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Pentecost Sunday

Have you seen the film *The Greatest Showman* that came out earlier this year? Its soundtrack boasts a number of musical gems, from fun, catchy numbers to more rousing and powerful ballads. I was struck by a video I saw online of a read-through session before filming began. The film's star, Hugh Jackman, had recently had surgery on his nose and was under strict medical orders not to sing. So instead, the director instructs him to stand in the right place, and act and gesticulate at all the appropriate moments. However, during the final song, he can't stand it anymore. The music seems to take hold of him, and he bursts into song. The atmosphere in the room changes immediately, with musicians and singers joyfully joining in. It's a powerful moment, and the video is well worth a watch. The name of the song is '*From Now On*', and in the film it marks a major transformation for Jackman's character, when the scales fall from his eyes and he sees clearly the changes he needs to make to live a better life.

I like to think that magical moments such as this capture something of what the apostles must have experienced at Pentecost. The powerful wind, the tongues of fire, the palpable and overwhelming presence of God stir something in the apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they are unable to hold in their joy and enthusiasm. How are we moved by the Spirit?

Triona Doherty

FIRST READING*Acts 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

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, Phygia 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 word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34*

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

R.

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

R.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

R.

SECOND READING

Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom shall I send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday next 27th May immediately after 12:00 noon Mass.

The route this year is down South Main Street and back up St Patrick's Quay. The procession concludes as usual with Benediction on the Church Steps. Following the Procession there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church until 9:00pm with a conducted Holy Hour from 8:00-9:00pm.

If you are willing to spend thirty minutes at the Exposition please sign your name on the forms at each door.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The collection to help defray the cost of the Annual Corpus Christi Procession will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the World Meeting of Families Collection.

BANDON AGRICULTURAL SHOW Takes place today Sunday 20th May.

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday May 21st at 7.30pm in The Parish Centre. All Members are requested to attend.

KNOCK SHRINE Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 16th/17th June. For further details contact Julia Slyne on 023 88 39331 or 086 368 1815.

CONCERT *Bluebells Cast A Spell*. Concert at Christ Church, Innishannon, Thursday 24th of May, 8pm. Featuring the Glaslinn Choir, Bandon Concert Band, Mairead Casey (Harpist), The Swallows, The Willow Trio, Ava O'Hare, Karla O'Hare. All Welcome. Donations will support local transition year students to build homes in Zambia.

LECTIO DIVINA

Meetings Monday 8-9pm at Presentation Convent.

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.'