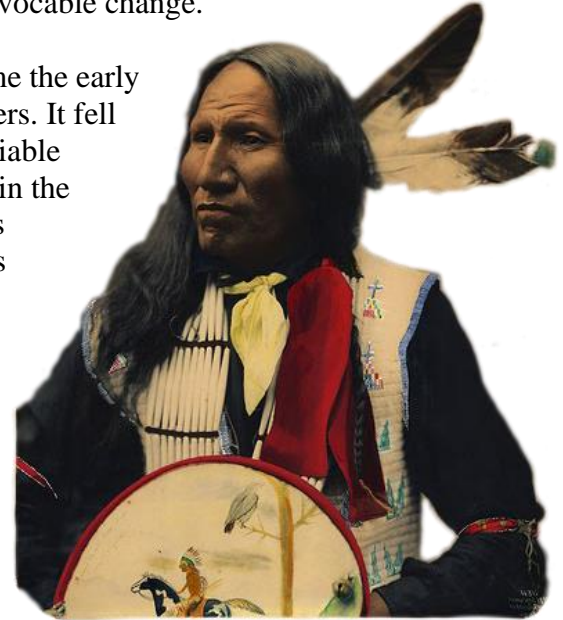
Seattle, Chief of the Suquamish (1786? – 7 June 1866)

*“Humankind did not weave the web of life. We are but one strand within it.
Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves”*

Seattle was born in a Suquamish village along the Puget Sound, sometime around 1786. As a child he witnessed the arrival of the first whites in the Northwest of the United States. They were trappers and traders who did not come to stay. But for Seattle and his people, it was the beginning of irrevocable change.

In his early twenties Seattle was named the chief of his tribe. By this time the early white visitors had opened the way for an ever-increasing stream of settlers. It fell to Seattle to set a strategy for dealing with these invaders and their insatiable claims. Seattle rejected the option of violent resistance and put his trust in the possibilities of peaceful dialogue. But as the full intentions of the whites became clear his goal was reduced simply to ensuring the survival of his people.

In 1830 Seattle and many of the Indians in Puget Sound converted to Christianity. As a leader of his people, he tried to integrate the principles of his faith with the beliefs of his ancestors. But with each passing year it seemed that his traditional world was growing smaller. Ultimately, Seattle came to believe that the struggle with the whites really represented the contrast between conflicting spiritual values. In particular the Indians and the whites held to completely different understandings of the relationship between human beings and the earth.



The whites considered the land something to be bought and sold. As Seattle observed, *“How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us.... Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people.... We are part of the earth, and it is part of us.”*

In 1855 Seattle signed the Port Elliott Treaty, which transferred ancestral Indian lands to the federal government and established a reservation for Native American tribes in the Northwest region. The alternative, he believed, was the extinction of his people. But he took the opportunity to address a letter to President Franklin Pierce. It is a haunting and prophetic document, often cited today by the proponents of ecology. It certainly does reflect Seattle's profound ecological imagination, as well as the spiritual vision in which it was rooted:

We know that the White Man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on.

One thing we know, which the White Man may one day discover - our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land; but you cannot. He is the God of humanity, and his is equal for the red man and the white. The earth is precious to him, and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. Even the white man cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all. We shall see.

Chief Seattle died on June 7, 1866, on the Port Madison Reservation near the city which today bears his name.

See: "Chief Seattle's Message," in Robert Cooney and Helen Michalowski, eds., The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States (Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1987).

