



The Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost

Novena of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in this consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

“Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and want you to spread the joy of his friendship everywhere.” When

Jesus returned to the Father in what we call the Ascension, he promised that he would always be with them as their friend. Friendship is one of life's great blessings and all of us like to have friends and to be a friend to others. Sometimes we fall out with our friends and if we do it is very important that we make up. Let us ask God to help us choose our friends wisely and become better friends to them.

Ministers

May 28th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am E.Davies
10.00am S.Rudd

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

June 4th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am J.Sheard

S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £483.50 Second: £294.29 Shop £320.57 Fair Donation £50.00 Thank You
Second Collection THIS Sunday (May 28th) for World Communications Day

If you are making out a cheque please make it payable to
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The Ascension of the Lord *May 28th 2017 (Matthew's Gospel)*

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Jack Gray
Refreshments after Mass		
Monday	10.00am	Margot Graham Bank Holiday
Tuesday	9.30am	Intentions of the Sisters of mercy
	8.00pm	Taizé Prayer group
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.30am	Charlotte Conlon
Friday	12.00noon	Recovery of Juliette a sick child First Friday
Saturday	10.00am	November Dead List
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Anne Lewis
Sunday	8.30am	John Maughan
	10.00am	People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord—World Communications Day



Today is World Communications Day and Pope Francis asks all of us to be pro active in proclaiming the Gospel and using all the means of communication at our disposal. There are some prayer cards at the back of Church which we are asked to take and use regularly at home.

The second collection today will be for Word Communications.

Jesus said: 'Go, therefore make disciples of all the nations...'

As we think about communicating the Gospel in our own place and time and place in response to Sunday's Gospel, an initiative that has come from Churches Together in Saddleworth is to **OPEN** our churches to the general public. To this end The Sacred Heart and St William Church will be open from **10.00am-2.00pm Monday 29th May to Friday June 2nd** for anyone who wants to come in and spend some quiet



time in reflection and prayer or simply to look round. There will be a series of posters by the German Catholic Priest Sieger Koder in the Church with a Scripture Reflection beside each one to aid reflection and prayer. If you have a spare hour this week and would be willing to spend it in the church welcoming people please sign the list at the back of the Church. Apologies for the VERY short notice, but if we want it to happen it will!

Meet the Minister, Priest, Vicar!



Another initiative from CTIS is for one of the Church leaders to be available in the park OUTSIDE the Library from 10.00am—2.00pm from Monday May 29th to Friday June 2nd. The idea being that people can have a word without having to enter a presbytery, rectory, manse or leader's home! There will be a small gazebo for protection from the weather and a welcome sign.

Next Sunday June 4th PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRAISE IN THE PARK at 2.00pm

A Summer Celebration of our Faith



In response to suggestions made at the last Parish Residential Retreat in the Loreto Centre, Llandudno last year, there will be a week's reflection on **Spirituality for a Modern Parish**, involving: Praying Together, Growing in Love, Building Community, Socialising and Faith Development. **Please put the dates in your diary: 3rd—8th July** and watch this space for further Information. There will be a Faith and Fun afternoon on Saturday 8th to which all of us will be invited!

The General Election June 8th 2017



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced '*A letter to Catholics in England and Wales*' for the forthcoming election which they offer for our consideration.

As in previous years the Bishops are not advising us for whom to vote but offering some considerations. Please take a copy of the letter from the back of the church.

Whit Friday June 9th



As in previous years The Sacred Heart & St William Parish will join with St Chad's Parish for the short service at St Chad's Church at 9.30am and the procession into Uppermill with the various stops for hymn singing, arriving in time for the joint service in the park at 11.00am where the guest speaker will be the Archbishop of York John Sentamu .

At the time of going to press we are in need of a **MAY QUEEN** so if someone would like to volunteer it will be greatly appreciated, in recent years it has been one of the girls who made their first Holy Communion the previous year.

We are also in **URGENT** need of two **STEWARDS** to help marshall the procession. Finally **PLEASE SIGN** the list at the back of Church for a **Pie Lunch** in the Parish Centre after the procession. Thank You