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## Pentecost 2021

Pentecost is fast approaching. In this email, I would like to alert you to two programmes which may be of interest. The first comes from the *Tarsus Scripture School* — a short programme of three online lectures and a meditation. The second is a week-long celebration offered by the *Ecumenical Bible Week 2021*. Both are free of charge. More information further down in this email.

## The readings for Easter 5B21

This year, the Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Easter is the first part of the True Vine discourse in John 15. To get to the deep meaning of passages in John, three steps are essential: (1) a close look at the Old Testament and early Jewish background; (2) an awareness of the links with the Jesus tradition in the Synoptic Gospels; (3) a reading of the imagery/vocabulary across the whole Gospel of John. All three are significant for the True Vine discourse, with

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## Tarsus Scripture School: Pentecost 2021

This programme is offered free of charge as a “thank you” to all of you.

- “Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11” (**Jessie Rogers**)
- “There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13” (**Kieran J. O’Mahony**)
- “Breathing new life: John 20:19-23” (**Sean Goan**)

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## Ecumenical Bible Week 2021

The *Ecumenical Bible Week* is an exciting venture, arising out of the International Eucharistic Congress of 2012. The initiative is funded by the two Archdioceses of Dublin and the National Bible Society of Ireland. The programme is offered free of charge. Anyone who likes to may also make a donation to support the work.

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Wishing all the blessing of the risen Lord.

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