

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11.

The Holy Spirit is sent on Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost.

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-22.

"Live by the Spirit. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit".

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15.

"The Spirit will testify to me. You also testify. The Spirit will guide you to all truth".



Points for Reflection

1. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles.

What was the effect the Holy Spirit had on them? It was courage. It was strength. It was above all love. The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the love that exists between the Father and the Son; he gave them himself, for the Holy Spirit is love. This love was the motive, the moving power behind all they did: their courageous preaching, their commitment to spreading the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, the offering of their lives for him.

2. And this same Holy Spirit is at work in the Church today.

Among the many roles the Holy Spirit must fulfill in our Christian lives, Jesus in today's Gospel stresses those of "witness" to him and of "guide to all truth".

- **The Spirit of truth is the first witness to Christ. But also the Apostles, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are to testify to Jesus.**

A witness to Christ tells that Jesus is the One sent by the Father, the Son of God, who died and rose for us. A witness shows Christ to the world. Not only by his words, but also, and more importantly, by his actions, by his life. We, too, like the Apostles, are called to bear witness to the Risen Lord. Like them, we are sent to show Christ to others, by showing them Christ in us in such a way that they will be led to believe in him, to follow and love him.

- **"He will guide you to all truth".**

This means that the Spirit will help us not only to know more about Christ, but also, and more importantly, to have an ever deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so that our lives may become Christ-like lives. He will gradually make of each one of us a visible incarnation of Jesus' love for the Father and for us. If we let the Holy Spirit abide in us, he will unite us to Jesus Christ, to the Father and to one another in an unbreakable bond of love.

That is why we need the Holy Spirit today, as the Apostles needed him in the early Church.

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Kids' Corner

Congratulations to the following children for receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on the Feast of the Pentecost, Saturday 30 May 2009, Sacred Heart Church, Sai Kung.

Charles Walsh

Katelyn Nayler

Grace Musgrave

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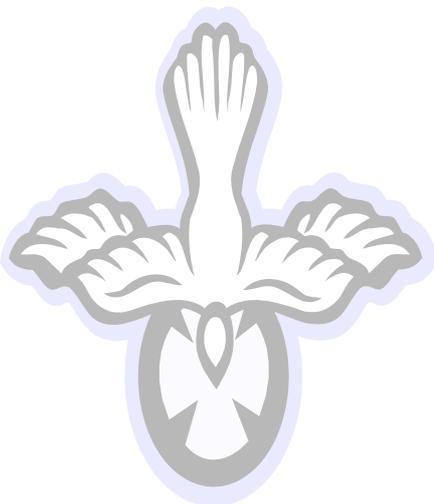
Sebastian Ball

Tara Nayler

Elina Harding

Connor Glen

Hannah Muir



*Please, keep these children in your prayers,
that they be filled with the Holy Spirit,
strengthened with his gifts
and anointed to be more like Christ.*

