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Hello Everyone, Welcome to The Messenger. Another fortnight has gone by and still we are not able to meet so here is The Messenger to keep us in touch. Please feel free to pass it on to anyone who you think might be interested. Let us have your suggestions about we might include in future editions.

Pentecost – this Sunday is Pentecost. It is the day when we celebrate when the first disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The apostles and their friends were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly there was a sound like the great rushing of wind that filled the whole house. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them.

Later the Apostles began to speak about Jesus. Everyone present could hear what was said in their own language. Peter taught that everyone will be able to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through repentance and baptism. The promise is for all. Since then the good news about Jesus has spread throughout the world.

Where in the World? Since Pentecost the Christian faith has spread almost everywhere in the world. This means that when we are abroad we can nearly always find a church for Mass. It also means that, whatever time o day it is, you can find a Mass on the internet.

Quiz – In which country and continent would you find these famous places or buildings.

1. The Taj Mahal
2. Lourdes Sanctuary
3. Uluru (Ayers Rock)
4. The Statue of Liberty
5. The Pyramids
6. The Statue of Christ the Redeemer
7. The Terracotta Warriors
8. Machu Picchu
9. The Acropolis
10. Jerusalem
11. Ann Frank's House
12. Victoria Falls

Good luck – answers at the end of the Messenger

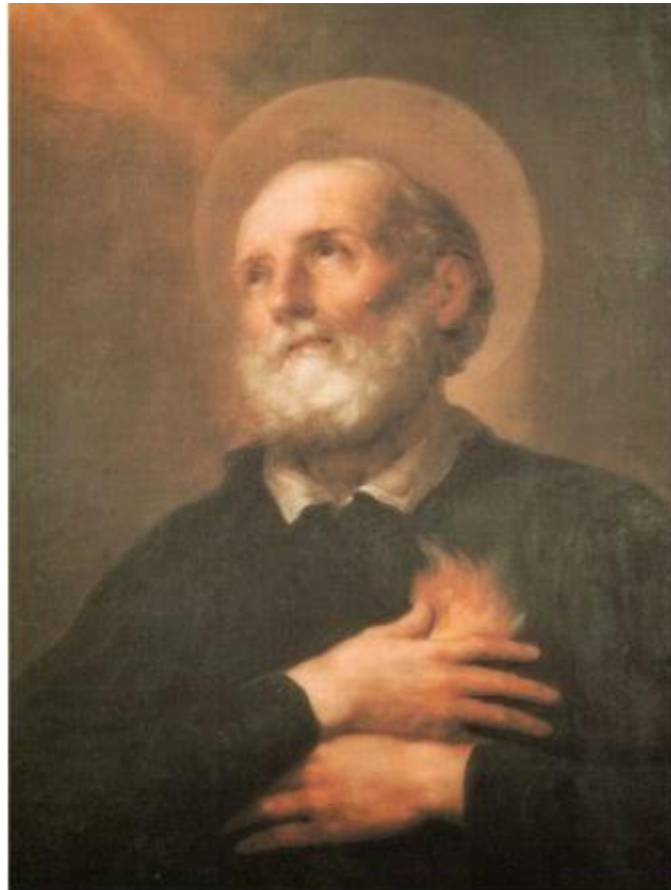
Third Challenge: This week it is about valuing and respecting the people you are with – sisters, brothers, parents, other relatives you are with during lockdown.

Your challenge is to listen when someone is talking with you, even if the subject doesn't interest you very much. Pay attention to what is being said - you may find it really is quite fascinating.

It also means not having just a quick look at your phone when someone is talking with you or when eating a meal with other people.

Let us know how you found this challenge.

Saint of the Week - St Philip Neri – Feast Day 26 May



- St Philip is the patron saint of joy and mirth
- He lived in Rome where he brought together groups of young men for prayer, music and talks
- His favourite saying was: 'When shall we begin to do good'
- While praying one day in the catacombs he said that he felt the Holy Spirit enter him in a special way
- The groups of young men eventually grew into the Oratory, a community of priests and laymen bound together by charity but not by vows
- The Oratory in Birmingham is named after St Philip

Invitation: A Prayer for These Times is a new prayer written by Fr Tim Menzies who is the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. It has been animated by the Mission Team at Alton Castle. A video of the prayer and the animation can be found on the Cathedral website: stchadscathedral.org.uk or the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/blog/prayer-for-these-times>. It really is worth a look.

Prayer: Pope Francis has asked whether we are open to the Holy Spirit and suggested this prayer:

Holy Spirit,
May my heart be open to the Word of God
May my heart be open to do good
May my heart be open to the beauty of God every day. Amen

We hope you enjoyed The Messenger. If you have comments or ideas for future editions please ask you parents/carers to get in touch via Sarah by emailing olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

God bless, Sarah, Marie, Kathryn and Cathy

Where in the World? - Answers

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| 1. India - Asia | 2. France- Europe | 3. Australia - Australasia |
| 4. USA - America | 5. Egypt- Africa | 6. Brazil- South America |
| 7. China - Asia | 8. Peru- South America | 9. Greece - Europe |
| 10. Israel – Asia | 11. Netherlands – Europe | 12. Zimbabwe - Africa |