



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

19th May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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In the Jewish calendar the Feast of Weeks comes fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. It was at the time of this feast that, according to today's first reading in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples gathered and received the Holy Spirit. Today, fifty days after Easter we remember that event. It marks the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to the disciples to send them the Spirit and the end of our celebration of the season of Easter. The period of fifty days gives us the word Pentecost.

We have several ideas of the Holy Spirit in today's readings. One is a word Jesus uses, *Advocate*. The original Greek word gives us the word we sometimes hear in prayers and hymns, the *Paraclete*. The idea is taken from a court of law. The image of the law court is one we find a number of times in scripture. Sometimes Satan is portrayed as a prosecutor arguing against us. In contrast the Holy Spirit is the one who pleads our cause, the one who is on our side.



However, we also have the picture of the Holy Spirit at work in us, bringing us together and turning us outward. This is the picture of the Holy Spirit at work in the disciples. The Spirit is the one who brings them together as the Church. The crowds in Jerusalem hear the Good News preached in their own language. The division of people and languages which we see in the story of the tower of Babel, in the book of Genesis, is overcome by the message of Christ and the presence of the Spirit.

Let us ask for the Holy Spirit to be in our hearts, bringing us together, sending us out to proclaim the Good News and overcoming the division between peoples.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for refugees last weekend.

The cash collection was £501.70 excluding card payments and gift aid contributions.

We pray for all those who face persecution for any reason. We ask that all prejudice and hatred may come to an end. Lord Hear Us



FRIDAYS

24 MAY

7 JUNE

21 JUNE

5 JULY



Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

Thanks to your ongoing generosity we have been able to support various parish charities.

Open Sunday after 10.15 Mass
Monday 11.15-1.15

**CLOSED
FRIDAY**





Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024



Last week we had problems with the newsletter so this article didn't appear. With all the discussion about AI it would be good to know the church's opinion on such matters.

Pope Francis has chosen "Artificial intelligence and wisdom of the heart: for a fully human communication" as a theme for this year's communication day. A note from the Holy See Press Office announcing the theme observed that, "The evolution of artificial intelligence systems makes it ever more natural to communicate through and with machines, so that it has become increasingly difficult to distinguish computation from thought, and the language produced by a machine from that generated by human beings."

The statement continues: "Like all revolutions, this one based on artificial intelligence, too, poses new challenges to ensure that machines do not contribute to a large-scale system of disinformation and do not also increase the loneliness of those who are already alone, depriving us of the warmth that only communication between people can provide. It is important to guide artificial intelligence and algorithms, so that there is in each individual a responsible awareness of the use and development of these different forms of communication that go hand in hand with social media and the Internet. It is necessary for communication to be oriented towards a fuller life of the human person."

Patrick Rooney has had his heart operation and after a week in Intensive Care is now recovering well in ward 10 at Blackpool Victoria hospital and hopes to move to his new home shortly.

Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact jo@metanoiaproject.co.uk

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Sun 19	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13	(Ps 103)	John 20:19-23
Mon 20	Mary, Mother of the Church	Gen 3:9-15,20	(Ps 86)	John 19:25-34
Tue 21	Feria	James 4:1-10	(Ps 54)	Mark 9:30-37
Wed 22	Feria	James 4:13-17	(Ps 48)	Mark 9:38-40
Thu 23	Jesus Christ, High Priest	Jer 31:31-34	(Ps 110)	Mark 14:22-25
Fri 24	Feria	James 5:9-12	(Ps 102)	Mark 10:1-12
Sat 25	St Bede the Venerable	James 5:13-20	(Ps 140)	Mark 10:13-16

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm &
5-5.30pm

Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm

Sunday

Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm



**For Jesuit Vocations
every Monday
11:30 -12 noon**

LIFE  ASCENDING

NO Ascent Group

Thursday 23 May.

Resumes 30 May

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead

Anniversaries Marie Garlington, Kevin O'Connell
Antoine Johnrose, Karen Ferguson.

Those who are sick: Patrick Rooney,
Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell,
Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Fr Michael Murphy.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



May's Intention -

For the Formation of Men & Women Religious & Seminarians

Let us pray that men & women religious
and seminarians grow in their own
vocational journey through human,
pastoral, spiritual & community formation
that leads them to be credible witnesses
of the Gospel.

LITTLE CHURCH

During 10.15 Sunday Mass

The Parish Newsletter is to reflect what happens in the Parish & news regarding parishioners.
If you would like something to be included please send information to the Parish Administrator
or email stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com