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## Pentecost

### TODAY 9th June:

**Pentecost** - *Day of Prayer for the Church*  
10am Confessions  
10.30am Sung Mass *Tito Coletta RIP*  
3pm EF (Latin) Mass with Fr Thomas Mason  
and the Seaford Schola

**MONDAY** **Mary, Mother of the Church**  
(10th June) 10.00am Mass at St John's, Horsham

**TUESDAY** **St Barnabas, Apostle**  
(11th) 10.00am Mass at St John's, Horsham

**WEDNESDAY** **10.30am start - Annual Diocesan**  
(12th) **Grandparents Pilgrimage with Bishop Richard**  
12 Noon Mass  
2.50pm Benediction

**THURSDAY** **Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**  
(13th) 10.00am Mass at St John's, Horsham

**FRIDAY** **Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 10**  
(14th) 10.00am Mass at St John's, Horsham

**SATURDAY** **Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 10**  
(15th) 10.00am & 6pm Mass at St John's, Horsham

**NEXT SUNDAY** **The Most Holy Trinity**  
(16th) 10.00am Confessions available before Mass  
10.30am Sung Mass - *Sarah Keith RIP*

✠ **The Sacrament of Confession:** is available from 10am most Sundays - ie before the 10.30 Sunday Mass, and before the 12 Noon Mass on Wednesdays. Otherwise, Confession is available at St John's church, Horsham. For times at St John's, visit: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/reconciliation1>

**Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers at this time:** Fr Gerard Hatton, and other sick clergy of the Diocese including Fr. Ray Blake, Fr. Douglas Perkins, Peter Callister, Tony Blake, Patrick Brennan, Sheila Budgen, Callum, John Challis, Brian Cobb, Moya Connolly, Jim Chambers, Justine, Shane Fahy, Caroline Farey, Aila Figura, Joshua Hayter, Rosemary Keith, Norbert & Patricia Mallet, George Peach, Paschal Radford, Glynis Taylor, Charlotte Walker, Sue Batstone, Sharon Bean, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe)

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### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Contrary to a popular misunderstanding, the Church was not actually 'born' on the day of Pentecost. That happened as Our Lord was dying on the Cross.

However, 'The Church was made manifest to the world on the day Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the dispensation of the mystery - the age of the Church, until he comes' (CCC 1076)

On that day, when Jesus sends this supernatural gift into the disciples, he accompanies it with a very ordinary sign - human breath. And the clue to the importance of this lies in the very next thing he says: 'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The giving of the Spirit under the sign of breath is immediately linked with the reality of forgiveness in the Church, the power of giving absolution, transmitted by Jesus along with the Spirit to the apostles. Now, this passage does have to do with the fact that the apostles, and their successors in the ordained priesthood, have the power - and indeed duty - of absolving the sins of the faithful. But it also points to the fact that forgiveness has to be at the heart of any community shaped by the Holy Spirit. (GC)

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Please visit the Events Page on this website for details of the annual **Diocesan Grandparents pilgrimage** - with Bishop Richard - on this Wednesday 12th June, starting at 10.30am.

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