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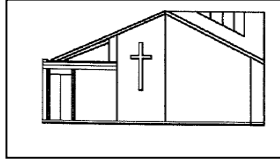
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. Joseph
Boxmoor

Sun 9am
11.30am
6pm

Mon 9.30am

Wed 9.30am

Thurs 12.30pm

Fri 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession):
Sat 11am – 11.30am

St. Mark's

Hollybush Lane

Sat 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sun 10.30am

Tue 7pm

Wed 1.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession) –
before evening Mass

Church of the
Resurrection

Highfield & Grovehill

Sat 5pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession) –
after morning Mass



**SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT,
O LORD**

The Apostles were changed at Pentecost. They were suddenly overwhelmed by Christ's love for them and trust in them. Then the Spirit launched them into the world to be witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus and to preach his Gospel.

Which of us could say that we have no need to change? "To live is to change, to be perfect is to have changed often" (*Cardinal Newman*).

The power that was given to the apostles is given to us too. What is needed is the faith to accept it, and the vision and the energy to take the action. The Holy Spirit will help us. The Spirit awakens us to the mysterious power within us, bids us live, and help us grow.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Acts 2:1-11

Note how this turbulent account differs from the quiet breathing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in the gospel. The early Church also experienced many other ways in which the Holy Spirit came to the gathered community.

All descriptions of the coming of the Spirit tell us of the special relationship God establishes through Jesus Christ with all of humanity. This is the true definition of the third person of the Trinity: God with us and at work in the world right now.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

There had been problems at Corinth, notably the problem of those who assumed that their spiritual gifts gave them superiority over everyone else. Paul confronts this attitude with a reminder that all spiritual gifts come from the same Spirit and that what matters most is the common good of the church.

Gospel John 20: 19-23

Jesus comes to his closest followers who had deserted him to bring them a peace which is not just a calming of hearts and conscience, but the surety of heart which will enable and embolden them to go out and preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY