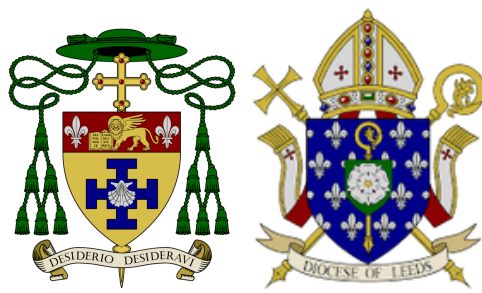




Tomb to Mission

A journey from Easter to Pentecost



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He will give you another helper to be with you forever. John 14:16

For the author of John's Gospel the world is a place that doesn't know God. We see it in his gospel and in his letters and we know what he means. He says that the world neither sees nor knows God's Holy Spirit and that is why it cannot receive Him.

So as Catholics we are called to something radical. We are not called to 'play along' with the world. And there is a real, radical question for us: Do we know God's Holy Spirit?

God's Spirit is promised to us through our Baptism and Confirmation. We think of the Spirit as invisible and so don't expect to see Him working,

But that is wrong.

God's Spirit is visible **in us** and we should recognise and know His Spirit because he dwells in us. That is Jesus' promise.

But how do we recognise God's Spirit? Jesus, in his conversation with Nicodemus, says: *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

We cannot see the wind but we can feel it and see what it does. In the same way, we cannot see God's Spirit but we can feel Him and see what He does.

We are born of the Spirit, promised in our Baptism and Confirmation. If we cannot feel God's Spirit moving us and do not see God's Spirit working, then we should ask why, and how we need to change.

Our community should be a place where we see God's Spirit working.

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