Pentecost Greetings card

For this activity you will need:

- Coloured crayons or pencils.
- Copies of greeting card one or two. Both cards one and two require double-sided printing.

The Christian feast of Pentecost occurs on the seventh Sunday after Christ's resurrection and concludes the great season of Easter.
At Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, enabling them to go out and spread the Good News of Christ with the world.
For this reason Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of God's global Church. Our Pentecost birthday card enables pupils to share the joy of this important feast with their parish family. Please note, this activity can be undertaken as a class, group, or by individual pupils.

How to make Pentecost greetings cards

1. Print off copies of greeting card one or two, depending on preference. Please note, both cards require double-sided printing.
2. If using card two, ask pupils to decorate the front with images of Pentecost / symbols of the Holy Spirit.
3. Once decorated, ask pupils to complete the inside of the card. The name of your school's parish church will need to be added. Pupils can also add their own first name. We recommend that pupil surnames are not added.
4. Inside card two there is also a section for pupils to write their own prayer to the Holy Spirit.
5. When your Pentecost cards are finished, invite your Parish Priest to visit school to collect and display in church. Or ask the Parish Priest if you could display the cards in church - in time for Pentecost Sunday.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire, and a dove. The symbol of wind is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them at the first Christian Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2:2. In the following verse, Acts 2:3, flames then appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles. Although not appearing at Pentecost, the dove is another symbol as it is mentioned at Jesus' baptism: 'After Jesus was baptised, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon him.' Matthew 3:16.

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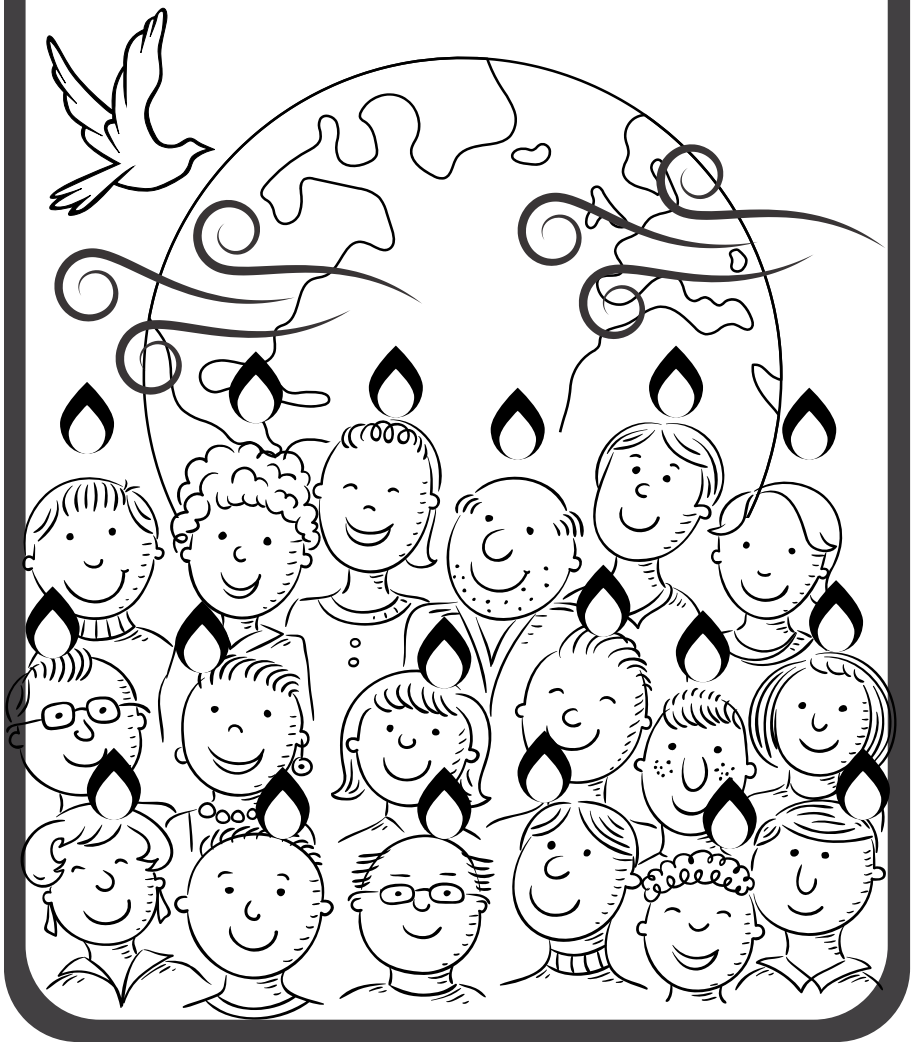

Loving Father,
At Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of our global Church family.
We pray for all your children around the world. No matter where we live, help us work together as brothers and sisters, building your kingdom of mercy and love.
We pray for our Priest, the people of our parish, and for the children, families and staff in our school. May we all follow the example of Jesus, and speak words that welcome, respect, and encourage others.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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