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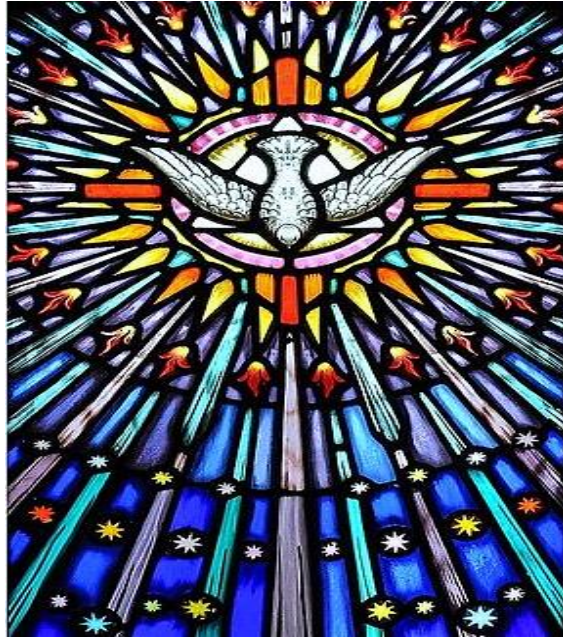
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PENTECOST

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 23 May	9.30 AM	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 24 May		Our Lady, Mother of the Church	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 25 May		St Bede the Venerable		
Wed 26 May	12.00 NOON	St Philip Neri	Paul Burns	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 27 May		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		
Fri 28 May		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 29 May	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 30 May	9.30 AM	THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS - REVISED GUIDELINES FOR USE AFTER 17TH MAY 2021 – STEP 3 GOVERNMENT ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN HANDS – FACE – SPACE – VENTILATE

The following guidance assumes that the established diocesan requirements for churches to be open are in place. In particular, the maximum safe operating capacity of the church (in our case 30) must continue to be observed and the number and position within the church of people attending at any one time should be overseen by volunteer stewards.

This revised guidance has been prepared following discussions with officials from Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. Key to implementation of this guidance is the Government's understanding of moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements. The Prime Minister stated on 10 May 2021 "... today we are taking a step towards that moment when we learn to live responsibly with Covid – when we cease eventually to rely on detailed government edicts, and make our own decisions – based on the best scientific advice – about how to protect our families and those around us."

The guidance incorporates the directives for the celebration of Mass drafted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in consultation with the Government's Office of the Chief Medical Officer; it also complies with the Government's latest revised guidance (14 May 2021) for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic.

Face Coverings In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship. The presiding celebrant in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, does not need to wear a face covering.

Social Distancing and the Limitation on Numbers Attending Mass In the Diocese of Leeds, the following guidance should be maintained: The 2m social distancing requirements should be applied wherever possible. Good ventilation of the sacred space (especially during and between services) remains important.

Wherever possible, worshippers should continue to try to limit their interactions with, and maintain social distancing from, anyone outside of the household or support bubble with whom they are attending corporate worship.

Places of worship should always consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus. Special consideration should be given to the 'R number', the prevalence of new variants of the virus, local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice. Should a higher transmission risk result from an increase in prevalence of any covid-19 variants of concern in a parish's local area, advice should be sought from the Diocese.

Managing Church Access Parishes should continue to operate the registration arrangements which they have in place for those wishing to attend the celebration of Mass at weekends and at liturgies where the numbers may need to continue to be restricted to

the safe capacity of the church (i.e., funeral liturgies) or limited to a specific number (i.e., Weddings etc.). Methods for track and trace (QR Codes and/or Booking systems for liturgies) should be in place. Individuals entering churches should take responsibility for track and trace (via scanning QR codes) and each church should display these prominently.

Congregational Singing, Choirs and Music The cumulative effect of aerosol exhalation from singing creates a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission. Indoor congregational singing therefore remains prohibited at Step 3 of the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown'. Further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June, Step 4, date is reached.

Liturgy of the Word Readers should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word. Providing the lectern is sufficiently distant from the congregation, readers may remove their face coverings at the lectern to read but should replace them before stepping away from it. The Prayer of the Faithful can be reintroduced.

