

**Reflection - Pentecost** is the liturgical season after Easter which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, ushering in a new era for the people of God. In Acts 2:1-41 the Holy Spirit descended upon apostles in which they were able to speak their native Galilean dialect but were understood by people of many different languages and nations.



Pentecost begins the eighth Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sunday.

"Pentecost" is from Greek meaning "fiftieth." The name Pentecost was originally given to the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell on the fiftieth day after Passover, when the first fruits of the grain harvest were offered to the Lord (Leviticus 23:15-

21 and Deuteronomy 16:9-11). The second chapter of Acts begins by noting that the Feast of Weeks had just passed.

Some people regard it as the birthday of the Church because from that point on the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. It is indeed a new age of the Church through which Christ works in different means for our salvation.

"In this age of the Church Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church, in a new way appropriate to the new age. He acts through the sacraments [...]; this is the communication of the fruits of Christ's Paschal mystery in the celebration of the Church's 'sacramental' liturgy."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1076.

In other words, in the absence of Christ's physical presence to us due to his fulfilment of Scripture by his death and resurrection, Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today.

Did you know you can watch our masses via your computer if you are unable to attend? There is a link on our website.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC**  
**CHURCH, HEALD GREEN**  
**Saturday 19th May 2018 (Vigil Mass)**  
**5.30pm**  
**Sunday 20th May 2018 Mass 9am &**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	19th May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Alison Connolly (who is losing her sight ) George Robinson Anniv Parishioners
Sun	20th May		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	
Mon	21st May	Dedication of the Cathedral	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	22nd May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	William Lisgo RIP
Wed	23rd May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	Patricia Moran (after a stroke)
Thu	24th May	Our Lady Help of Christians	Mass 10am	Attracta Pendergast RIP
Fri	25th May	St Bede the Venerable	Mass 10am	Paul Marciniak RIP
Sat	26th May	St Philip Neri	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	80th Birthday thanksgiving

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturdays: 11.30 till 12noon and 5-5.20pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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**Next Week : THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)**  
**26th MAY Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**  
**27th MAY Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### LADIES' CLUB

**Next meeting** Thursday 24th May 2-4pm in the Hall. Speaker Anne Beswick will be giving a talk about 'Irish Manchester'

And. **The list opens and money taken for the Summer Outing at this meeting**

### SUMMER OUTING

On 12th July we are visiting Wentworth Woodhouse, a National Trust property in Yorkshire for a tour, then onto a local Garden Centre for you to purchase a snack etc. before the drive home. Cost Ladies' Club members £18. Non-members £23

If you are a National Trust Member and bring your card on the day you will receive a £5 refund. What a bargain!!!

### NEXT PARISH MEETING 28th MAY 7PM

If you are a parishioner you are welcome to join in and have your say in church matters.

### SHARE THE JOURNEY.....

is a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move, launched by Pope Francis and supported by CAFOD.

More people than ever before are fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. To show solidarity, groups from round the world will be walking and recording the total distance walked on Pope Francis' website. He is aiming to reach a total of 24,900 miles ( the distance around the whole world)

We plan to have a local walk on **Saturday 16th June**, after the 10am mass. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL SVP WALK** for the 80th children's camp. Sunday 3rd June noon till 3pm. Meet at Coffee shop Shrigley Rd North Poynton—walk by the canal and back along Middlewood Way.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE** 22-24th June at Liverpool Hope University. Speakers Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Eamonn Mulchahy, Gary Stephens & Michelle Moran.

FOR BOTH THESE EVENTS Contact Kevin McKenna 07504130749  
See poster in porch

**FLAME 2019** takes place at the SSE Arena, Wembley, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, and is likely to attract 10,000 young people from around the country. It is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the country.

If anyone in years 10-13 is interested please let us know so that, if there is sufficient interest, we can plan a visit. Email: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

### SERRA MEETING THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

Deacon Michael Cafferata will give us a talk on "The three Archangels". Everyone is very welcome. The meeting IS in the Parish Hall. Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week if possible, for catering purposes

## THE CRASH DIET REVOLUTION

Fr. Paul has returned from holiday to the news that the TV programme on his experience during his fast weight loss is to be on **BBC 1 on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. May at 8.00pm** Be ready to watch or record the programme. Please let people know so that they can watch the programme.

### The Tarmac around the Parish Hall

is to be resurfaced as it is badly worn and the ground is breaking away at the boundary with the gardens at the rear. It has gone out to tender.

**The Presbytery Heating System** is to be replaced this year. We think that the boiler is probably 20 years old and the pipework is the original when house was built. The new boiler will be more efficient and the system more effective.

## VACANCIES

**ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH** are looking for :- a **food technician** (maternity cover) (Hours to be worked over 5 days between the hours of 09:00am and 3:15pm – but the days/times can be negotiated). and

a **technology technician (part time, term time only)**

further details for both are available from the school website or please contact Michelle McCumesky 0161 482 6900 <http://www.st-jamescatholichighschool.org.uk>

### DIOCESAN SUPPORT WORKER

A vacancy has arisen for a Support Worker to assist the Diocesan Welfare Officer. The successful applicant will support the Welfare Officer assisting in visiting and participating in the care of sick and retired priests in their own home, or community setting. Also in an administrative role, booking appointments and dealing with the day to day administrative tasks which support a safe, confidential person-centred service for retired and sick Priests in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The work will be facilitated, supervised and supported by the Welfare Officer. For further information please visit our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> or send CV to [Paul-ine.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Paul-ine.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date Friday 8 June 2018.

### DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY EDUCATION

Have vacancies for Foundation Governors within the Stockport Local Authority area ; if you are interested go to the Diocese Website and click on Education/Governors/Governor Vacancies or email Sue.Blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

**A.P.F. RED BOXES**—will be collected in September; if yours is full you can either empty it and save the money till collected or bring your box in to the church office.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND



May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

**FATHER FRANK RICE**, a former Parish Priest of St Anthony's, is seriously ill. Our prayers for him will be appreciated.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Andrea Lomas will next be available on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements

### CARITAS

(formerly Catholic Children's Society)

The boxes will be emptied during the next 2 weeks. The collections taken during 2017 raised £372.47.

Thanks to all who help the Society in this way.

### CAKE & COFFEE SUNDAYS THANK YOU

'A big thank you to the people who supported the cake and coffee mornings in April and May after 9am mass. Together, you have helped me to raise £260 towards the Loreto College trip to India to where I will be working in schools and with many under privileged in Kolkata. With thanks, Anna Pullar.'

**MASS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN BIRKENHEAD.** 16th July at 7pm—see poster in the porch