



## **Vox Populi**

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The season of Eastertide will come to a close this weekend, as the Church celebrates Pentecost and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

Pentecost is the birth of the Church, following the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

It is the fulfilment of the promise of Jesus, that He would send them an advocate, the Holy Spirit, to guide the Church.

Just as He promised, when the Apostles were gathered on the day of Pentecost, when there was a "mighty rushing wind" and "tongues as of fire" appeared.

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, giving them the courage and strength to testify to the Gospel, and to spread the Good News far and wide, often facing martyrdom.

As we celebrate Pentecost, this is not a time to return to the "ordinary" following the seasons of Lent and Easter. Rather, it is a time to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and embody the missionary spirit of the early Church, which proudly and boldly proclaimed the Gospel.

May the Holy Spirit renew us in our mission and lead us into a deeper relationship with God.