

## May Procession by Candlelight in honour of Our Lady this coming Wednesday 31 May, in St Mary's, Forebank at 6.30pm

followed by refreshments and a buffet in the hall and an update from the Diocesan Synod Team.

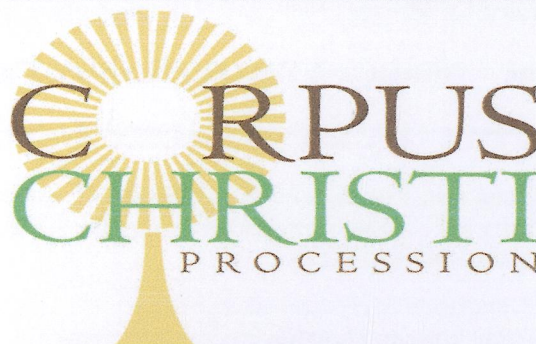
Please come and join us in this evening, singing the hymns to the Blessed Mother, and reflecting on the beauty of her feastday — The Visitation to Elizabeth. Invite your friends from other parishes to join us too.

**A very warm welcome** to all parishioners and visitors today for our celebration of the Eucharist on this Pentecost Day, which brings the joyful Season of Easter to completion. Jesus *passed over* ahead of us, through death to abundant life, so as to ensure for you and I the gift of the Spirit. At the Last Supper, Jesus explained, *"If I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."*

Remember on Good Friday we heard, at the death of Jesus, the words, *"He bowed His head and handed over the spirit"*, and in this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples. Because Jesus has gone from this world through his death, resurrection and ascension - what St John would call collectively his "glorification", the Spirit is given. Pentecost is the result of Good Friday, Easter and Ascension; it makes visible, audible, on the public stage, what was achieved fifty days, and then ten days earlier.



The Jewish feast of Pentecost celebrated the harvest and the gift of the Law. For us it celebrates the *gathering in* of the harvest Jesus produced by his dying, and the gift of his New Law. It celebrates the harvest of what the Holy Spirit has already achieved in our life, and looks forward to the work he still has to accomplish in and through us. The Paraclete is the *Friend* to accompany us with advice and encouragement, the Law we have to follow. The Spirit attunes us to Jesus, whose sacrifice is also our Law. That law is his truth. Indeed we call the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth. We rejoice in that Spirit today!



## Sunday 11 June 2023 in St Andrew's Cathedral at 3pm

Please make a note of the date and join us.

Years ago of course this annual procession would have been a major event in the Catholic life of Dundee. Nowadays processions such as this one tend to be far more low key events, but in the history of the church and in her liturgical life, processions have been an important act of faith, even when symbolically held in a Church building, carrying the Holy One in the Blessed Sacrament as a expression of carrying the Most Holy One into every aspect of our lives.

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Edward Smith, Justin Griffith, Graham Kimmeth, Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Ross Murray, Theresa Kay, Heather Moffit, Sonya Rostan, Steven Hackney, Karen Dammer, Steven Kennedy, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Marie Manunga;

**for those who have died recently:** Dora Patterson, Maureen Watson, Jean McLaughlin, Margaret Hay, Margaret Mitchell, Jim McMahon, Kenneth McMinn;

**and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Peter Connor; Dorothy Bailey, Mary Duffy, Peter Cain, Elizabeth McKay, Sara Doris Barham, Harry Mennie, Angus Kelly, Chris Howie, Josephine Hedderwick; Myra Dennis, Catherine (Kitty) Berry, Margaret Ferrie, Catherine MacPherson, Brian Stevens.