

## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

(Prayer service for those who cannot attend Eucharist due to Corona Virus threat)

### **Pentecost Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

#### **The Queen of Heaven (The Regina Caeli)**

**Head** : Queen of heaven, rejoice!

**All** : Alleluia

**Head** : For He whom you did merit to bear,

**All** : Alleluia

**Head** : He Has risen as He said,

**All** : Alleluia

**Head** : Pray for us to God,

**All** : Alleluia

**Head**: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

**All** : for the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

**Head** : Let us pray:

**All** : O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain through his virgin Mother Mary the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn: Spirit of God .... (362)**

**Head of the family**: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**All**: Amen

#### **Penitential Act**

**Head**: My dear family members, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this prayer service:

**All**: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed

to do. (And, striking their breast, they say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Head:** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All :** Amen.

**Head:** Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Head:** Christ, have mercy

**All:** Christ, have mercy

**Head:** Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Glory to God in the highest,**

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**Let us pray:**

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Liturgy of the Word****First Reading:****Acts 2:1-11**

**Reader:** 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, they 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, Phrygia 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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.  
or Alleluia!

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.

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.  
or Alleluia!

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.

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.  
or Alleluia!

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.

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.  
or Alleluia!

**Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

**Reader;** A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were

all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** 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 :**

**John 20:19-23**

**Reader :** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**All :** Glory to you, O Lord.

*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All :** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reflection:** The Risen Lord appears and stands in the midst of his disciples saying, “Peace be with you.” These words of greeting are far more than a familiar Jewish greeting, because the peace that he gives now is the fruit of the salvation that he has won on the Cross for us! Moreover, this greeting of peace entails a mission: “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” But they cannot begin this mission of healing and peace without the help of the Spirit. So Jesus breathes on his disciples saying “Receive the Holy Spirit.” “As God had breathed His life into that first man and he became a living soul, so now His Son shares the intimacy of his own life with his disciples that they may be a new humanity, recreated and empowered for their mission.” Thus, “Jesus constitutes them as the new messianic community in anticipation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit subsequent to his ascension.” Today is Pentecost Sunday. Do we experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our life? What are the manifestations of the Spirit in our life?

### **The Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the Faithful**

**Head :** We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit through which God has poured out his love into us. It is this spirit which Jesus breathed into the apostles commissioning them to go out and proclaim the Gospel of repentance and forgiveness of sins. And the apostles went out into the world facing both success and persecution even to the point of giving up their lives in this obedience of faith. Let us, therefore, approach our God with thanksgiving as we put forward our petitions before the Lord

**Let our response be :** Lord, hear our prayers and fill us with your spirit.

1. We pray for the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests and Religious that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened by him in their work as they proclaim the good deeds that God has done among us and thus gather the people as one.

2. We pray for those in authority, in the various Government ministries, that they may work honestly and carry out their duties justifying the trust reposed in them by the electorate.
3. We pray for the people all over the world infected by the coronavirus, that they may be able to obtain the basic and immediate medical treatment they need to overcome the health issues and prevent themselves from progressing into the serious stage that can be life threatening
4. We pray for those who have lost their jobs and are unemployed and whose employers have been forced to close down business due to Government directives in these days of the pandemic, and do not have any semblance of hope of the businesses re-opening, that they may be able to obtain the basic requirements of food and temporary shelter, and that they may be recalled to work due to any easing of lockdown restrictions.
5. Let us pray for our personal needs.

**Head** : Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the reception of the Holy Spirit we acknowledge that if You hide your face from us we will be dismayed, and when you take our breath away we die. Continue, therefore, to send forth your spirit to us that we may be created and renewed in your Son Jesus into a new creating, so as to love you and glorify your name, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord,

**All** : Amen

#### **Let us pray:**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**All** : Amen

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Head:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All** : Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Head** : Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all  
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All**: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Head** : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; peace I leave to you, my peace I  
give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her  
peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign forever and ever.

**All** : Amen.

**Head** : The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** : And with your spirit.

**Head** : Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**



My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You Sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already  
there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from  
You  
Amen.

## **The concluding rites**

### **Let us pray:**

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**All** : Amen.

**Head** : May almighty God bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**All** : Amen

**Head** : Let us go in the peace of the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All** : Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus**

Almighty and ever merciful God,  
You show your love to the entire universe.

Hear our prayers as we lift up  
all the people infected by Corona virus  
in different parts of the world.

We beg you to touch the victims and  
their families with your healing touch.

We thank you for the persistent efforts  
put in by the doctors to research  
an effective solution to this virus.  
May you bring success to their  
tireless efforts in this field.

We pray for the people working  
through the governmental and health  
organizations that they may be guided by you to  
take appropriate measures to overcome this difficult situation  
and work towards the safety of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn : We are one in the Spirit (427)