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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Apostles 2:1-11

**Response to the Psalm:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

**Second reading:** Galatians 5:16-25 followed by SEQUENCE

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



**Dear Parishioners**

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates that great event, when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God and created from the many languages one united voice to profess the true faith in God. Pentecost shows us that, as the mission of Jesus was universal, so the membership of God's holy Church is universal. Christ is much more than 'my personal Saviour' because His mission transcends a merely individual relationship. His mission is to all peoples of the earth.

It is our task to carry on the work of the Holy Spirit in God's holy church. Jesus is living in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation and it is encouraging us to do good works for the life of the Church. In the second reading today it says: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them."

This means that our God given talents are to be used for the building up of the body of Christ, the Church. God does not give us gifts just for ourselves. To each person a different gift is given. We must discover what our abilities are and use them for the glory of God and for our own happiness. If we use the gifts that God the Holy Spirit gives us, we will develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit and these fruits are; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Let us earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit will animate us do things, great or small, for God's holy Church and for the world. Let us say repeatedly the Church's prayer, "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth."

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Pentecost (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

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### Masses

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|---------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | 5pm | <b>Pentecost</b>                        | Nor Thomas RIP       |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  |     | <b>Pentecost</b>                        | People of the Parish |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                         |                      |
| Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> May  |     | <b>St. Bede the Venerable(F)</b>        | Private Intention    |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                         |                      |
| Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> May |     | <b>St. Augustine of Canterbury(Sol)</b> | EBC                  |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May  |     |                                         | Stephen Clark RIP    |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> May  | 5pm | <b>Holy Trinity</b>                     | Fr. John Fallon RIP  |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May  |     | <b>Holy Trinity</b>                     | People of the Parish |

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Robinson Family.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant**

### **Information**

May I please remind people that when they phone on Mondays to book a place at Mass **not to leave messages on the answer machine.** These can only be dealt with after the phone calls and you could very well be disappointed as the Mass may be fully booked. Thank you.

### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL 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

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### **How to support your Parish As We Move Forward**

The overall qualification for unity is love. This is the function of an apostle: not only to know *about* Jesus, but to actually *know* Jesus. That means not only the Jesus of books, but as we experience him in our lives. The overall qualification for unity is love. We must act in oneness with God and with one another. As we begin to move out of the current pandemic and hopefully towards some kind of normality, we as a parish, can only move forward in love. If we wish to rebuild and indeed improve on what our parish was before the pandemic it will take time, sacrifice and yes, love. At some point, sooner rather than later I hope, we will need to reinstate our ministers of communion, readers, cleaners and parents to help with children's liturgy. Hopefully also our servers, although I am well aware that a number of them will have moved on to university. Please could I ask you to email me at [stmarysstudley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysstudley@gmail.com) or phone me on 01527 852524 and let me know if you are willing and able to support us once more. Please could you pass on this message to anyone you know who does not receive the bulletin. Please remember that you are the parish and without you this parish would cease to exist.

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers**