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**Solemnity of Pentecost - A.**

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In the Pentecost story, humanity appears at its best, united and sharing in wisdom. Pentecost brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit. Jesus points out another manifestation of the Spirit: the pursuit of truth. Only the Spirit can lead us to the complete truth. If someone is genuinely seeking for truth, and willing to engage in good works with others, there the Spirit is at work. Fullness of truth and love is always beyond us; but the Spirit is given to lead us towards the complete truth and love, in all its height and depth. (ACP).

**Pause for Thought:** "When we face up to life with all its insecurities and ambiguities, we develop insight on how to deal with them. This is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who is always working in our life situations whether we recognise this or not". (Martin

In the wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic, **please pray** for the sick, those caring for them, those in positions of authority with difficult decisions to make, for our whole country and the entire human family at this difficult time.

**Please continue** to do what you can to support the parish financially at this difficult time. Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms are available from the parish house.

Some alterations have been made in **Our Lady's chapel** in our church during this time of lockdown. A beautiful wooden statue, "Madonna and Child" has been crafted by local chainsaw craftsman, Andy Maclachlan and is now in place. It has been fashioned out of a Western Red Cedar, which grew and fell near Glenkin. The statue reflects tenderness. It is original and creative. It shows a young mother gently and compassionately cradling her child. A votive candle stand was very skilfully made by a local parishioner. The statue and candle stand will be blessed at a later date.

There are many **resources** offering some spiritual comfort and nourishment at this time. Among others, you might like to try the Vatican website, the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles website, Redemptorist Publications and St. Aloysius Jesuit Church, Glasgow.

**Prayer to Saint Roch:** O Blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, Your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.