The Communion Rite The physical exchange of a Sign of Peace remains suspended at this time as it is not a necessary part of the Mass and would mean the physical engagement with people outside their family groups or bubbles. Clergy should therefore omit the invitation to offer the sign of peace, prior to the *Agnus Dei*. This will be kept under review though as we continue the journey towards easing restrictions.

Cleaning of Churches General cleaning to a good standard, using generally available cleaning fluids and detergents, with attention to frequent touchpoints is the standard to continue. This is consistent with the latest evidence. This guidance is produced to clarify these points given recent scientific evidence. While the virus can land on surfaces and can infect people if they touch those surfaces and then touch their mouth, nose or eyes, this risk is lower than the risk from aerosol or droplet spread. There are several key things which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue to do, which significantly reduce this risk: On entering and leaving the church, everyone should be asked to use the hand sanitiser product provided at the entrance and exits of the church. Ensuring people wear face coverings properly will reduce aerosol or droplet spread. Ventilating buildings well. Maintaining a good general standard of routine cleaning using usual cleaning detergents is sufficient for regular use. If someone has tested positive for Covid-19 who has used the church premises in the last 24 hours, and you are aware of this, then you should ensure the building is cleaned thoroughly using ordinary detergents. That does **not** mean a "deep clean", which is not necessary.

REMEMBER, if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATIONS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

CONFIRMATION - THURSDAY 15 JULY AT 7:30PM – Sacred Heart and St. Patrick.

FIRST CONFESSION – SATURDAY 17 JULY AT 12 NOON

Confessions Celebration for all children

– 12 noon Saturday 17 July in Sacred Heart and St. Patrick Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY 18 JULY 9:30AM

Sunday 18 July 9:30am at Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd and

11.00am Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church Sowerby Bridge.

Be aware that there is an expectation that your child also attends Sunday Mass each week during their preparation. Currently you can book attendance at Mass via the Parish website.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please pray for Rev Christopher Butler as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 17 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. I hope that it will be possible to extend an invitation to all clergy, seminarians and religious to attend the Ordination. Please put the date in your diary and, if it proves possible, make every effort to come along and support Christopher with your presence and your prayers.

COUNSELLING SERVICE Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community. If you feel that you, a family member or friend might benefit contact us on 0113 388 5400, 0773 997 5008 or email counselling@catholic-care.org.uk

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON May 25 John & Cathy Duffy / June 1 Deborah & Roger / June 8 Maureen & Frank Flynn / June 15 Jean & David Marsh / June 22 Nick Burchnall / June 29 Janet Almond / July 6 Patricia & Paul Newman / July 13 Anne & Mike Plunkett / July 20 Bernadette & John Gibson

FLOWERS Please place your donation into the box marked "Flowers" If you would like to contribute for one week's flowers for church, contact Doris Moorhead 01422 842931
Rota: 23 May Anne & Michael Plunkett / 30 May Patricia Newman

FIELD NOTES - CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of "God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children.' In this liberty, as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of

creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us. For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests sent in recently.

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

Robert Morley hoping to start treatment for cancer very soon.

With thanks for prayers received - **Doris Phillips** is now home from hospital and recovering. 21/02/21

For **Barry Harrop** he was unable to have the planned operation and now faces an uncertain future with cancer. 21/02/21

For **Alfie** born at 28 weeks and weighing 730 grams, and for his mother Emily, still struggling with her own health, that they may grow in strength and health together.

Aileen Queenan – asks for our ongoing prayers and thanks us for our support. 07/03/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

Please pray for **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital 20/02/21

Please pray for **Annis Peart - Binns** during this period. 28/03/21

Please pray for **Rosa** - remains in need of prayers and spiritual support. 21/02/21

For **those suffering from Covid 19** and its aftermath.

For **those in positions of decision-making**, to be guided by the Common Good.

For **the isolated and sick** at this time of Covid restrictions.

For **those in care and hospital work** – may they be given resilience.

For **the recently bereaved** – when we cannot console them directly.

Of your mercy please pray for: Joanna Delany, Ailish Cullen, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson.

All who have recently died. Pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PRAY FOR:

THE SICK Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr John

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Fr John Gott, Deacon Patrick Kelly and Deacon Edwin Murphy. Support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses.

LATELY DEAD Joanna Delany, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN

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