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LITURGY

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

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

Second reading: Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Dear Parishioners

. Today we celebrate the 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 to 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

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Pentecost (Year B)

Week commencing Sunday 19th May 2024

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Masses

Sat 18 th May	5.00pm	Pentecost	Paul Bunn RIP
Sun 19 th May	10.30am	Pentecost	People of the Parish
Mon 20 th May			
Tues 21 st May			Private Intention
Wed 22 nd May			
Thurs 23 rd May			
Fri 24 th May			
Sat 25 th May	5.00pm	Holy Trinity	Donald Newell RIP
Sun 26 th May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Tim Harrison, Agnes Wilkins.

Those who have recently died: .

Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley, Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew, John Knox, Bill McCarthy and all those we have been asked to pray for.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. **The next coffee morning is next week on Sunday 26th May.** Please come and enjoy a coffee, biscuits, cake and a chat.

Second Collection

The second collection next week will be for 'Catholic Communications.'

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority.

Christian Aid

If anyone would like to contribute to the Studley collection for Christian Aid, there are envelopes at the back of the church. Many thanks.