

Sunday Message

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year B • 19 May 2024 • Psalter Week 3



'RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT'

JOHN 20:19-23

Today, we enter into a Gospel story framed by fear and unknowing. Not only has word reached the disciples surrounding the empty tomb and the disappearance of the body of Jesus, but Mary Magdalene has brought to them news of a risen Jesus.

They sit in a room wondering what kind of future lies ahead of them and without warning, Jesus appears to them with the tenderness of a loving parent. 'Peace be with you', he says, words that are familiar to us during our mass. Turning to our neighbour and offering a sign of peace is a tender moment in our celebration of the Eucharist. But the tenderness of Jesus in this gospel is borne out of consideration for his disciples. They need him now more than ever. They are alone in the world without their spiritual father to lead them. So Jesus does something that will become one of the most powerful images in our Gospels. He breathes on them. It's a hugely symbolic act. Remember, he breathed his last when he died on the cross. But John's Gospel tells us that his breath continues to live on even after his death. This breath is in fact the power of Jesus being handed over to the disciples so that they may find courage in times of despair, healing in times of sickness and compassion in times of weakness. This is the work of the Holy Spirit and the disciples will go forward from this encounter to proclaim the life and power of the Holy Spirit to the people of God. ■

DO

This week, let us renew our commitment to the gifts of the Holy Spirit by becoming aware of how we live out these gifts in our home, our workplace and our community. Practice these gifts with the same tenderness shown by Jesus in today's gospel.

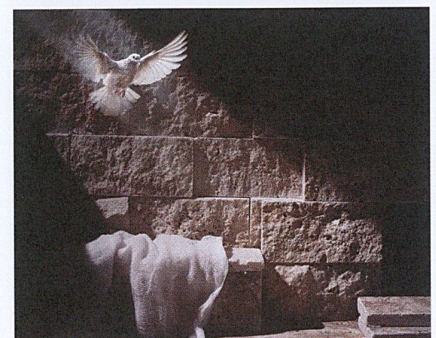
LEARN

As children making our confirmation, we read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of our sacramental preparation. The gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Is 11: 2-3).

REFLECT

Today's readings from the Acts of the Apostles and John's Gospel offer a startling contrast in how the coming of the Holy Spirit was experienced by two writers. Firstly, Luke's account presents us with the power of the Spirit with the house shaking and a violent wind coming in to fill the whole space. Not only this, but the disciples experience the gift of tongues, and a crowd gather in bewilderment as they hear their own languages being spoken. John's account however is gentler and more restrained with Jesus recognising the frightened disciples and comforting them with demonstrations of his hands and side. The Spirit of Pentecost then is portrayed as powerful and gentle, the one we call to our aid when times are difficult and the Spirit who comes into our lives to transform and even heal.

Pope Benedict XVI offers this explanation: "This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit ... opens hearts to hope and stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour." ■



SAY

"Lord you have made us for yourself, therefore our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
(Saint Augustine)



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Parish Bulletin

First Holy Communion

This Sunday at 11am Mass Orla Farren, Samuel Gili, Luna Gili and Dominick Pilat -Khazanbeik will be making their First Holy Communion. This is one of the most important days in the year for the parish and one of great joy as we see again the great vocation which God calls each one of us to.

We are pleased to greet the young boys and girls who will receive their First Communion and their parents, relatives, and friends.

We pray that our young parishioners, with the help and encouragement of us all, may build upon the Grace they receive this weekend as they continue their journey of faith.

Thanks also to all the families and Catechists who have supported them on this journey, and all parishioners for supporting one another on our Journey of Faith.

Please keep the children in your prayers and God bless,
Fr Rajesh

Prayer Intention for May

Pope Francis' prayer intention for May is that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

New Lectionaries

We will be purchasing new lectionaries for our churches this year. These are the sort of important items for divine worship that we only buy every 30 or 40 years. If anyone is interested in sponsorship and/or dedication of lectionaries for a loved one please speak to Diane Breen (Parish Secretary) or email haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk (A lectionary is the large book from which the scriptures are read in the liturgy.) The new lectionaries can be seen at <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/>

Week of Guided Prayer, Godalming, 16 - 21 June 2024

A Week of Guided Prayer is a way of making a directed retreat in the midst of our busy lives and is often called a 'Retreat in Daily Life'. It will allow you to step away from the noise and haste of everyday life and into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre.

Participants commit to spending 30 minutes each day in prayer, as well as coming to Ladywell each day to talk about their prayer experience with a trained Spiritual Director and to enjoy the wonderful grounds and prayer spaces. Your Spiritual Director will listen attentively and offer suggestions for allowing you to go deeper into your relationship with God. The 30-minute one-to-one sessions run from Monday to Friday, at a time convenient to you and your Director.

The week begins on Sunday 16 June at 2.30pm at the Franciscan Centre Ladywell, with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week; to give some explanation of praying with scripture; to spend some time in prayer together; to introduce participants to their Spiritual Director for the week; and to share some social time and light refresh-

ments together.

On Wednesday 19 June there will be a group session at Ladywell on "Discernment" at 7.30pm.

The week ends on Friday 21 June at 7.30pm, coming together again to share our experiences and to bring the week to a prayerful close.

If you would like to take part please register via the following link by 26 May. Places are limited and there will be a reserve list.

<https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/wwcf6kzd>

The Life of Christ

The Life of Christ 18-22 June, 10am-3.30pm, Wintershall GU5 0LR (Cost: £15-30). The Life of Christ is a play like no other, and a great day out. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-2024>

Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral

For over 140 years, Arundel Cathedral has celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a magnificent festival of flowers, featuring a world famous Carpet of Flowers in the central aisle of the Cathedral and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, where Benediction is given.

