

PENTECOST WITH

**CELEBRATE**  
HOME



## WAYS TO CONNECT

We have suggested resources that may be more or less appropriate for different age groups. Look out for the **depthometer** to get a gauge on how suitable the activity will be for the members of your family.

**All the links that you need are included in this resource.**

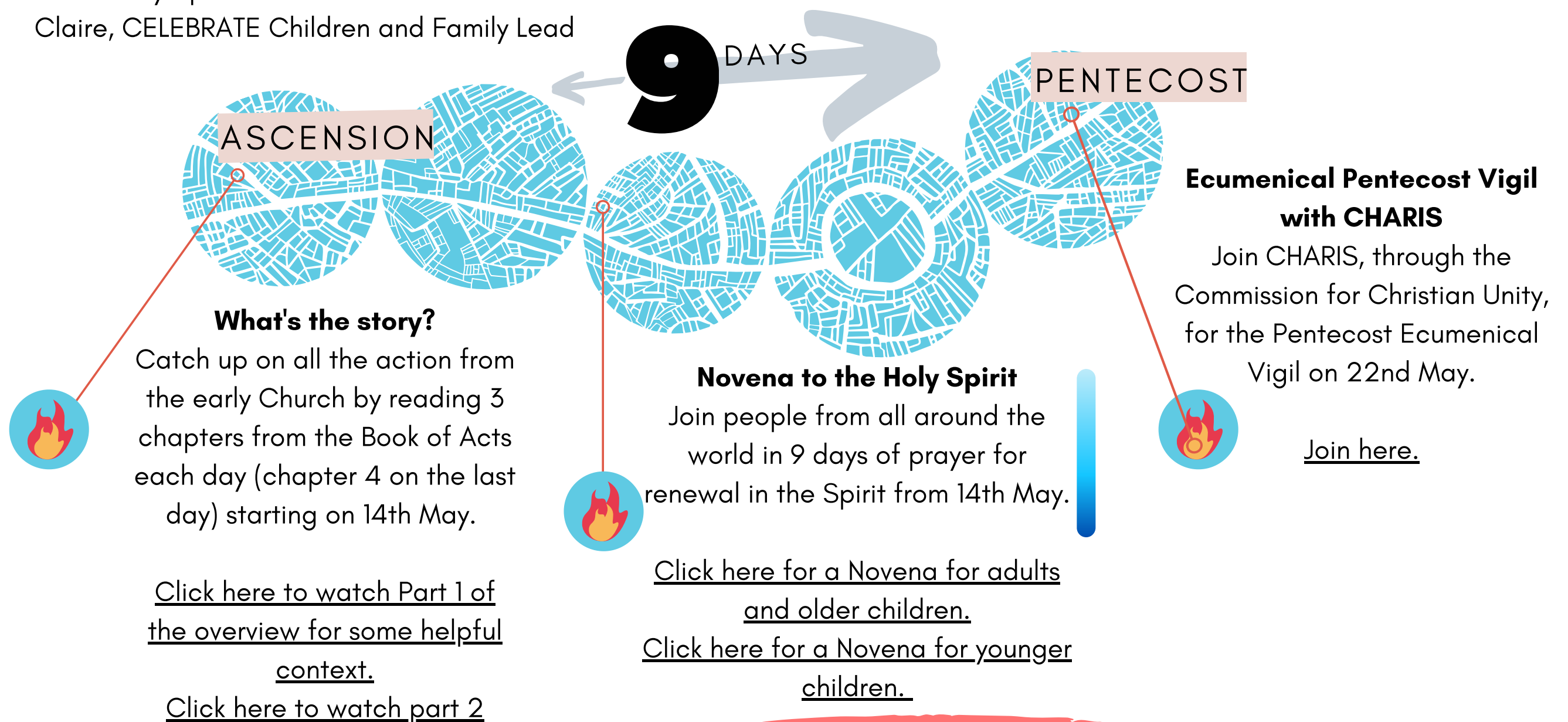
Welcome to **CELEBRATE@HOME!** This resource is compiled to encourage and support you. We think that this is an opportunity to draw close to Jesus as individuals and as families, and also build community together online. This edition focuses on the journey towards our celebration of Pentecost.

At Pentecost we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit. So what does living life in the Holy Spirit mean? Charles Whitehead, our founder together with his wife Sue, says, "To live this fuller life in the Holy Spirit means turning from ourselves and our plans and desires, to God and his purposes and his equipping for our lives. It means listening every day for the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit and doing everything in his strength, not our own. In this way we give the control and glory back to God." ([link to full article here](#))

We hope you and your family will enjoy choosing from ideas in this resource to celebrate and get to know the Holy Spirit more!

Come Holy Spirit!

Claire, CELEBRATE Children and Family Lead



### Messy Church activities for Pentecost

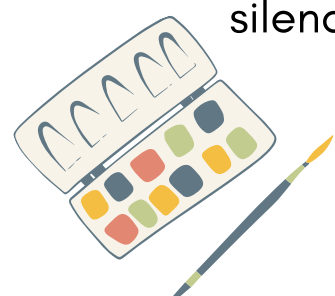
[Learn about Pentecost through fun messy crafts here](#)



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### Painting Pentecost Flames

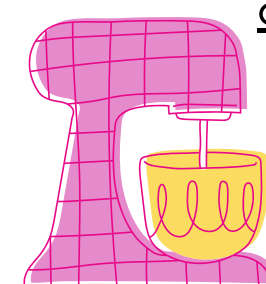
This is a really great idea for all ages! Get your creative hats on. It's a reflective activity and lends itself to silence if that's an option for you. [Have fun here!](#)



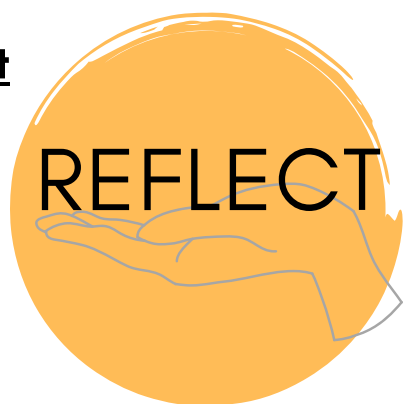
### Pentecost Baking challenge

Ready, Set, Bake!

