

## A pastoral message from the Cardinal for Pentecost

Happy Solemnity of the Ascension today!

The Cardinal has asked us to write to let you know that he has recorded a video of a pastoral message in preparation for Pentecost. In it, he reflects on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, particularly in the context of the circumstances in which we are living at the moment.

The video is available online at <https://vimeo.com/421046273> and on the diocesan website. The Cardinal would be grateful if you could make your parishioners aware of the message, perhaps by including a link to it in any newsletter or e-mail communication that may be going round the parish in the coming days. For the more technically minded, if you would like to embed a copy of the video on your website, you can click on the link and follow the option to 'Share' to obtain the embed code.

When you view the message, you will see that the Cardinal asks that, across the diocese, priests and people participate, from their homes, in a short vigil of prayer next Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. There is no specific time or format for this: what is important is that as many people as possible engage positively with the Cardinal's invitation. A meditation on Pentecost, based on Christian art, will be available in the coming days via the diocesan website as one possible way to help with this time of prayer, but do feel very free to be creative in thinking how best to encourage participation in your local situation.

As ever, but particularly as the important Solemnity of Pentecost approaches, the Cardinal assures you that he holds you and your parishioners in his prayer, and remains most appreciative of all you are doing to sustain your lives of faith, and those of your parishioners, especially in reaching out to those who are isolated or facing real hardship at this time.

**FR. JOHN BYRNE AND FR. JOHN LOUI**