

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Today we celebrate Pentecost, the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, the start of the church's mission to the world and is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (from the Greek *pentekoste* - fiftieth'). The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove. Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit. A Very Happy Birthday to us all!

THANK YOU FROM NUGENT

I have received a lovely note from Nugent thanking the Parish for our Crib Donation this year. They have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to all those who donated to this very worthwhile cause which continues to support some of the most vulnerable children and their families during this time. Please keep them all in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

31st May 2020 - Pentecost Sunday, Cycle A

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

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Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 17th & 24th May 2020**

Gift Aid: **£306.00**

Loose Plate: **£166.45**

Standing Orders: **£392.50**

**Thank you for your kind and
generous donations which go
towards the upkeep of the
church.**

REFLECTION

Today as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church, we mark the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and upon all of us who call ourselves disciples and followers of the Risen Lord. After the disciples had seen Jesus die and be buried, all his closest friends deserted him and hid in fear. When he did appear to them, most if not all of them doubted, not just poor Thomas! They weren't strong, faithful or courageous - they had lost heart and hope and all but given up on Jesus - but he did not give up on them. He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit through which they would be refreshed, restored and renewed. So it was their sadness was turned into joy and their fear was transformed into strength - they were given new hope, new heart and a new purpose. They left the room in which they were hiding and went boldly without fear to proclaim the Good News that Jesus was Risen. They were a new people with a new message and mission. So, are we so different from these first followers of Jesus? There are times in our lives when we too are afraid, anxious and overcome with doubt. Perhaps over these last few months as we have self-isolated and kept to social distancing, we have wondered if this was ever going to end. As we have heard so much sad and painful news each evening, perhaps we have been overcome with sadness and even a sense of powerlessness. Is this what the friends, family and followers of Jesus experienced when and after he died? It was into their reality of fear and sadness that Jesus came and poured into them the life-changing power of his Resurrection through the Holy Spirit. They didn't change themselves - they were transformed by Jesus. These have been very difficult months for all of us, but through the gift of the same Spirit we will get through this. We will be different, but we will emerge from this stronger because the Spirit of the Risen Lord is with us to renew, restore and refresh us. We are not alone. Not only is the world charged with the splendour of God, so are you and I.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Madge Henshaw
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.
 Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially
 John Todd & Margaret Monk.
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Virtual Walking Day 2020 - A Plea For Help!

All Christian church communities/congregations across Chorley are invited to help St Laurence's & Chorley Methodist churches put together a 'virtual' walking day, enabling us all to celebrate the work, mission and ministry of the churches across our town. The vision is to create a video which could be shown live at 2.00p.m. on Sat 27th June, which will promote the good work the churches are individually and collectively doing across the town, and to offer prayers over significant keyworker people and places. All churches are invited to create a video (approx. 3 mins) showing where the church presence/building is, and in particular to highlight some of the activities which the church runs 'for the community'. As Pope Francis asks us at this time to 're-open' ecumenical efforts it seems all the more important for us to make a good contribution to this proposed virtual walking day which would be the perfect resource to show how the Church in Chorley is alive and well at this time.

If anybody has any video footage relating to St Gregory's either of activities that have been held or of the buildings or grounds that they would be willing to share, please could you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

CAP DEBT CENTRE VOLUNTEERING

It is hoped that The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre project led by St Laurence's church may be able to start operating in Chorley by the end of July/beg of August. Although many operational issues still need to be explored in the light of government requirements, with the current financial situation that is unfolding, this ministry is going to be even more vital than ever, as so many people in our communities will be crippled financially and that will have an impact on family life and well-being, as well as those whose isolation will be accentuated without work or income.

This makes it essential that this service to our community and beyond be initiated. If you would be interested in volunteering as befrienders in the CAP Debt Centre, please contact Sue Boulton at:

office@stlaurencechorley.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 31 May	9:30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Bert Parker (A) Tony & Mary Crilly	
Sun 31 May	11:00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Tommy McGuigan	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 31 May	6:30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Julie Byrne (LD)	
Mon 01 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	In Thanksgiving for a safe delivery LISCF	NB: EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 3:30pm
Tues 02 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Marcellinus & St Peter	Paul McManus (B) John Daniel Birchall (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 03 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Fr Paul Dillon (RIP) John Todd (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 04 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Bridget & Austin McManus (A) Joanne Gilgun (A)	SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Fri 05 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Boniface	Canon C. L. Waring (A) Derek Smith (S)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 06 Jun	8:30am 6:00pm	St Norbert	Marion Birchall (A) Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 07 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Private Intention	
Sun 07 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Marie Kenyon (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 07 Jun	6:30pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish	