

# PENTECOST



## *Come, Holy Spirit*

BY FR. JIM

Happy Feast Day!

We are living through times that we could never have imagined.

On Ash Wednesday we could not have foreseen that we would be celebrating our last Public Mass such a short time later on the Feast of St. Joseph. I felt very emotional that day as I was distributing Holy Communion to each person and thinking - when will I get to this again?

I know how much you have all missed being here and being able to

celebrate the Sacraments. I have certainly missed you! While it is comforting to know that there are so many at the other end of the technology line, and it is great to read the comments of appreciation, for none of us is it the same as you being here.

Pentecost always bring hope since it renews our awareness that God, the Holy Spirit, is with us and helping us in every moment. I hope that you have felt over these past weeks the presence of the "Comforter".

We also have renewed hope that these difficult days will end. We are doing everything we can to be ready to reopen, once that is possible. Even then, for quite some time things will be different. Nevertheless the spirit of this parish prevails - of welcome, care and hope in the Lord!

## *COME HOLY SPIRIT*

Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and shall renew the face of the earth.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to contribute to the Parish during this time. Everyone is under a lot of pressure, many with uncertainty looming over them about the future.

Whenever possible, please give what you can but also know that I understand that, in these days, you may not be able to support us in the way you would want to, Don't feel bad about that. Know that you are in my prayers about any of the difficulties that you face during this time



To prepare for the Church being open for Private Prayer & Funerals with a Small Family Gathering (Phase 2 of the Scottish Government's Plan) and for more general opening with social distancing (Phase 3) we will need a big group of volunteers to help in the months ahead.

- Volunteers to greet and guide parishioners/visitors in coming in and out of the building
- Volunteers to clean and sanitise the Church so that we can maintain a safe environment for all

Volunteers, at this time, should be under 65 years old and with no underlying health conditions that would put them in increased danger or at higher risk. There will be training available to ensure the safety of volunteers and to help fulfil the tasks in the best way. The church's current volunteering guidance will be followed. We use "Flocknote" to enable us to keep in touch with parishioners. To volunteer please go to our Flocknote Page and join the Welcoming Ministry and/or Cleaning Group. Whether you have used Flocknote before or not, use this link:

Volunteers should be well and under 65 years of age. You should **NOT** volunteer if: you have any current symptoms of Covid-19 (Cough / Temp / Loss of Smell / Taste); you have a current condition requiring you to Shield from Covid-19; you currently taking immunosuppressant medications; you have asthma /COPD or any chronic respiratory condition; you suffer from any chronic liver / kidney diseases?; you are currently taking medication for heart disease or stroke prevention. Pregnant women should be cautious regarding volunteering.

