

The First Pentecost: Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. During this feast day we are reminded of the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and other disciples in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit inspired them and gave them the courage to preach the Good News publicly for the first time.

God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians bless themselves in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Christians are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples to help them. At Pentecost the Church family celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. Grace is the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-8, 11-12, 14,22, 32-33, 38, 41-42

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages?....Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete ad Arabia- yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!' Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, 'What does this mean?' Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd" 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means.....Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonder which God performed through him. You yourselves know this, for it happened here among you...God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact. He has been raised to the right side of God, his Father, and has received from him the Holy Spirit, as he promised. What you now see and hear is his gift that he has poured out on us.'....

Peter said to them, 'Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit.'....

Many of them believed his message and were baptised, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and prayers.

- Read the above passage from the Acts of the Apostles. Read is slowly and try and imagine what was going on.
- Describe what happened in your own words.
- Name some of the places the people had come from.
- Why were the people amazed and confused?
- How did Peter explain what it all meant?
- What do you think Peter means when he says that all must turn away from their sins?
- How would you describe the Holy Spirit?

- Imagine you were there at the first Pentecost. What do you think your thoughts and feelings might have been?

Pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created,
And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Gníomhartha na nAspal 2:1-8, 14, 22, 32-33, 38, 41-42

Nuair a tháinig lá Cincíse bhí siad go léir le chéile ar aon láthair. Agus de phreib tháinig glór ón spéir mar a bheadh séidean gaoithe móire agus líon sé an teach ar fad ina raibh siad ina suí. Agus chonacthas dóibh mar bheadh teangacha tine ag scaradh ó chéile nó gur shuigh an tine ar gach duine acu; agus líonadh iad go léir den Spiorad Naomh agus thosaigh siad ag labhairt i dteangacha difriúla de réir mar thug an Spiorad urlabhra dóibh. Bhí Giúdaigh dhiaganta ó gach cine faoin spéir ag cur fúthu in Iarúsailéim agus nuair a chualthas an glór úd chruinnigh an slua agus iad ar mearbhall de bhrí gur chuala gach duine a theanga féin á labhairt acusan. Bhí ionadh agus alltacht orthu: “Féach,” ar siad, nach Gailíligh iad seo go léir atá ag caint? Conas a tharlaíonn go gcloiseann gach duine againne iad ag labhairt ina dteanga dhúchais féin?

Ansinn d’éirigh Peadar ina sheasamh i gcuideachta an Aon Duine Dhéag agus labhair leo de ghuth ard: “A fheara Iosrael, éistigí leis na briathra seo: Fear ab ea Íosa Nazórach ar thug Dia féin teastas daoibh air leis na míorúiltí agus na heachtaí agus na fearta a rinne Dia tríd fad a bhí sé in bhur measc, mar is eol daoibh féin. Thóg Dia an Íosa seo ó mhairbh, rud a bhfuilimidne go léir inár bhfinnéithe air. Agus tar éis a ardaithe ar dheis Dé, fuair sé óna Athair an Spiorad a bhí geallta agus dhoirt amach orainne é agus is é sin atá á fheiceáil agus á chloisteáil agaibhse”.

Agus d’fhreagair Peadar iad: “Déanaigí aithrí”, ar seisean, “déantar gach duine agaibh a bhaisteadh in ainm Íosa Críost chun matihíúnas na bpeacaí agus glacfaidh sibh tabhartas an Spioraid Naoimh; mar is daoibhse agus do bhur gclann atá an gealltanais úd agus dóibh freisin atá i bhfad ar shiúl- don uile dhuine dá nglaofaidh ár nDia chuige. An méid díobh a ghlac lena theachtaireacht, baisteadh iad agus cuireadh tuairim is trí mhíle duine lena líon an lá sin. Agus chloígh siad go daingean le teagasc na n-aspal, le comaoin ar a chéile, le briseadh an aráin agus leis na hurnatihe.

- Léigh an sliocht go mall ag cloisteáil go géar.
- Céard a bhí ar siúil sa scéal seo, inis i d’fhocail féin?
- Cén fáth go raibh ionadh ar an slua a bhí ag éisteacht?
- Is iad seacht dtíolacthaí an Spioraid Naoimh ná: Eagna, Tuiscint, Breithiúnas Cóir, Misneach, Eolas, Urraim, Iontas agus Uamhan i láthair Dé. Roghnaigh an tíolacadh is fearr leat agus scríobh faoi conas a úsáidfídh tú é.

Paidir: An Spiorad Naomh

Tar anuas, A Spioraid Naoimh,
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Is líon ár gcroí ded ghrásta caomh
I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé,
I súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé.