



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost: the day that Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled, and the birth of the public life of the Church. Pentecost was a day when things which seemed impossible begin to happen, and when a message that seemed difficult to comprehend or express began to be widely proclaimed.

Often we see the Holy Spirit represented with an image of a dove, or by the imagery of fire, by the blowing of the wind. But the Holy Spirit is neither a dove, fire, wind nor any similar phenomenon. The Holy Spirit is not a thing, but a person - the third Person of the Trinity. He is the life, the power, and the love of God; truly the Spirit of God the Father and the Spirit of the Son. The Spirit makes us children of God, and so intertwines our lives with Christ that we can now understand God as a Father. Additionally, we are now "heirs" with Christ (Rm 8:17), so that all that the Son shares with the Father (peace, life, righteousness) is also bequeathed to us.

The work of the Spirit is to continually draw mankind to Christ, in spite of our desire to strike out on our own. Left to our own devices, we can wander far from the source of light and truth, but the Spirit has other plans: to continually reach out to embrace and encourage us, to work within us to strengthen our relationship of faith in Christ. The same Spirit, who was present from the beginning at creation and even before, is still at work in the world and in the Church just as he was two thousand years ago. Whatever it is that we face in our lives, at whatever point of our own story we find ourselves, the Holy Spirit is interceding for us. He is always working in us and through us, to transform and inspire so that God's great work of salvation can be shown forth.

Fr. Jonathon



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Carson-Jordan Russell who will be baptised today (Sunday) at St Teresa's after the I Iam Mass. We also offer our prayerful congratulations to Samantha who will be baptised and Kaye, Kadeem and Denisa who will be baptised and confirmed during the I Iam Mass. We keep in our prayers all those we know who are unwell as well as the many who have no one to pray for them and for those in hospital. We also remember in our prayers all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend we have the annual second collection for the Lay Training Fund. Please be as generous as possible.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY

This week, on Friday, we celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua. Therefore, to celebrate one of our patronal feasts we will have Mass at 10.00am at St Anthony's. Tea, coffee and cake will be offered after the celebration of Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Our Children who have been preparing to make their First Holy Communion ask for your prayers in these final days. The final first Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 14th June at 10.00am at St. Teresa's. Please do come along to these parish celebrations and pray for our young people.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at St. Teresa's we have Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction. This time of prayer is such a wonderful opportunity to bring our Sunday to a close, spending time with Jesus in prayer and praise. Please do try and come along if you are able to! It only lasts 40 minutes and is such a beautiful service.

QUARANT'ORE - 40 HOURS WITH THE LORD

The parish is currently organising for the traditional Quarant'Ore or 40 Hours. This will take place from Thursday 19th June - Sunday 22nd June. In order to hold this beautiful period of exposition with the Lord we will need volunteers to stay for an hour to pray, while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. There are sign-up sheets in the porches of our churches. Please be as generous as possible with your time as without you we will not be able to hold this sacred time with the Lord.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are always looking to welcome new Altar Servers onto our small teams of servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve at Holy Mass, please speak to Fr. Jonathon.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Every year on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi you are recommissioned to serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to continue in this important ministry can you please speak to Fr. Jonathon and fill out a form. You will need to be recommissioned to be able to continue in your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses on the solemnity of Corpus Christi.

CAR PARKING AT ST. TERESA'S

Over the last couple of weeks the car parking at St Teresa's has become very dangerous. It is extremely important that there is access to the car park for the emergency services at all times. Therefore, it is requested that parishioners do not park in the middle of the Car Park.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2025/26

Any parent who would like their child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is invited to fill in the interest form. Sessions will begin in September 2025. More information will be made available after Easter concerning all the dates for the programme. Children need to be at least 7 years old to take part. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon for a hard copy of the interest form.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025/26

If you are in secondary school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to fill in the interest form for our next course beginning in September. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday Evening at 6.45pm in St Teresa's Hall. More information will be emailed to you after you have completed the initial interest form. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon, or your parish priest, for a hard copy of the interest form.



YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 26th June. There will be time of Adoration, along with a some spiritual input. We will then head into the presbytery for Pizza's. Are you looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and fellowship? The Prayer Group is a vibrant community of young Catholic adults (18 to around 35) who come together on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm at St Teresa's. We share in faith, friendship and great conversations, followed by a meal or a drink in the Catholic Club. Beyond our monthly gatherings, we stay connected through social events, attending conferences and our active WhatsApp group, making it a wonderful way to meet fellow Catholics. Come and be part of a

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parish has no Mass intentions booked in during the week from the beginning of June. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for a specific intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps for a deceased relative or friend, or for someone who is sick, or for your own intention? To have a Mass said please fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon or place in the offertory collection during Mass.

JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or if you would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr Jonathon so that you can register your interest in the next course beginning in September.

HOLY YEAR DAY OF REFLECTION

On Saturday 21 June Fr Dermot Preston SJ, a member of the Jesuit community at St Dominic's, Newcastle, will lead a Day of Recollection in the Holy Name Hall, Towers Avenue, Jesmond starting with refreshments at 10.30am and concluding at 3pm. Fr Dermot, drawing on the Jesuit tradition and St Ignatius' 'Spiritual Exercises', will lead us on Ways of Praying that are accessible, practical and relevant for our time. The Day is open to parishes in our Partnership (Benton, Byker, Forest Hall, Gosforth, Heaton, Jesmond, North Gosforth, Walker) and all are welcome. If you wish to take part – booking is essential - please email welcome@holynamesjcsmond.co.uk or telephone 0191 281 0940. Tea and coffee will be provided but you may wish to take a packed lunch.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW COLLEGE

On Sunday 22nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

We pray for all our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, because you are unable to come to Church due to sickness or are housebound, please contact either Fr Jonathon and the appropriate arrangements will be made.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

This will take place on Saturday 28 June, commencing with Mass at 3.00pm, at which Bishop Stephen will be the principle celebrant. This will be followed with a barbecue and a ceilidh in the evening. Tickets for the barbecue are priced at £10. All proceeds will go to support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, to support young people. For further information and to book, please contact Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or call 01207 592244.

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN JUNE

The second collections in June is for the Lay Training Fund and Peter's Pence. The lay training fund helps the Diocese to provide formation for the laity to be more actively involved in the mission of the Church. Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father and the Universal Church and, in particular, the Holy Father's charitable initiatives. Thank you for your generosity.

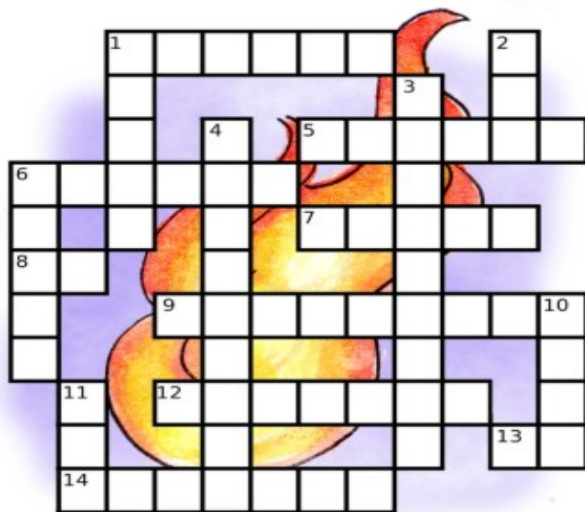
PIETY STALL

Our churches are blessed to have piety stalls. However, it would be great to have some volunteers to help look after these stalls during the weekend Masses. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr Jonathon.

Pentecost Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's first reading, and then write them where they belong in the puzzle.

DOES
AMAZED
AS
SEPARATED
ONE
BEGAN
TONGUES
LANGUAGES
SPIRIT
SITTING
HEAVEN
SPEAK
HIS
HOUSE
US
PENTECOST



When _____ (4D) day came round, they had all met in _____ (2D) room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from _____, (6A) the noise of which filled the entire _____ (6D) in which they were _____; (14A) and something appeared to them that seemed like _____ (12A) of fire; these _____ (9A) and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy _____ (1A) and _____ (7A) to _____ (1D) foreign _____ (3D) _____ (13A) the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were _____ (5A) and astonished.

"Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How _____ (10D) it happen that each of _____ (8A) hears them in _____ (11D) own native language?" (A=Across D=Down)

LEARNING THE FAITH SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In Matthew 11:29 Jesus says, "...learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart..." That "learn from me" covers many good and beautiful things Christ taught and modelled for us, things like The Lord's Prayer, the evangelical virtues, love of God and neighbour, and so forth. But, what He specifically calls our attention to is His meekness and humility of heart. And, interestingly enough, He speaks to us of His humility only once!

Humility is truth. It is neither putting oneself down (false humility) nor elevating oneself. It is as St. Isaac the Syrian says, "the garment of God"...and we can clothe ourselves with nothing better. Christ, who is the way and the truth and the life, is humility personified, and we are exhorted by St. Paul to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14), the clothing of God's eternal wedding feast. Humility draws God to us when He sees us adorned with this Christic royal attire.

Jesus is God and look what He has done for us! His heart is so good that He became man, taught us, put up with us (cf Matthew 17:17), and gave up His life in order to save us and give us eternal life with the Holy Trinity forever. Every Saturday evening at Vespers, the Church sings the Canticle of Christ's humility, "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at...he emptied and... humbled himself..." (cf Philippians 2:6-8). The Word became flesh and spent His life on earth emptying Himself: in His Incarnation and Birth, in His hidden life in Nazareth, before the crowds, before Peter and the Apostles, in His Passion and Death, and even in His glorious Resurrection.

In his Little Book on Humility and Patience, Archbishop William Ullathorne, a descendant of St. Thomas More, calls Christ the Master of humility, calls His Passion the book of humility and calls His Cross the throne of humility. Not to be outdone with how He humbly emptied Himself on earth, Jesus is still doing so today! As Father Francis Donnelly S.J. says in his book How to Love as Jesus Loves, "... in the Eucharist, He [empties] Himself of His humanity, it might be said, to become food and drink." (This, of course, is a figure of speech because the Eucharist is always the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.)

Fr. Donnelly goes on to say that humility is the army of virtues and that all virtues practice it. In the great classroom of Christ, it is the daily virtue! This classroom is where Christ reveals his heart: a humble heart meek and poor in spirit that mourns, that hungers and thirsts for justice, is pure and merciful, makes peace and suffers persecution for the sake of God's Kingdom, in short, a humble heart that enfleshes the beatitudes. It is the heart of someone who looks up to God because it is not proudly grasping to become like God, the heart of someone who is trustingly childlike not childish, which example Our Lord held up to us as the only type of heart that enters the Kingdom of Heaven (cf Matthew 18:3).

Today, we celebrate this humble and merciful heart of Jesus, the heart of God made manifest for us, that He might make of us what pleases Him and that we might have "the strength to comprehend...what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, so that [we] may be filled with all the fullness of God" (cf Ephesians 3:18-19).



MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	7 June	4.30 pm 5.00 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Rosary Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	Pentecost Sunday
Sun	8 June	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Sung Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	Living & Deceased Lindsay & Wallace Families	Pentecost Sunday
Mon	9 June	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Susan Dennell & K.S	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue	10 June	6.30 pm	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Fr Michael Conaty	Feria
Wed	11 June					St. Barnabas
Thur	12 June	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Compline	St. Teresa's	Ben Arend-Trujillo	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri	13 June	10.00am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Alfonso Trujillo RIP	St. Anthony of Padua
Sat	14 June	10.00 am	First Holy Communion Mass	St. Teresa's	1st Communion Children	Memorial of Our Lady
Sat	14 June	4.30 pm 5.00 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Rosary Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Wilson McEvoy RIP	The Most Holy Trinity
Sun	15 June	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Sung Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	The Most Holy Trinity



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:



John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret McEvoy, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Pat Matfin, Maria Cape and Mary McLaren.

Our sick children: Ezra Stephen Johnson, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention for June

That the world might grow in compassion:

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

During Ordinary Time (Summer)

We are asked to pray for :

A deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life and for Seafarers