*Warm birthday greetings to baby Alfie McDevitt, 1 next Sunday, 12 June
...and Pat Whyte, who was 70 on Tuesday 24 May*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those who have died recently:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eddie Corns</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mary Mackenzie</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Molly Donahue - Margaret Barrins - Jessie Fisher - Mary Cosgrove - David Gaughan - Frances Green</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anniversaries:</p> <p>St John's: June 4: Margaret Barrins (2012); Jennie Cox (2012); John Cooney (1980); Mr & Mrs Brennan (1969); June 5: Stuart Aitken (1993); Mrs Quinn (1976); Rose Brown (1976); June 6: Patrick Taylor jun. (1971); June 7: Kenneth Jones (2010); Margaret Hunt (2002); Thomas Lear (1997); Mary Cosgrove (1988); June 8: Jane McDonald (2017); Peggy Neilson (1993); Kate Browne (1978); Douglas Napier; June 9: Dorothy Montgomery (2008); Elizabeth Dyer (1957); Margaret Connor (1954); June 10: Brian Coll; June 11: Andrew Carey (2003); Isabella Young (2003); Michael J Kempton (2002); John Reidy (2000); Patricia Pyper (1999); June 12: Peter McLaughlin (1993); Mrs Young (1939); Catherine Regan;</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's: June 5: Katie Banks (1988); June 8: Margaret Neilson (1993); Mary Harris (1968); June 10: William T Ramsay (1967); June 11: Isabella Gallagher (2001); Jan Ulas (1996); June 12: David Gaughan (2000);</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:</i></p> <p>St. John's: Maureen Lawrie, Kathleen Brown, John Cregan, Mike and Maria Noonan, Jean Bonar, Baby Archie Williams, John Whyte, Susan Cammack, Maria Pacitti, Kim O'Neill, Sheila Service, Frances Connelly, Fiona Connel, Inge Downey, John Freeman, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's: Mary McGovern (jnr), Ray Donnelly, Carolynne McCann, Maureen Forsyth, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:</i></p> <p>Margo Law, Sheila White, Michael Durkin, Jessica Haggerty, Lauren Sutherland, Margaret Thomson, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, Anne-Marie Pymont, John Francis Harwood-Stevenson, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Bill Henderson, Kit McCormick, Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Anne Lauder, Seval Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister) Jan Meise, Margaret Thompson, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Mary Thomson, Fr Raymond OCSO, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Nan Doig, Claire Johnston, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Jean Nelson, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.</p>

Offertory 29 May 2022

<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>St John the Evangelist</i>	
£626.06 total including Offertory of £256.06 and Gift Aid of £370.00	£1561.47 total including Offertory of £387.47, Gift Aid of £435.00 and online donations of £739.00	
£ 84.62	<i>Communication Sunday</i>	£346.04
£ 15.00	<i>SCIAF - Ukraine appeal</i>	£38.14



A REFLECTION ON THE FIRST READING FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY - Acts 2: 1-11

‘Chances are, I won’t figure prominently, in your consciousness. I was one of the quieter ones, like many, destined to be no more than a footnote in history. My namesake was the confident, mouthy one – not in any belligerent way, but in the sense that he always engaged his mouth long before he engaged his brain. Jesus, who had a bit of a soft spot for him, was always ready to be patient with his mistakes. He loved him a great deal and demanded a great deal in return. I’m speaking of course of Simon Peter, brother of Andrew and Son of John. As our story unfolded, Jesus told us to refer to him as Peter, because he would be the rock for the construction of what would follow. I am the other Simon, sometimes referred to as Simon the Canaanite. Some think this referred to Cana but in fact comes from *kananaois*, the Greek Word for Zealot. You speak of burning with zeal, so you will know something of the driving force that made me a member of The Zealots. We formed a fiercely nationalist party, a movement who could think of nothing else except the restoration of Judea and the overthrow of Rome. It was inevitable that I would be drawn to Jesus with all his talk of the coming of God’s Kingdom. He enthused me and I was enthusiastic in return.

Calvary dashed my and our hopes. The Resurrection brought temporary relief, but when the day came for him to take his leave, we all felt empty and lifeless. What were we to do? We were all huddled together, frightened, and anxious. How could we pick up the pieces of our life? Oh, how I longed for my zeal of old. Someone (I forget who) crept away in the dead of night and came back with arms full of bread and cheese. We would be able to eat.

