



Confirmation: a share in the mission of Jesus

Today we celebrate Pentecost – the day, fifty days after the Resurrection, when Jesus sent His Spirit upon the Church. This event is recorded at the beginning of the book of the Acts of the Apostles; the rest of this book then records how the Apostles carried on the mission of Jesus: preaching, healing, calling people to faith and to repentance. They received the Holy Spirit precisely so that they could continue Jesus' work on earth. We receive the Spirit in confirmation for that same reason: now we are His hands, His feet, His voice. Are we ready to do His work?

FOCUS ON...

50 Years of the NCW

Our parish is blessed with two communities of the NeoCatechumenal Way. The 'Way' was founded in 1968, so celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Some parishioners travelled to Rome earlier this month to mark the anniversary, gathering



with Pope Francis, Kiko Argüello (founder) and 150,000 members of the Way, gathered from every part of the world – the Holy Spirit at work in many languages, as on the day of Pentecost. We ask God's continued blessing on the work undertaken by the Way, and pray especially for the many young people who follow this path of formation in Christian discipleship.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 286

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of the Easter season

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 19 th	6pm (vigil)	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Eddie Sinnott RIP	
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 20 th	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		Mary, Mother of the Church	Philip Turner RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Special Intention	
Wednesday	9:15am		PJ & Nuala Gordon RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Gladys Worsley RIP	
Friday	12noon	St Bede	Eileen Wells RIP	
Saturday 26 th	10am	St Philip Neri	Shirley Gilleade RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Michael and Teresa Yates – Diamond Wedding	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 27 th	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Michael Prince: 3 rd birthday	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Helena Jackson**, whose funeral took place last week, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

Sundays 4-5pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during May will go to Survive-MIVA, a charity which provides transport for medical and pastoral needs overseas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Painter, Andrew Keating, Constance McCann, Margaret Cowley, Thomas Thompson, Maureen Middlemiss, Jim Murtagh.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

LOURDES YOUTH SPECIAL COLLECTION: We are very blessed in that eight young people from our parish will travel to Lourdes with the Diocese this summer, to help sick pilgrims at to pray at Mary's shrine. There is a special collection to help pay for them at all Masses this weekend. Please be generous.

MAY PROCESSION: This Friday (25th) at 1:45pm, starting in the school hall and processing to church for devotions to Our Lady. All welcome.

PARISH WALK TO LADYEWELL: Saturday 16th June, leaving here early afternoon; some prayers and refreshments on arrival at the shrine. More details to follow.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: this weekend. Please leave items in the house porch.

HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION GIFTS will be on sale in the narthex after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds from these sales will go to ACN to support our families in Syria. Thank you for your support.

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL ARTS WEEK: 25-29 June. We would be very grateful if any parishioners could share their skills in painting, music, photography, calligraphy or any art form with the children. Speak to Fr Andrew for more information.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: During Eastertide, Sundays at 4pm, Exposition and a scripture reflection followed at 4:30pm by sung Vespers (evening prayer) and Benediction.

NCW ANNUAL CATECHESIS: Continues Mondays and Thursdays in the side chapel at 7:30pm. An opportunity to grow more aware of God's love for each of us.

LADYEWELL MAY DEVOTIONS: 31st May, Mass at 11am followed by procession, Exposition, Rosary and crowning of the statue of Our Lady. See poster in narthex.

ST ANTHONY'S SINGERS will be performing a concert of hymns to Our Lady this Sunday, 20th May, St Anthony's Church at 2pm. Free entry but donations welcome to help fund Our Lady's pupils who are travelling to Lourdes this summer.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PILGRIMAGE: To Lancaster Cathedral and St Peter's in Heysham. Saturday 29th September. £26 including transport and evening meal. Booking forms and details in the narthex. Early booking is appreciated.

MILES FOR SYRIA: The overall total for Syria now stands at over £15,000. Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milesforsyria to donate online.

SCOUT LEADER REQUIRED: for more details please see the notice in the narthex.

HCPT LOURDES: NURSE OR DOCTOR required for a trip to Lourdes (Hosanna House), 31st August-7th September. Families also welcome. Speak to Fr Andrew.

OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S LADIES' GROUP: this Thursday, a presentation by William Catlin: 'The Search for Happiness'. In the parish centre at 8pm. Adm. £2.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 490; Collection: £997.38; Ascension: £321.80; Special collection (Catholic media): £237.53. Thank you.

Events this week (one off/occasional events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday 20 th May	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (8)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Narthex
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (11)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (12)	Chapel
Friday	1:45pm	May Procession	Meet in school
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates:

1st June: Feast of the Dedication of St Clare's church, Mass at 12noon

3rd June: Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8th June: Parish Corpus Christi procession, 1:45pm

9th June: Day of Renewal

10th June: First Holy Communion, Mass at 11am

17th June: Confirmations at 6pm Mass; first visit of Bishop Paul to our parish

Further ahead and further afield...

ENCOUNTER - *Experience the loving presence of Jesus*, Saturday 9th June 2018, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU (no charge, but donations welcome). To info/bookings: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org or 016973 45623.