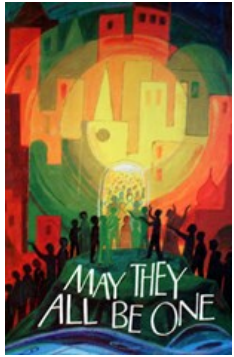


From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I am not praying only for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers say about me. I want all of them to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them."



Pope Francis writes, "May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts."

Today's word is **Helper**. Who was Jesus praying for? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is

praying for all those who will come to believe in him through the witness of others. He prays that they will stay united, and mirror the love that he and the Father share. Soon Jesus will return to heaven and he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper – to teach them and to be with them always. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain God will always help us, and he wants us to help others too.

Offertory Collections and Shop Income May 22nd

First Collection: £569.14 Second: £122.50 Shop: £231.50 Thank You

Candles: £140.80 Thank You Donation: £15.00 Thank You

2nd Collection today for 'The Catholic Communications' Network.'

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia! For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia! Has risen as he said, Alleluia! Pray for us to God, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia! For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

Please visit the website above.

7th Sunday of Easter

May 29th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

| | | |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday: | 6.00pm | Anne Lewis |
| Sunday | 8.30am | Terry Farmer |
| | 10.00am | Noreen Clayton |
| Monday: | 9.30am | Tony Ellis |
| Tuesday: | 9.30am | Special Intention (CEL) |
| Wednesday: | 12.00pm | People of the Parish |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Peter Bramwell |
| Friday | 9.30pm | Private Intention |
| (Please note the early Mass time despite this being a First Friday) | | |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Yorkshire Brethren |
| | 6.00pm | Tara Dyson |
| Sunday: | 8.30am | Those with Dementia |
| | 10.00am | People of the Parish |

**Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment
Exposition 40 minutes before the Weekday Masses**

Contact Details: Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Bickers Tel: 01457 872603

Permanent Deacon: Revd Peter Rudd Tel: 01457 876559

Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Tessa Spalding Tel: 01457 873515

Mrs Michelle Moore



Listening with the ear of the heart!

Listening to one another in the Church.

"In the Church, too, there is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other. "Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by him who is himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the word of God". Thus, the Protestant theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us that the first service we owe to others in communion consists in listening to them. Whoever does not know how to listen to his brother or sister will soon no longer be able to listen to God either. The most important task in pastoral activity is the "apostolate of the ear" – to listen before speaking, as the Apostle James exhorts: "Let every one be quick to hear, slow to speak". Freely giving some of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity.



A synodal process has just been launched. Let us pray that it will be a great opportunity to listen to one another. Communion, in fact, is not the result of strategies and programmes, but is built in mutual listening between brothers and sisters. As in a choir, unity does not require uniformity, monotony, but the plurality and variety of voices, polyphony. At the same time, each voice in the choir sings while listening to the other voices and in relation to the harmony of the whole. This harmony is conceived by the composer, but

its realization depends on the symphony of each and every voice. With the awareness that we participate in a communion that precedes and includes us, we can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes."

Pope Francis—For World Communications Day—Sunday 29th May 2022



The Solemnity of Pentecost

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost when we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, our parish, our families and ourselves.



This year's Summer Fair will take place on **Sunday June 26th in the Parish Centre**. As in the past volunteers are needed for the various stalls, as are items for the stalls. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able and willing to help.



Whit Friday—June 10th

Sacred Heart & St William Parish will join with St Chad's for a short service at 9.30am in St Chad's Church, followed by a procession into Uppermill with stops on the way for hymn singing, accompanied by a brass band.

The procession will arrive in time for the joint service at 11.00am in the playing fields. It is a couple of years since we have been able to celebrate Whit Friday in this way and it would be wonderful if as many families as possible could take part in the procession.



Dementia and Stigma

Healthcare professionals use labels like 'dementia' to classify people. It helps to guide their health and social care based on the typical symptoms. However, when a person is labelled as having dementia, they're at increased risk of experiencing stigma, stereotyping and discrimination. This may happen because:

- they are defined by their diagnosis and no longer seen as an individual
- people make assumptions about what they are like based on their diagnosis
- people lack understanding of what a dementia diagnosis means and how it might affect the person
- people assume that dementia makes the person less capable or intelligent
- people are frightened about how the person might behave, and the media creates negative stereotypes about dementia – often through the use of language like 'suffering', 'death sentence' and 'burden of care', and negative portrayal of people with dementia

(Adapted from Admiral Nurse Help Leaflets)