



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



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Sun ✖ 23 May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish For Jeanne Diekman RIP For Alan Cook who is ill
Mon 24 May	The BVM, Mother of the Church	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun is on leave	
Wed 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest	Mass 9.30am	For Baby Kim
Thur 27 May	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass 9.30am	For Noel O'Hara RIP
Fri 28 May	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Eileen Ross who is sick
Sat 29 May	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	For a defeating of the Coronavirus
Sun ✖ 30 May	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For all who are sick, especially with Covid For Mateus Gurjao RIP

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of May. The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance, will work with governments, to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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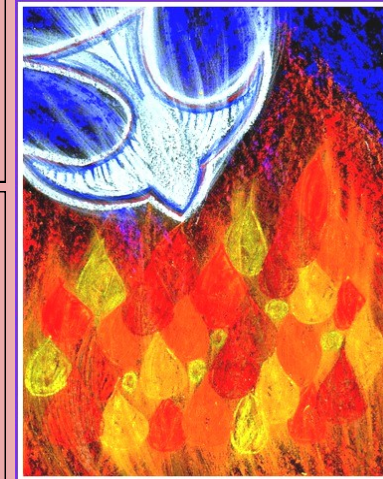
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Sunday 23rd May 2021

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
(From Monday)
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 8
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4



WELCOME to Holy Mass at St John Fisher Church this Pentecost. We arrive at the fiftieth day, the completion of the Easter Season, and the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles.

On the birthday of the Church – the faithful people of every race and nation, spread out through time, seek to continue the Mission of Jesus, proclaiming faith in God and a way of life that leads to his Kingdom. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us

to do this, that allows us to pray, that ensures the continuing presence of Jesus in Holy Communion, that ensures we remain true to His teachings as the centuries unfold. In the first reading and preface of today's Holy Mass we hear of the miracle of Pentecost, the Spirit "brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith." What is the language of the Church? Some would say Latin, while others would go back further and say Greek or Aramaic! But the language of the Church must be love: a love which breaks down barriers and unites all people in God's Kingdom. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may blow like a rushing wind through our world today, to fill us with the language of love in all that we say and do.

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: If someone asked you to draw the Holy Spirit, you might paint a dove (the Spirit appeared like a dove when Jesus was baptised) or a flame (like the ones that appeared over the heads of the disciples on this Sunday). But really what you should paint is wind! But hang on – you can't see wind, so how can you draw it? You would draw what it does – bending a tree, blowing the washing on the line, scattering the leaves. This is what the Holy Spirit is like – we can't see the Spirit, but we can see what the Spirit does: all the good things that people do in our world! So let the Holy Spirit blow you into lots of acts of kindness today! Come to us Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people!

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am very pleased to share with you this Pastoral Letter, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday:

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of "God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children.' In this liberty, as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back

better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'. May God bless you all.

+ Vincent Nichols

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

PENTECOST SEQUENCE: The Sequence (on the Mass Sheet) is said directly after the second reading and before the Gospel acclamation.

APOLOGIES the Church Hall and toilets remain closed for the time being.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not able to receive Holy Communion)
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby William (Billy) Harris who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for him and his family in celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emma Fitzpatrick and Brendan O' Shea who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here last Saturday. Deo Gratias - thanks be to God.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no celebration of the Mass here on Mon or Tue this coming week.

REMINDER OF DATES: Holy Confirmation (Class of 2020, postponed from last year): Tuesday 22nd June at 7.30pm. First Holy Communion (Class of 2021), Sunday 18th July at 10.30am.

CALLING ALL ADULTS If you are a Catholic adult but have missed out on being Confirmed, or you are a non Catholic, thinking about becoming a Catholic, a new preparation group, especially for adults will be starting later in the year. The group will be run by me (hopefully with some additional helpers) and will be tailored directly to those in the group. If you think this might be of interest to you, just email at: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk
Fr Shaun.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week for respect for the sanctity of all life from conception through to old age.
(sponsored anonymously)

COLLECTION AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £167
Giving using offertory envelopes £390
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £548
Card machine contactless giving £55

**Thank you to all who have topped up their donations, having returned since the lockdown.
Thank you all, for supporting SJF church.**

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Clive Duveen RIP
(and for all who have died as a result of the pandemic)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MAY

Fr John O'Sullivan, Ella Mary Butterworth, Elsie Curley, Peter Johnson, Alice (Nita) Manning, Mollie Pugh, Jeanne Diekmann, Joe D'Souza, Tom Ray, David Weathers, Bartley Keady, Dorothy Price, Linzi Geddes, Joan King, Daphne Dodd, Kitty Brett, Terry Quinn, Kathleen Johnson

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