Outside, Jerusalem was beginning to stir in all its cosmopolitan splendour – people from Crete and Mesopotamia, Parthians, Medes, Elamites – every tongue and every culture imaginable. Their world was one of bustle and commerce. Then it happened. A breeze, gentle at first, brushing the cheeks on our faces. Had the door been left open by mistake? John was the first. He had once leaned on Jesus’ breast; he had felt his breath on his face. Was that the trigger? He had also been one of the first to see the empty tomb. His eyes suddenly became alive, almost as if they were on fire. He began to enthuse. His conviction infected those sat either side of him. They were no longer whispering or speaking in hushed tones their confidence grew stronger and their voices louder. Within a short while everyone was speaking at once – some seemed to be speaking gibberish but there was energy and enthusiasm. There was conviction. James spoke: ‘Look I’m not staying here. The Lord wouldn’t want me to remain hidden away. I’m going outside, I must share what I’ve learned and what I know. My belly is on fire, and I must share the fire that burns within me.’ He reminded me of some of my former friends in The Zealots. His faith infected us all. The whole room was aflame – aflame with courage and conviction and, yes, certainty. None of us had any doubts and we were no longer gripped by fear.

I was never destined to be anything more than a footnote. A bit-part player in the blockbuster that is the history of the early-Church. If Peter was the stonemason, then I mixed the mortar. He couldn’t manage without me, but he was the one with the vision, he was a leader. I have often reflected on that birth-day, the day when God’s community was born. His Spirit lived among us. We were strong for we knew that He was alive, living in each of us.’ We looked at one another, we saw the flame of faith living in each other’s eyes, eyes that were animated and full of vigour, eyes that were burning. From deep within each of us came an irresistible force and conviction. My old zeal was as nothing compared to the conviction, I now felt. We all needed to be outside, I needed to be outside, to share my hope. It was no longer a question about the restoration of Judaea, this was now a message for everyone: - Parthians, Medes, Elamites. I would speak to them all and they would all understand me. Of that, I was absolutely convinced. The afternoon was less frenetic. Calmness descended upon us. To a man we were at peace and we were no longer anxious or timid.

It had started. The other Simon, Peter, would lead us. But it had started. We would not stop. A few of us wrote letters. I never met Paul; he was prolific. Peter, James, John all wrote to the early community. This is my effort. They are my last thoughts for tomorrow I face execution. I wanted to share my zeal., for I am a zealot, and want you to be one, too!’

ANOTHER PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BY JOSE PAGOLA TO HELP US CELEBRATE PENTECOST

Come Holy Spirit, Creator,

and infuse in us the inspiration and power of Jesus. Without your prompting and grace we will not succeed in believing in him. We will not have the courage to follow his footsteps; the church will not be renewed; our hope will die out.

So come and create in us the life-giving spirit of Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit,

and remind us of the inspiring message Jesus gave us. Without your light and witness to him, we will continue to forget the loving face of God; the gospel will become a dead letter; the church will not be able to proclaim any good news.

So come and teach us to listen only to Jesus.

Come Spirit of Truth,

and make us walk in the truth of Jesus. Without your light and guidance we will never free ourselves of our errors and lies; nothing new and true will be born among us; we will be like the blind who try to guide the blind.

So come and make us disciples and witnesses of Jesus.

Come, Spirit of the Father,

and teach us to call God 'Father', as Jesus did. Without your warmth and your joy, we will live as orphans who have lost their father; we will invoke God with our lips but not with our hearts; our prayers will be empty words.

So come and teach us to pray with the words and heart of Jesus.

Come Spirit of Goodness,

and convert us to the project of the 'kingdom of God' begun by Jesus. Without your power to renew, no one will change our tired hearts; we will not have the courage to build a more humane world following God's will; in your church the last will never be the first; and we will continue in our bourgeois religion.

So come and move us to collaborate in the project of Jesus.

Come, Spirit of Love,

and teach us to love one another with the love Jesus loved. Without your living presence among us, the communion of the church will collapse; the hierarchy and the people will go on distancing themselves from one another; divisions will increase, dialogue will die out and intolerance will increase.

So come and reignite in our hearts and our hands the love that makes us like Jesus.

Come, Liberating Spirit,

and remind us that Christ freed us to be free and to not allow ourselves to be crushed again by slavery. Without your strength and your truth we will not know the love that gives life, but only our selfishness that kills it; the freedom that makes the children of God grow among us will vanish, and we will continue to be victims of fears, cowardice and fanaticism.

So come Holy Spirit and create in us the freedom of Jesus