



Pentecost

Pope Francis:

“The Spirit loves us and knows everyone’s place in the grand scheme of things: for him, we are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind, rather we are irreplaceable fragments in His mosaic.”

I remember when schools had ‘Gifted & Talented groups of pupils ... these were what schools regarded as the top 10% of pupils who needed to be further enriched and academically challenged. Then someone realised that all pupils were gifted in some way and deserved these opportunities and it seemed to morph into ‘enrichment for all’ and differentiation.

As a Christian community, we have always realised that each pupil is special. The Holy Spirit doesn’t differentiate between us. Like a ‘thief in the night’, the Spirit works tirelessly to enable us to be the best humans beings we can be. The Spirit encourages within us the fruits and gifts that we need. Remember, what we need and we want are not necessarily always the same thing. In the eyes of the Holy Spirit, all are gifted and talented.

[Mr Doust]

Scripture:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee? But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and Arabia. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

Prayer:

Lord, show me I pray, what is the special spiritual gift that You have given me to use to the benefit of the body of Christ. I ask that You would make it truly known to me and that You would use it to encourage and edify my brothers and sisters in Christ, to Your praise and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

