

Pentecost with Jerry Lee the Cat

Jerry Lee the cat sat on the windowsill, watching the curtains move in the gentle breeze. His tail twitched once or twice as he looked up at the sky. “Humans are very strange creatures,” he thought. “One day they are quiet and worried, and the next they are singing loudly and smiling at everyone.”

Jerry Lee had heard people talking about Pentecost, they said it was the day the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire and filled the disciples with courage and joy, he looked at the moving curtains, “Wind?” he thought. “I understand wind. Wind blows leaves across the garden, wind rattles doors, wind also makes my fur go in the wrong direction, which I do not approve of.”

He washed one paw thoughtfully. “But this was not ordinary wind.”

The disciples had been frightened and hiding away. Then suddenly God’s Spirit came upon them and changed them. Fear became courage. Silence became joyful voices, closed doors were opened.

Jerry Lee stretched himself and yawned, “that is rather impressive,” he decided.

Then he thought of something else. “Humans are a bit like cats looking for a warm place to sleep. You wander about, trying this thing and that thing, searching for peace, love, and somewhere safe to rest your heart.” “The difference is that I usually find mine on a comfortable chair.”

Jerry Lee blinked slowly. “But Pentecost reminds us that God doesn’t leave us searching by ourselves, He sends his Holy Spirit to guide us, strengthen us, comfort us, and fill us with gifts we never knew we had.”

Jerry Lee jumped down from the windowsill and walked toward the kitchen, because even deep spiritual thoughts have limits. As he left, he glanced back and thought: “Perhaps the Holy Spirit is a little like a gentle wind, you can’t see it, but you know when it’s there because things begin to move and change.” He stopped for a moment, “Though if flames start appearing over people’s heads again, I think I will admire them from a safe distance.” And with that, Jerry Lee continued on his important journey, in search of cream, and perhaps a little wisdom too.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 23 rd May	Easter Feria	4.00pm
Sun 24 th May	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	9.30am
Mon 25 ^h May	Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	10.00am
Wed 27 ^h May	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	10.00am
Fri 29 nd May	THE SOLEMNITY OF DEDICATION	10.00am
Sat 30 th May	Feria in Ordinary Time	4.00 pm
Sun 31 st May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.30am

The Bible Line 7:00pm
Every Monday Evening
St. Benedict’s Community Hall



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For Your Diary
Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00pm.

The Trustees of the Chinthowa Development Trust

would like to thank those parishioners who attended Tuesday's AGM.

Your presence and support is greatly appreciated.



ON SALE NOW
2 new books for Children by
Brian and Rosa

“The Long Path”

“The Miracle of the Roses”

£6.99 each with all profit going to Charity.

Recently deceased: Janet Gill RIP. Funeral details to follow.

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;
John Erskine, Nuala Perks, John Killian, Stephen Coe, William
Ahearne, Fr Thomas Bagnall, William Hobbs, Harold Hancock,
Francis O'Hare, Bridget Nolan, Jack McCarthy, Andrew Paul Topliff
& John Francis Wood.*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

CHINTHOWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST
Coffee Morning –10th June 2026
ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, ABBEY STREET,
NUNEATON

10:00am till 12:00 noon

Tea, coffee and cakes.

**We look forward to seeing
you there!**



Volunteers for Cleaning Rota

Could you spare a little time to help clean the Church?
If so, clipboards will be provided at the back of the church if
you could sign and include your email address or telephone
number so Noreen Wightman can contact you.

Volunteers for Reading

If you would like to read on a Saturday or Sunday Mass
please can you add your name and email or telephone
number to the clipboard at the back of church so that
Clare Forbes can contact you.

Collections

1st Collection	£ 130.02
2nd Collection	£ 91.64

TOTAL £221.66