

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 to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Adapted from John 20:19-23 Pentecost Sunday, Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people Let's promote friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions in order to build a world of

peace." Today's word is **Peace**. This Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace. True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. God's peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty. St Margaret Mary Alacoque reminds us, "Peace of heart is more valuable than any treasure." Even if you may sometimes doubt, or feel distant from God, be assured that God is very close to you and wanting you to be filled with his peace. The peace that Jesus promises to those who love him is an inner peace which comes from following him and knowing deep within ourselves that we are loved by God. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus won this peace for us – a priceless gift which he offers to you and me!



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The Solemnity of Pentecost May 23rd 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAYS 9.30AM AND SATURDAY 6.00PM

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Fr Michael McCoy
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
	10.30am	Mass with a congregation
Monday:		Holy Souls
Tuesday:	9.00am	David Hilton - Please note the earlier time.
Wednesday:		November Dead List
Thursday:	9.30am	The Mooney Family Friday Those suffering from Dementia
Saturday:	6.00pm	May Collins
Sunday:	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)

Confessions by appointment

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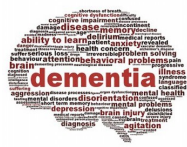
Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Tessa Spalding Tel: 01457 873515

Mrs Michelle Moore

A photograph of a stone church entrance. The door is made of dark wood and is set within a stone archway. To the right of the door, a white sign is mounted on the wall, reading "CHURCH OPEN TODAY". The wall is made of rough-hewn stone.

Stewards/Cleaners April 2021

Saturday May 29th 6.00pm: Celia Hall and Mary Farmer



- Use physical contact to communicate your interest and to provide reassurance – don't underestimate the reassurance you can give by holding the person's hand or putting your arm around them, if it feels appropriate.

- Try not to sit too close to the person or stand over them to communicate – it can feel intimidating. Instead, respect their personal space and try to sit or stand at eye level.
- The person with dementia will read and interpret your body language. Sudden movements, the tone of your voice or a tense facial expression can upset or distress them, even if the words you say are not upsetting.
- Make sure that your body language and facial expression match what you are saying, even if this might feel a bit forced at times. For example, it can be useful to smile when talking about pleasant memories.
- Try to learn to recognise what a person is communicating through their body language. Try to keep them engaged if they seem distracted or bored.

The person may enjoy drawing or singing to express themselves.

"Pour your grace, O loving God, upon all suffering with dementia. It is frustrating not to find a word; it is fearful to lose one's memories. Bless them with patience, a loving and supporting family, and days of hope and accomplishment. Amen."

**And you shall renew
the face of the earth.**

Having received these gifts we ask that our lives will bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit: **Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Self Control, Chastity.**

This Weekend there is a Joint Pastoral Letter from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to be read in all churches. The Bishops of Scotland have written a similar letter reminding us that "God's creation is a precious gift. It is our common home entrusted to each generation."