

From Sunday's Gospel



IN the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said again to them. "As the Father sent me, so I now send you." When he said this he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone they will be forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they will not be forgiven."



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

Today's word is **Pentecost**. Pentecost is not just an historical event which happened centuries ago when the Holy Spirit was breathed into the apostles by Jesus. That same Holy Spirit is alive and active today helping us to live well by showing to others qualities like courage, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control. These are sometimes called the 'fruits' of the Holy Spirit because they bear fruit in our lives and the lives of others when we are guided by the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis reminds us, "**The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world.**"



'How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.' Anne Frank



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass
IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

The Solemnity of Pentecost 31st May 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	People of the Parish
Monday:	Intentions of the Sisters of Mercy
Tuesday:	Austin Webster
Wednesday:	November Dead List
Thursday:	Fr Michael Sullivan (Funeral today)
Friday:	Special Intention
Saturday:	Tara Dyson
Sunday:	People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 31ST 2020



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 created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who 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 his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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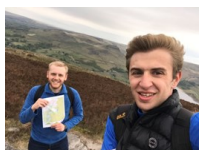
Whit Friday June 5th



Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic our usual Whit Friday Walk of Witness and Ecumenical Service will **NOT** be able to be held. However there will be an Ecumenical Service broadcast at 11.00am this Friday. Details can

be found on the home page of : www.cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk

Fund Raising for St Edward's Lees and Sacred Heart & St William Uppermill



Max and Luke successfully completed the Saddleworth Three Peaks last week. If you wish to contribute to the fund raising please do so by visiting the address below.

Kind regards, Max Woodvine

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/supportsaddleworthchurches>

A Note from Nicaragua



Fr Luis emailed to say that there were again over 300 people celebrating Mass at the same time as we did last Sunday, though it is midnight for them. This weekend Fr Luis's sister, Sr Anna Maria, who is a religious sister and lives with the poor in a village not far away will be visiting for the Feast of Pentecost. May they have a very happy and Spirit filled visit.



The present COVID-19 crisis has turned the world upside down. It has brought pain and misery and created fear and anxiety for millions of people. It is therefore encouraging to see people finding ways to care for their neighbours and the most vulnerable in their local communities. Self sacrifice and generosity of heart prevail. Alongside our efforts here I am acutely aware of the plight of our brothers and sisters in countries without the means to respond effectively to this crisis. Sister Mary from Pimiti Hospital in Malawi writes: *"Thanks so much for your concern. We are in darkness. There is no testing being done and the situation has started to bite economically. I am so worried because up to now, there are no preparations for this pandemic. Our health system in Malawi, and Africa at large is so weak. Only God will help us out."*

The need to help churches has never been so urgent and necessary...At Missio we try to build solidarity through prayer and action. Prayer focuses our hearts and minds on God's compassion for suffering humanity. Action calls each of us to give what we can to make a difference. **The Holy Father has established an emergency fund to come to the aid of those people and communities who are being tragically impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. He has asked each of us to contribute what we can to help the Church overseas through Missio. Any gift you can give at this time will help our missionaries reach out to the most vulnerable people and offer them spiritual and practical support; and any prayer you offer for them will surely be heard.**

Thank you for any help you can give. Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director
Please make cheques payable to **Missio** and send to:
23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

Thank You from CAFOD



"Thank you to all parishioners at the Sacred Heart & St William Church for your generous support of CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £711.00 received on the 27th March 2020." Michelle Oakford, Head of Supporter relations. (Apologies from CAFOD for delay in acknowledging receipt)