

Motivation for John 15:26-27,16:12-15

At Pentecost, Jesus left the disciples with the Holy Spirit to guide them and to bring them peace. The Holy Spirit is with us too today, even if we don't experience the same powerful winds from heaven (that is, unless you're in the UK this week) or tongues of flame upon our heads.

More importantly, the Spirit guides us in our own lives, helping us to find the particular paths and ways in life in which we will glorify God. When we make room for the spirit, we make room for joy and peace and open our eyes to the marvels of God. In short, as Paul writes to the Galatians, the Spirit is our life - when we are guided by the Spirit is when we find fulfillment.

My parish priest spoke yesterday about the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost being the church's first novena. A period of waiting where we pray for guidance and the gifts that Jesus wants us to have. This week, as we approach Pentecost, I encourage you to think and pray about the service that you are called to in your life. Don't only think about what the world tells you you ought to do - listen to the Spirit, for we were specially sent the Spirit, and it is with the Spirit we will find peace.