

St Bede's Catholic School

Weekly Theme

Pentecost

2nd May - 5th May 2023



The liturgical
colour is **WHITE**

We are in the
Easter Season

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is when Christians remember the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - which is how Christians understand God, and is the means by which God is active on Earth.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piBWSmgFaUM>

What does this mean for us?

Put quite simply, Jesus knew his time on earth was limited.

By sending down the Holy Spirit the disciples were able to go out and continue his mission.

Today, we can also continue this mission to bring God's love to each and every person on earth. We can do this by simply living a good life and looking after others.

Pentecost

A reading from Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles 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, Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language,

They were amazed and astonished, 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and so the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus.

Discussion point:

How can the Church claim that, through its mission, the Spirit is at work in the world? Mention three ways in which the Church shows Christ at work today.