

Greetings to you all on this most beautiful day.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost or Whitsunday. The Gospel is taken from John 14 v 15f which I hope you get the chance to read.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church for on that day the disciples being given the ability to communicate to people of different races and languages, brought many converts to the Feet of our Lord. It is reported that 3000 converts were received. In our small way we are called upon to show the love of Christ to people and places where love has perhaps gone cold. We may not convert a single soul, but the things that we say and do can have a life changing effect in the long term on peoples' lives.

Archbishop Simon Langton writing in the 12th century it is believed gave us the Veni, Sancte Spiritus-

Come , thou holy Paraclete, what more can anyone say than that , beautifully constructed, meaningful and positive, certainly a hymn for this season and concludes-

Grant salvation in the end, And in Heaven felicity. Amen.

Let us bring all our prayers and petitions together as we say the Lord's Prayer.

Please try around 12 noon tomorrow to say or sing of course for the last time this year the Regina Caeli:

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven: alleluia

He whom thou wast meet to bear: alleluia

As he promised hath arisen: alleluia

Pour for us to Him thy prayer: alleluia

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, hath vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world; Grant , we beseech thee, that with the help of his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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