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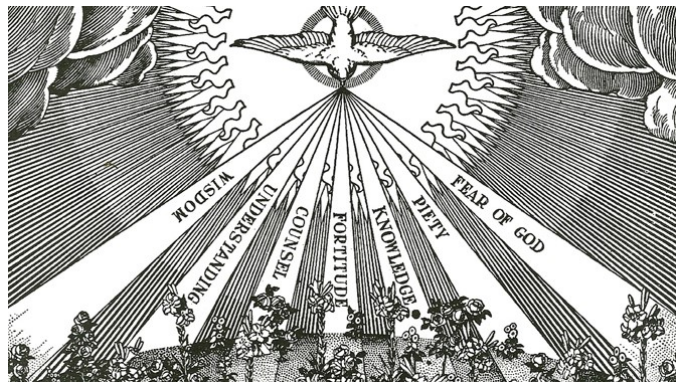
## WHITSUN: THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

Whitsun (also Whitsunday or Whit Sunday) is the name used among Catholics, Anglicans, and Methodists throughout the world [but especially in Britain and Ireland] for the Christian festival of Pentecost. It is the seventh Sunday after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples. As described in Acts 2:1–31, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ took place while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. That festival was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, and was also known as the “Feast of 50 days” in rabbinic tradition. The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (*Pentēkostē*) meaning “fiftieth”.

By this time, some Jews were already living in diaspora. According to Acts 2:5-11, there were Jews from “every nation under heaven” in Jerusalem, possibly visiting the city as pilgrims during Pentecost. In particular the *hoi epidemountes* (οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες) are identified as “visitors” to Jerusalem from Rome. This group of visitors includes both Jews and “proselytes” (προσήλυτος, *prosēlytos*); sometimes translated as “converts to Judaism”, the term proselyte referred to non-Jews who adhered fully to the Mosaic laws, including circumcision. The list of nations represented in the biblical text includes Parthians, Medes, Elamites, as well as those from Mesopotamia, Judaea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Cyrene, and those who were visiting from Rome.

The narrative in Acts notes that the disciples of Jesus “were all together in one place” on the “day of Pentecost.” The verb used in Acts 2:1 to indicate the arrival of the day of Pentecost carries a connotation of fulfillment. There is a “mighty rushing wind” (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and “tongues as of fire” appear. The gathered disciples were “filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15) were present, including the Twelve Apostles (Matthias was Judas' replacement), Jesus' mother Mary, other female disciples and his brothers (Acts 1:14). While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy. In his sermon, Peter quotes Joel 2:28–32 and Psalm 16 to indicate that first Pentecost marks the start of the Messianic Age. In Acts 2:17, it reads: “And in the last

days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.” He also mentions (Acts 2:15) that it was the third hour of the day (about 9:00 am). Acts 2:41 then reports: “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike.



The name Whitsun is a contraction of “White Sunday”, attested in “the Holy Ghost, whom thou didst send on Whit-Sunday” in the Old English homilies, and parallel to the mention of *hwitmonedei* in the early 13th-century *Ancrene Riwele*. According to one interpretation, the name derives from the white garments worn by catechumens, those expecting to be baptised on that Sunday. Moreover, in England white vestments, rather than the more usual red, were traditional for the day and its octave. A different tradition is that of the young women of the parish all coming to church or chapel in new white dresses on that day.

Whitsuntide, or “Whit week”, the week following Whitsunday, was one of three vacation weeks for the medieval villein; on most manors he was free from service on the lord's demesne this week, which marked a pause in the agricultural year. Whit Monday, the day after Whitsun, remained a holiday in Britain until 1972 when it was replaced with the Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday in May. As the first holiday of the summer, Whitsun was one of the favourite times in the traditional calendar, and Whit Sunday or its following week was a time for celebration. This took the form of fêtes, fairs, pageants and parades, with Whitsun ales and Morris dancing.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Jacqueline Chancio, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. **Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

### **31 May** *Feast of the Pentecost*

Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34;

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

### **1 June** *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 87: 1-3, 5-7; John 19: 25-34

### **2 June** *Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

2 Peter 3: 12-15a, 17-18; Psalm 90: 2-4, 10, 14, 16;

Mark 12: 13-17

### **3 June** *Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs*

2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123: 1b-2; Mark 12: 18-27

### **4 June** *Feria*

2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Psalm 25: 4-5b, 8-10, 14; Mark 12: 28-34

### **5 June** *Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

2 Timothy 3: 10-17; Psalm 119: 157, 160-161, 165-166, 168;

Mark 12: 35-37

### **6 June** *Norbert, Bishop*

2 Timothy 4: 1-8; Psalm 71: 8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22;

Mark 12: 38-44

### **7 June** *Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*

Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3: 52-55;

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3: 16-18

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, 30 May**

*Eastertide Feria*

Easter flower memorials

### **Sunday, 31 May**

*Whitsun*

Pro populo

### **Monday, 1 June**

*Monday in Whitsun Week*

*Justin, Martyr*

Bruce Ullman [Karen King]

### **Tuesday, 2 June**

*Tuesday in Whitsun Week*

*Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

Timothy Enright +

### **Wednesday, 3 June**

*Ember Wednesday in Whitsun Week*

*Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs*

Joseph Lawrence + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

### **Thursday, 4 June**

*Thursday in Whitsun Week*

*Feria*

Colleen Gallagher + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

### **Friday, 5 June**

*Ember Friday in Whitsun Week*

*Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey, Jr.]

### **Saturday, 6 June**

*Ember Saturday in Whitsun Week*

*Norbert, Bishop*

special intention [S. White]

### **Sunday, 7 June**

*Trinity Sunday*

Pro populo

Fr. Vidal will be saying private masses daily until the coronavirus protocols permit public celebration once more. Mass intentions will therefore be covered.

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