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Pentecost Sunday

Year B

23rd May 2021



We arrive at the fiftieth day, the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church, in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirm-ing all that baptism achieves. *"The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth."*

W/C 23/05/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	50th Birthday
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<p>Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden, Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney, Jean Brennan, David Walne, Josephine Mann.</p>
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- protection of life
 - 3. Peace in the world
 - 4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.
- The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Salford for the National Rosary Relay Rally on Sunday May 30th is from 1pm to 2pm. All are welcome to join along in prayer.**

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

CAFOD - Our local MP Nigel Evans has kindly agreed to attend a zoom meeting with parishioners at both St Gerard's and St Mary's to discuss climate change, debt relief and a green recovery from the pandemic. **The meeting will take place on Thursday 27th May between 5.30pm and 6.30 pm.** Would anyone who would like to attend please provide Margaret or Michael Cronin with their e mail address and a link will be provided. Our email address is: michaelcronin_uk@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

FOOD BANK - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Walsingham's May Rosary - Walsingham invite people from Dioceses across England and Wales to pray the May Rosary for the following intentions:
1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 22nd/23rd May - Let us pray for the parish of St. Joseph and St. Peter, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, Fr. Philip Boast, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools. We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord, may fill their hearts and shine forth in their lives.

Miles that Matter - Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. **Miles that Matter** is running from **1st May until International Refugee Week in June.** If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate, please call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

Eco Thought of the Week - 23rd May 2021 Pentecost. In the Entrance Antiphon today we hear from the Book of Wisdom 'the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world.' The response to the psalm prays for the sending forth of the Spirit 'to renew the face of the earth.' On the evening of Easter Sunday the Risen Lord breathed on the Eleven. How can we work with the Spirit of Jesus living in us 'to renew the face of the earth?'

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a Mass for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, anniversary

etc), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died you can do so by dropping off a note with the details at the Presbytery. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

International Refugee Week - 14th - 18th June. - Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. **Miles that Matter** is running from 1st May until **International Refugee Week 14th - 18th June.** If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

The God who Speaks through Mark - As we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer four online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark. **Wednesday 26 May 2021 - Mark Time** - some of the main themes and ideas to look out for in our Sunday Gospels over the coming weeks and months (with Fr Christopher Lough) **Wednesday 2 June 2021- The Humanity of Jesus in Mark** (with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp) **Wednesday 9 June 2021 - The Disciples in Mark** (with Fr Michael Deas) **Wednesday 16 June 2021 - The Little People in Mark** (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB) Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration A short, residential summer course exploring the

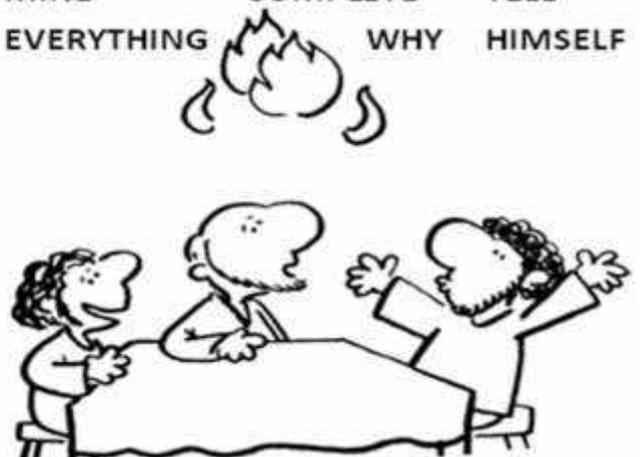
St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	22nd May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	23rd May	10:00	Pentecost Sunday C.A. Yates
Mon	24th May	10:30 am	Mary, Mother of God (M) Requiem Mass for Dominic McCrudden R.I.P.
Tues	25th May	12:30 pm	St Bede the Venerable (M) Requiem Mass for Margaret Porter R.I.P.
Wed	26th May	9:15 am	St Philip Neri (M) Successful Operations
Thurs	27th May	9:15 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (F) Colin Swarbrick & Family
Fri	28th May		NO MASS
Sat	29th May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	30th May	10:00	The Most Holy Trinity Joan Molyneaux

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Live Streaming Times		
https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5th - 8th August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

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EVERYTHING	WHY	HIMSELF



Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.