



### **Pentecost Sunday**

There are often 3 things that we can choose to do with a gift given to us. The first is to accept it and choose to do nothing with it. The second is to accept it and intend to do something with it. The third thing is to accept it and use the gift well.

The great feast of Pentecost is about the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift is first given to us at our Baptism and it is also the birthday of the Church.

After Easter and Christmas, it is the next most important feast in the calendar of the Church.

The Christian Pentecost event comes from the Jewish Feast of Weeks, that is 50 days after Passover.

Pentecost challenges us all to accept and value God's gift of the spirit within us by prayer. The second thing is to remember that the more we rely on the Spirit, the better disciple we become in serving God and other people. *Fr Martin R Maunsell*