**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 5th JUNE 2022**

**Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving**

**for the Diocesan Phase of the Universal Synod**

**SYNODAL HOMILY POINTERS AND PRAYER of the FAITHFUL**

**HOMILY POINTERS**

* Key to this is making connection with the Pentecost experience and our experience of synodal gatherings.

**From the First Reading**

* All met in one room.
* This first reading is well known and it is easy to imagine the disciples gathered in one space.
* It connects to the synodal gatherings all over the world, where God’s people met and in encountering each other, we became aware of the presence of the Spirit in our gatherings. The Spirit of Pentecost was very alive.
* They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them speech.
* So often in our parish and diocesan gatherings we heard people say that they felt the freedom of the Spirit in being able to speak their truth without being judged. It was as if we were able to hear each other and speak in each other’s language.

**From the Second Reading**

* Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son or daughter of God.
* There have been moments in our synodal process where we have been profoundly moved. There has been a sense that were touched by God’s Spirit.
* There were moments where we shared our hopes, our joys, our fears and our sorrows and really felt listened to.
* The Spirit you received is not the Spirit of slaves brining fear into your lives.
* In much of the synodal sharing there was a sense that in the past we were driven by fear.
* This synodal process has highlighted for us all that the future of the Church is about being a people of hope, led by the love that come from the Holy Spirit.

**From the Gospel**

* The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.
* This synodal moment is a great teachable moment for us all led by the Spirit.
* What are we learning from the Spirit?
* We have learned that we can listen to each other, respect each other and in this notice where the Spirit is leading us.
* We have learned that journeying together is more important that journeying alone.
* We have learned to treasure what each person has shared.
* We have learned to notice that in our sharing the Spirit indicates the direction of the journey.
* We have also learned to remember what was shared, to treasure the sharing and to revisit it often to help us to discern the way ahead.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**PRESIDER:**

As we gather this Pentecost Sunday, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on our world that the face of the earth will be renewed: **COME HOLY SPIRIT**

**READER:**

For the Church the People of God

That we may continue to journey together our synodal path trusting in the power of the Spirit to transform us **COME HOLY SPIRIT**

For our parish communities

That we will listen to each other to understand, and in understanding we will notice the movement of the Sprit

**COME HOLY SPIRIT**

For our world and all its people

That the Holy Spirit who lives in each person will move us to build a world where understanding, peace and love reign **COME HOLY SPIRIT**

For those who are suffering in any way

That all who are sick or distressed will know the healing power of the Spirit in their lives.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT**

For those Spirit filled people who have gone before us to eternal life

That they will know the joy of the Kingdom and the fullness of God’s presence.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT**

**PRESIDER**

Holy Spirit, Lord of life,

on this great feast of Penecost,

fill your Church throughout the world with the power to transform and change all things,

as you renew the face of the earth, renew each one of us too.

We ask this through Christ the Lord.

**Novena 27th May – 4th June 2022**

**27th MAY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

While we walk the synodal pathway, let there be a new Pentecost among us.

Send upon us again the fire of your love.

Breathe in us again the breath of new life.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**28th MAY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

By baptism, we are members of the body of Christ, the people of God.

Give us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love

in abundance to meet the challenges before us.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

R. and you shall renew the face of the earth

**29th MAY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

We are trying to listen to what you are saying to churches, with open hearts and minds.

Guide our listening that we may receive others with respect,

as we are called to love our neighbour as ourselves.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**30th MAY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

When we do not know how to pray, you are with us.

Open us to your influence each day,

so that our synodal pathway may be truly led by you.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**31st MAY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

Under your inspiration, Mary had the courage to say “yes.”

Restore our faith and vision, renew our energies and love that

with your abundant grace we may also have the courage to say yes.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created

R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**1st JUNE**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

By your gift, the love of God has been poured into our hearts.

Let this love open our lives, inspiring our thoughts, words and actions

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**2nd JUNE**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

By your gift of wisdom you help us to discern the way ahead

Help us to trust that your are guiding us on our synodal path

And showing us the way to follow your inspirations

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**3rd JUNE**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

Help us to listen to each other well so that we can understand,

May we listen to the quiet voices as well as those that are loud,

May our listening hep to realise that you speak to each persons’ heart.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**4th JUNE**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

The fruits of your Spirit are love, joy, peace and patience

As we move forward in our synodal path

may we recognise the fruits of your Spirit in each other.

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful R. and kindle in us the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created R. and you shall renew the face of the earth.