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BOGNOR REGIS AND SLINDON

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sharing that love with each other and with the world.



6th Sunday of Easter: “The Spirit will show you what is true.”

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of my prayers for your family and you this coming week!

Kathryn Rosa

Have you ever been to the cinema to see a film? If you have you will have seen the adverts, or trailers for other films to get you excited about what you can come and see the next time. In the Gospel story this week, Jesus is giving his disciples a kind of trailer for the very big things that are coming up in the next couple of weeks. These are the big church feasts of the Ascension and especially Pentecost. You'll hear more about them from Kathryn B and Dan or Theresa at that time but this weekend, Jesus is setting the scene so that his disciples, and all of us, know that the Holy Spirit is coming and so we will never be on our own.

During Easter time the Alleluia is especially important. Get ready to listen to the Gospel story by singing or saying your own Alleluia!

This is the one from Mass this week:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said “if anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them”

Alleluia!

The Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true.”

“The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.” “I won't leave you like orphans. I will come back to you. In a little while the people of this world won't be able to see me, but you will see



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me. And because I live, you will live. Then you will know that I am one with the Father. You will know that you are one with me, and I am one with you.

“If you love me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Activities for this week

Idea number 1

We often think of the Holy Spirit being like wind or fire or a dove. This is because in the Bible, these are how the Gospel writers and the disciples described it at really important times like the Baptism of Jesus and the 2 important feasts that are coming up – Ascension and Pentecost.

We can see fire and doves but we can't see wind. How do we know it's there? We can see what it does when it blows. Talk about some ways we know the wind is there – what do we see, hear, feel?

If you have a balloon in your house have a look at it. It's not very interesting in the packet is it? But, once we add wind by blowing it up, we can do all sorts of things with it! We can decorate for a birthday, play games, draw faces on and lots of other things. Blow up your balloon and see how many things you can do with it this week!

The Holy Spirit fills us with the power to be the best versions of ourselves, to come closer to each other and to Jesus – just like when we add our breath to the balloon.

Idea number 2

Jesus tells the disciples that God is sending the Holy Spirit so they won't feel alone or left behind when he goes back to Heaven. At the moment, there are lots of people we are missing and not seeing as much of because we have to stay at home most of the time. They will be missing you too! It's not the same as never seeing them again but it can still be hard and make us feel sad sometimes.

Think about what you can do this week to let people know you are still thinking of them and still love them even though you are not seeing them. You can start by promising to pray for them. You could send a picture or write a letter. You could phone someone you haven't seen for ages to say hello. You could light a candle and pray that they feel the peace or the energy that the Holy Spirit can bring.

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Idea number 3

Think about the idea of Jesus giving his disciples a 'trailer' for what is going to happen so that they aren't too shocked or surprised.

Try and remember a trailer you have seen at the cinema or watch one on YouTube or TV. Imagine that you are one of Jesus' disciples and you want to spread the news of the Holy Spirit coming soon! Make a film or a poster yourself, or together as a family, to let people know that Pentecost is on the way!

Idea number 4

Watch the video on the website or Facebook to see how to make a Holy Spirit prayer kite decoration. You'll need paper, pens, glue, scissors and ribbon/string.

Here are photos of the starting template and the finished kite to give you some ideas