[Here's a great way to decorate a cake for Pentecost!](#)



Refresh your memories of **the Pentecost story** with this reflective retelling for **children**. Thank you to one of our CELEBRATE@HOME families (Abi, Dominic & Rebecca) for putting it together so beautifully.



**Lectio Divina** or Divine Reading is a method for prayerfully reflecting on the scriptures. Try it alongside your daily reading of Acts, or spend some time with Acts chapter 2 as the disciples experience the Holy Spirit. For a guide to the steps, [click here](#).

The **Wild Goose Series** has 14 beautiful episodes inviting us to renewal in the Holy Spirit. Why not start with Episode 2: 'The Breath of God' which focuses on Pentecost. You can sign up for free and we recommend downloading the accompanying study guide for some questions and prompts.

### **The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course.**

An inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

### **One Hope Project Worship Series**

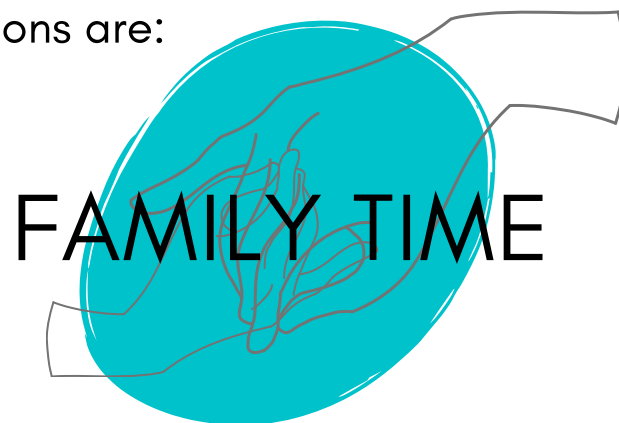
Ever wondered what worshipping God really looks like? Over the course of the next four months, OHP will be hosting four online sessions, each night with a spotlight on an area of life that we can use to worship with - 8pm - 9pm with special guests. The dates for these sessions are:

**24th May - Sports**

**22nd June - Finances**

**17th July - Work & Studies**

[Join the sessions here.](#)



### **How can you celebrate Pentecost at home?**

We know that this year has meant we've needed to be inventive with marking out special occasions, so we've put together suggestions for celebrating Pentecost Sunday in style.

**Participate in Mass together** - If you are not able to go to your parish, and your parish hasn't got a livestream yet, there's plenty on our website. If you've got little ones we recommend checking out some children's liturgy ideas with [Colour & Shape](#).

**Birthday Feast** - Prepare a delicious dinner to celebrate the birthday of the Church! You could even make a big birthday cake with candles to symbolise the Holy Spirit's tongues of fire. Let your imagination run wild!

**Many of us decorated our doors with palms** and other greenery to celebrate Palm Sunday. Get creative and make a flame or gather some **fire-coloured foliage** to mark the feast of Pentecost. This is not only a reminder for your household, but also a beautiful sign of faith to others.



# WHAT IS CELEBRATE?

CELEBRATE is a Catholic ministry, that provides conferences, resources and other events for the formation and teaching of an intergenerational audience whose main focus is family.

CELEBRATE's vision is to inspire and equip people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life today, for the renewal of the Catholic Church and the building of God's Kingdom on earth.

You can find more information and resources like this on our website

[www.celebratetrust.org](http://www.celebratetrust.org)

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One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is **prophecy**; sharing truth with "people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation" as St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians. We can do this at home by calling forth the gifts in our families.

Invite the Holy Spirit, asking him to share with you something about this person's gifts or unique character. Wait until you have a sense of his prompting, maybe through a word, phrase, image, scripture or even song lyrics coming to your mind. Once you have that sense, share it with that person to bless and encourage them, starting with, "I see in you...".

Check out [the blessing cards here](#). Print them out, colour them in and then ask God which fruit of the Spirit he'd like to pour out in a new way in that person's life. Then you can give them the blessing card as a reminder for their own prayer.



### **Veni Sancte Spiritus 'Come Holy Spirit'**

[Join here to listen to the incredible Taize virtual choir from around the world!](#)

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

[Click here to learn a prayer to the Holy Spirit](#)



### **Thy Kingdom Come Cheeky Pandas**

Children might like to watch the Cheeky Panda series that Thy Kingdom Come have produced to accompany children to Pentecost. You will need to download their free App to use with the downloadable resources. There is also a Catholic catechesis version of the Cheeky Pandas resources. [Click here.](#)



### **Children's Catholic Bible**

This not only inspires but empowers children to read, live, and love the full Word of God.

### **Lord, Renew Your Wonders** by Damian Stayne

Damian is well known and loved by Celebrate. Damian shows readers how spiritual gifts such as prophecy and healing were used by Jesus, the early Church and the saints, and why we need them in the Church today. Read amazing stories of God's presence and work in our time, and learn from his practical instructions on how to grow in the spiritual gifts.

