

St. Gregory's Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday

20th May 2018

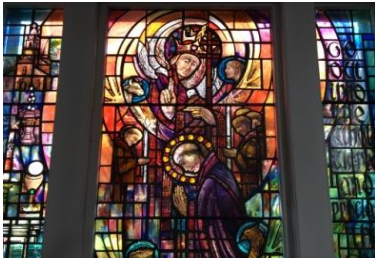
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PENTECOST AND THE EUCHARIST

Just as a lover delights in showering gifts upon the beloved, so too does God. He comes to 'make his home with us', he heals and makes us whole by giving himself to us in the Eucharist. He blesses us with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this feast of Pentecost.

We can't earn the Holy Spirit, we can't deserve the Holy Spirit, we can't own the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the gift of the Father. And the Spirit draws us to Eucharistic Adoration, urging and encouraging us to waste ourselves freely, generously, in worship and awe of the Risen Lord always present in the Eucharist.

Adapted from Walk With Me/Alive Publishing, pg. 70



***"Come, Holy Spirit,
 Send forth the heavenly radiance of your
 light"***

This ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit is timeless in application. How much the Holy Spirit is required in life!

*Bend what is rigid,
 Warm what is cold,
 Guide what is astray.*

Yes, we need to pray:
*Come, Father of the poor
 Come, giver of gifts
 Come, light of our hearts.*

It is necessary to invite the third Divine Person to be:
*Rest in labour,
 Relief in oppressive heat,
 Consolation in weeping.*

We can't do without the Spirit's work:
"Heal what is wounded."

It's easy to understand why the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras often repeated that 'without the Spirit, God is far away, Christ remains in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is a simple organisation, authority a domination, mission propaganda, worship mere evocation, and Christian action a slave morality. But in the Spirit... the Risen Christ is present, the Gospel is the power of life, the church signifies Trinitarian communion, authority is a liberating service, mission is a Pentecost, the liturgy is memorial and anticipation, human activity is deified.'

Come, Holy Spirit!

(adapted from Going to God Together/Bishop Brendan Leahy)

Children's Corner

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ADVOCATE SPIRIT WITNESS
 GLORIFY FATHER JESUS
 MINE COMPLETE TELL
 EVERYTHING WHY HIMSELF



**PAUL FIELD IN
 CONCERT**
 @ Hollinshead Street
 United Reformed Church
 Sat. 9th June 7:30pm

Award winning singer/songwriter
 Millennium song, Cliff Richard
 Christian Musicals... See poster.

Pentecost Sunday

20th May

9:30am Joseph Robinson (A)
11:00am Maureen Ormerod
6:30pm Frigga Hayes

27th May, Trinity Sunday

9:30am Bert Parker (A)
11:00am A Diamond Wedding (Kevin & Margaret Fishwick)
6:30pm Frank Wrennall (A)

Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Valerie Bretherton
Tuesday 8:30am Vincent Bell
Wednesday 8:30am Norman Martin
Thursday 8:30am Fred Padmore
10:00am Funeral Service Jack Smith
Friday 8:30am Bill Brady
Saturday 9:30am Father Firth (FM)
11:00am Nuptial Service



Please note the Saturday morning Mass will start half an hour early due to the wedding at 11am

St. Justin
SS. Marcellinus and Peter

Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

Rosary: Twenty minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff, Nora Taylor, Angela Sawyer, Marian Leyland, Margaret Wrennall, Harold Sutton

Sadly, we announce the death of John (Jack) Smith last week. May he rest in peace.

And we wish Rachael Henshall and Anthony Pontifex a wonderful wedding day on Saturday and every blessing for their married life.

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion

Today at 11:00am Mass the children who received their first Holy Communion are joining us so that we can all celebrate the occasion with them. Again, thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful celebration which is continuing in the garden today. May the Holy Spirit encourage the children and their families to keep coming regularly to the Table, and the Altar, of our Lord.

ADOREMUS Holy Hour last week

A full church joined Archbishop Malcolm last week to pray at St. Mary's in preparation for Synod 2020. It was a joyful occasion and we are asked to continue to pray as a solid foundation for the synod, - the whole year has been designated a *Year of Prayer* in preparation.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £927.79. And thank you for the World Communications collection which came to £247.70. The offertory envelopes for this are in the wrong place (27th May) and can still be given in if you have missed it.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Father Graeme has now received costings from Leisure Time Travel. Depending on the number of participants the cost will be £1420 plus flight (15 – 20 participants) or £1250 plus flight (21 and more participants). The cost of flights can vary, the sooner we book, the cheaper they are. This year they ranged from £250 to £500. We need numbers by the end of June to guarantee the cheapest price. The date is 1st to 11th July 2019. If you are interested, please hand in names (as appears on the passport) asap.

FURTHER AFIELD

Padre Pio Prayer Days

You are invited to join the Franciscan Friars at Pantasaph, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 8PE, for a day of prayer and blessing (also Mass, Stations of the Cross, Confession available) on three Sundays – 10th June, 12th August, 23rd September. Cost £5 pay on the day, pre-booking essential. Brother Michael Hargan OFM Tel 01352 711053, or pantasaph@gmail.com.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting	21 st May	John and Mary Mark		
S.A.S.	27 th May	Margaret Scard		
Dial a Ride	"	Linda and David Walmsley		
Readers	"	Louise Cogan	Dominic Stone	Alex Duxbury
Eucharistic Ministers		Marian Knight	Margaret Scard	Melvyne Cunliffe
		Louise Cogan	Richard Jackson	Carol Hardman
		David Chadwick	Helen Mather	