



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Today we celebrate the great feast of **Pentecost**, the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Church was born in power, courage, and mission.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is not built only by human effort, good planning, or organisation. The Church lives because the Holy Spirit is at work. He gives life to our prayer, strength to our service, wisdom to our decisions, and love to our community.

As a parish dedicated to **Our Lady of Lourdes**, we also look to **Mary**, who was present with the Apostles in prayer. She teaches us how to wait for the Holy Spirit with trust, humility, and an open heart. *Mary does not keep us for herself; she always leads us to Jesus and helps us to receive the gifts God wants to give.*

Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew our parish: to strengthen our faith, heal what is wounded, unite what is divided, and inspire each of us to use our gifts for the good of others.

May Our Lady of Lourdes be a place where people can encounter Christ, find welcome, and be renewed by the power of the Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Fr Leszek



In the Acts of the Apostles, St Luke tells us that on the day of Pentecost the disciples were gathered together in one place. *They were still a small and fearful community, but they were united in prayer and waiting for the promise of Jesus. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came upon them* like a mighty wind and appeared as tongues of fire resting on each of them. *This was not simply a dramatic sign. It was the moment when the disciples were filled with courage, wisdom, and strength from above.*

They began to speak in different languages, and people from many nations could understand them. This shows that the Gospel is meant for everyone. The Holy Spirit does not create confusion, but unity. He helps people from different places, cultures, and backgrounds to hear the same Good News of Jesus Christ. **Pentecost is therefore the birthday of the Church.**

From that day, the Apostles were no longer hidden behind closed doors. They went out to proclaim that Jesus is risen and that salvation is offered to all.



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St Francis of Assisi

was a man deeply open to the Holy Spirit.

He did not see faith as something cold or distant, but as a living fire placed in the heart by God.

The Spirit led him to prayer, simplicity, service, and a deep love for Christ, especially in the poor and the wounded.

On Pentecost we ask for the same grace: not only to admire the saints, but to let the Holy Spirit change us.

Like St Francis, may we become people of peace, humility, and joy. May our words and actions bring others closer to Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and make us instruments of your peace.



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Our Lady's RC Primary School and ELCC Perth

Our Lady's Primary School is situated in close proximity to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish church.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the 17 children from our school who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. May this special time (*June 7th, 2026, at 11.00 am*) help them to grow in faith, love for Jesus, and joy in being part of the Church community.



We also pray for their families and teachers who accompany them on this important journey of faith.



SEQUENCE: VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (*Vaticum: communion for dying*), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.

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First Reading Acts 2:1-1
“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104(103) **R** cf. 30
“Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth”

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
“In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body”

Sequence (You may find it on page two of your Newsletter).

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Gospel Acclamation John 20:19-23
Alleluia, alleluia. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” **Alleluia**

Gospel John 10:14
“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit”

ALPHA COURSE AND RCIA



There is a meeting for ALPHA leaders on Wednesday 27th June at 6.30pm in the hall. Please come along if you would like to find out more.

The ALPHA course starts Wednesday 3rd June at 6.30pm in the church hall.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Feeding your soul

Tuesdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am, Holy Mass at 10.00am followed by coffee/tea in the hall.

Thursdays: Rosary 9.30am, Holy Mass at 10.00am; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm – **in May:** Marian Devotion with recitation of the litany of Loretto, and **in June:** Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion with recitation of the litany.

Saturday: Confessions at 4.00pm-4.45pm, Saturday Vigil Holy Mass at 5.00pm.

If you would like to arrange a confession outside the scheduled times, please call or send a message to 07909112630 to make an appointment.

MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



As we come to the last week of our May

Marian devotion, we give thanks to all who have joined us in prayer during this beautiful month dedicated to Our Lady.

Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ, and through our prayer together we have renewed our trust in her motherly care.



This week Thursday, 28th May, we will gather again at 6.30pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Litany of Loretto.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



All through June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament we will recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

Everyone is warmly invited to come and pray with us.

In June, we will continue our Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites us to contemplate the love of Christ, shown most fully in His Passion, death, and gift of the Eucharist.

Its roots go back to early Christian meditation on **the Five Wounds of Jesus** and were later deepened through the spiritual experiences of saints such as *St Gertrude the Great* and *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*.

Through St Margaret Mary, Jesus reminded the Church of His

burning love for all people and invited the faithful to receive Holy Communion, especially on **First Fridays**, and to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is now celebrated each year on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

The Heart of Jesus is also closely united with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who leads us always to her Son.

This devotion encourages us to entrust our homes, families, and parish to the loving Heart of Christ, recognising Him as our Lord, King, and Saviour

THE LITANY OF LORETO

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

**God, the Father of heaven,
have mercy on us.
God the Son,
Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,**

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of Mercy,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother of Hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,

Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Solace of Migrants,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,

Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

**Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REGINA CAELI

**Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**



Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. *Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

AGAP THEATRE PRESENTS



GAUDI – God’s Architect
Discover the story of the visionary behind Barcelona’s Sagrada Familia.

Preview performance,
Fri 12th June at 7pm,
in St Mary’s RC Church,
41 High Street, Lochee.

Please see posters at the back of the church for details.