

# Looking Forward



**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021:  
Pentecost Sunday**

In the Gospel of John,  
Jesus breathes on his  
disciples and says :

“Receive the  
Holy Spirit.”



## We are His People

~ In the Year of St Joseph ~ In the Year of the Family ~

Holy Spirit, memory of God,  
revive in us the memory of the gift received.  
Free us from the paralysis of selfishness and awaken in us the  
desire to serve, to do good.  
Even worse than this crisis is the tragedy of squandering it by  
closing in on ourselves.

Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony;  
make us builders of unity.

You always give yourself; grant us the courage  
to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other,  
in order to become one family.

Amen

- Pope Francis, Pentecost 2020

Like the apostles at Pentecost,  
let us look forward and outward without fear.

✠ ✠ “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.” ✠ ✠



### Acts of the Apostles 2 : 1-4

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began  
to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

“Love needs time and space;  
everything else is  
secondary.” - Pope Francis



### Feast day of Blessed Margaret Pole : May 28th



Margaret was the niece of two  
English kings and governess  
to Princess Mary, daughter of  
Henry VIII. When she  
opposed Henry's marriage to  
Anne Boleyn, the king exiled  
her from court, although he  
called her “the holiest  
woman in England.” When  
her son, Cardinal Pole, denied  
Henry's Act of Supremacy,  
the king imprisoned Margaret  
in the Tower of London for  
two years and then beheaded  
her on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1541 without  
a legal trial. She was seventy.



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