The Cathedral will be open to view the carpet on Wednesday 29th May from 9.30am – 7.00pm and on Thursday 30th May from 9.30am – 5.30pm when the Mass begins.

100 Club

Thank you to all members of the 100 Club for their continued membership. The 100 Club is one of the main ways in which the whole Parish can continue to raise money on a regular basis for charitable donations. The cost of one ticket is £5 per month but you can have more than one ticket plus there is a chance of winning a cash prize.,£150, £100 & £50.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club forms are available at the back of the Church, given to Fr Rajesh or contact The Parish Office.

The Haslemere Food Bank

The Food Bank is having to support increasing numbers of people in need at a time when many are experiencing financial hardship. Please place items in the collection box in the porch. Thank you all for your continuing generosity in support of those in need.

May Jubilarians

Judith Davys, Jibi Puthenkudillil Jose , Richard Ives, Deborah Stanton, Harriet Schiavone, Nick Budden, James Coeur-de-Lion, Stephen Nathan, Dipak Barua, Charlotte Hammond, Christine Follett, Anna Angel Kocheri Jose, Nicole Kerrigan, Aileen As-sender, Alexander Hawley, Karen Nugent, Gwynneth Farrell, James Rapp, Maria Ryan, Dot Jackson, Joe Sully, Thomas Joseph., Athena Nirish, John Ravenscroft, Cristina Rojo, Robert Crabtree, Dermott Harrison, Christy Puthenveetil, Lincy Thomas, David Lindsay, Jane Lynskey, Mary Ravenscroft, Ancy Sherine., Margaret Engel and Anthony Myers.

Repository

The shop at Our Lady of Lourdes will now usually be open every Sunday following the 11am Mass. Come and browse. (closed 19th May)

Sudan Crisis Appeal

Catholic charity CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan. There is a brief window to act before the growing season in Sudan starts in June, with fears of an impending – yet preventable – famine growing.

Donations to CAFOD's Sudan Appeal can be made [here](#).

Access

A polite reminder to anyone using the top car park outside Our Lady of Lourdes to please ensure that suitable access is maintained at all times for emergency vehicles, and that churchgoers are always able to evacuate the buildings in case of emergency.

Parish Database

If you have still not completed the Parish Census, forms can be found at the back of all our churches or on the Parish Website. Even if you are already on the Parish Database we would be grateful if you would fill in the new form.

Please note that the information asked for on the Census Form will be very limited and for Parish use only.

Dementia Support

The Hunter Centre in Haslemere new drop-in on a Tuesday afternoon. A support group for those caring for someone with dementia but you are welcome to bring the person you are caring for along as well. Lots of activities including gardening, puzzles, crosswords, arts and crafts and flower arranging, visits from professionals including dementia navigators from the

Alzheimer's Society and solicitors. The Welcome Club runs from 1.30 – 3.30 every Tuesday afternoon. Pop along and have a chat over a cup of tea. For more information contact the Deputy Manager Denise Sawczuk at the Centre 01428 654710.

Funeral Mass

The Funeral Mass for Ken Fontana will be on Wednesday 29th May at 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes church. All who knew Ken are welcome to attend and are asked to be seated by 2.15pm. There will be a tea following the mass and the family invite all attendees to join them.

Donation by QR Code

You can give to our parish (including any current appeals) by using the Digital Plate, our [Parish Website](#) also by using the QR Code which is displayed at all our churches and below.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 19 May — PENTECOST

6pm (Sat)	SA	Frank Holloway RIP
9.00am	ST	All Parishioners
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	Haliona Dostatnia RIP

Monday 20 May — Mary Mother of the Church

11.30am	HX	
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Tuesday 21 May — St Christopher Magellanes & Companions

10am	SA	
9.30am	HX	

Wednesday 22 May — Feria in Ordinary Time. Week 7

9.30am	HX	
10am	ST	

Thursday 23 May – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30am	HX	
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Friday 24 May – Feria in Ordinary Time. Week 7

10am	OLL	
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Saturday 25 May – St Bede the Venerable

Sunday 26 May — The Most Holy Trinity

6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners
9.00am	ST	
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	Richard Assender RIP

Confession on Saturdays by appointment tel.: 01428 643877

Live Simply Tips

Spare blooms in your garden? - let the Parish Office know—we could use them to decorate the church, save money, buy fewer cut flowers, reduce pollution

Please Pray For

The sick: Henrietta Lenahan (Holt), Veronica Slocock, Arul Salathian, Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Joan Shaw, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Tish Watkinson, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

Please pray for: Ken Fontana who died recently.

The Deceased: Fred & Diana Price, Garret Fitzgerald, Robert Donald, Frank Holloway, Anthony Swanston, Paul Jaremko, Marion O'Sullivan, Peggy Wilbond, Joan Allen, Marie-Marguerite Moore, Norman Wallace and Elizabeth Russell.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and
nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles
had all met in one room, when suddenly they
heard what sounded like a powerful wind from
heaven, the noise of which filled the entire
house in which they were sitting; and something
appeared to them that seemed like tongues of
fire; these separated and came to rest on the
head of each of them. They were all filled with
the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign
languages as 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 amazed and astonished.
'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are
Galileans? How does it happen that each of
us hears them in his own native language?
Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from
Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus
and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as
visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike
- Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in
our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 103 (104):1, 24, 29-31, 34

Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the
face of the earth.

or Alleluia!

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7 12-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is
under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be
done, but always to 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.
The particular way in which the Spirit is given to
each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made
up of many parts, is a single unit because all
these parts, though many, make one body, so
it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all
baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well
as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to
drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

In the evening of the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the
disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came
and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace
be with you', and showed them his hands and
his side. The disciples were filled with joy when
they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your
Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon
her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.