

The week ahead...

Saturday 14 May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Margaret and Peter Rochford and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 15 May <i>Pentecost</i>		
Monday 16 May Monday of Ordinary Time 7		
Tuesday 17 May Tuesday of Ordinary Time 7		
Wednesday 18 May Wednesday of Ordinary Time 7	9:30am	Mass: Frank Wilson
Thursday 19 May Thursday of Ordinary Time 7	9:30am	Mass: Walter Staff
Friday 20 May Friday of Ordinary Time 7	7:00am	Mass: Sarah Tracey
Saturday 21 May Saturday of Ordinary Time 7	5:00pm	Mass: Pat Openshaw and <i>pro populo</i>



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Pentecost

15 May, 2016

Pentecost: From Disciples to Apostles

PENTECOST is often referred to as the event which gave birth to the Church. It is worthwhile reflecting on why this is so because it gives us some insight about the very nature of our existence in this entity known as "the Church."

Whilst Jesus was here on earth and carrying out his mission of healing and reconciliation, he, like you and me, was limited in space and time. Jesus couldn't be in two places at once, for example, or break any of the other natural laws that govern our movement as enfolded creatures living in a three-dimensional world. Yet God chose the incarnate Jesus as the vehicle best to enable us to be shown the way to him and so Jesus was like us in every way, except, of course, sin. Being somewhat limited, how then to help the whole world be reconciled to God? The answer: Jesus asked his disciples to aid him in his mission.

And that, in essence, is the meaning of Pentecost. It is about Jesus handing on his mission to his followers, to turn them from mere disciples into apostles. The mission of Jesus became the mission of his disciples, those who witnessed his Resurrection. But this mission was not restricted to those few who were there to commune with Jesus after his Resurrection. Those to whom the apostles spread the Good News were in turn compelled to do the same and so on, and so on, down through history. None of this would have happened however, were it not for the strength and courage gifted by the Holy Spirit to all in this long line of witnesses.

As well as empowering its recipients with strength and courage, the Holy Spirit unites all those who receive it. Yes, every follower of Jesus is unique in terms of appearance, personality, ability and so on, but all are united in their desire to spread the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus and the healing he brings and the promise of eternal life that emanate from this unique event in history.

So the Holy Spirit changes us from being disciples of Jesus into apostles. Disciples of Jesus believe in him and learn from him and love him; apostles take discipleship one step further and seek to spread the message of Jesus wherever they go and by whatever means the Holy Spirit gives them.

We are a Pentecostal people because each of us has been gifted with the Holy Spirit in our baptism. Let us challenge ourselves regularly with the question of how we are going, as individuals, as a parish and as a Church, in carrying out the mission of Jesus with the use of the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert



Ministries for this week Saturday 14 May

Eucharistic Ministers:
Angela Harmston, Mr and Mrs Burnside

Readers:
Judith Bulmer and Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy:
Jane Smith and Helen Musham

Welcomers:
Angela Harmston and Christine Tracey

Ministries for next week Saturday 21 May

Eucharistic Ministers:
Judith Bulmer, Mr and Mrs Tosley

Readers:
Maria Griffiths and Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy:
Anne Davies and Angela Harmston

Welcomers:
Sally Thompson and Janet Harrigan

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £248 Loose Plate: £211

Total: £459

Mass Attendance: 136

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Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at judithbulmer@rocketmail.com.

Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish, including...

Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Jack Wilkinson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane and Pat Harrison.

Thank you... for your generosity in giving to the Pope's appeal for Ukraine last weekend. The parish will be sending **£211.70** to the Diocese who will send this through to Rome.

Emailed Bulletin – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available electronically.

What's going on...?

Parish Council Annual General Meeting (AGM): Scheduled for Wednesday, 15 June at 7:00pm in St Patrick's School hall. Any issues you would like discussed at the AGM need to be emailed to Judith Bulmer (judithbulmer@rocketmail.com) by 31 May. The meeting will also include elections for membership of the Parish Council. More details on this process to come. Please consider coming along to this meeting - all parishioners welcome!

St Patrick's website: If anyone has any information or material that could be included on the parish website please see Carol Bainbridge or email Judith Bulmer. Photographs of previous events would be perfect, for example, the flower festival and centenary celebrations, old historical photographs. Actual photographs will be returned very quickly to their owners!

First Communion Cards: New stock now available for sale in the baptistery area.

May Procession: Next Sunday, 22 May at 3:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards in St Patrick's School hall or outside if the weather is favourable!

Mass for the Sick: Mass with anointing of the sick scheduled for Saturday 11 June at 11:00am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the presbytery. If you can help with lifts for parishioners, please see Judith Bulmer.

Voices of Mercy: 'Visit the sick'. An evening listening to the voices of people who visit the sick and an opportunity to reflect on what this means for us. Come to St Cuthbert's, Chester le Street at 7:00pm, Wednesday, 25 May.

LOVE

Diocesan Festival 2016: A celebration of faith for people of all ages at the Youth Village, 25/26 June, 2016. Mass, family activities, talks, mime artist and ceilidh. £15 per person for two days, or £5 for the Sunday only. There will also be talks on the theme of mercy from Karen Kilby (Durham University) and from Barry and Margaret Mizen whose son was murdered and who now forgive the killers. Under 18s free! Saturday 9:30am—10:00pm, Sunday 10:00am—2:00pm. For bookings call (0191) 373 0219.



SCHOOL NEWS

Well done, Year Six!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils on their hardworking attitude in the lead up to this week (SATs test week) and the way in which they have concentrated and given their best during each test.

Our School App:

We have introduced a new app service for our school. If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you will be able to download **OurSchoolsApp** for free. Just put in the school's postcode (DH7 8JJ) to locate and download the app for our school. Access will also be available on a tablet and iPad. Lots of information is available through the app, including links to our website.



Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound: Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, please pass their details on to Fr Robert.

Bishop Seamus's Golden Jubilee Mass: All are invited to St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle for this Mass. It is scheduled for Friday, 10 June at 7:00pm. Get there early to get a seat!

For our younger parishioners....

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Dunstan - 19 May

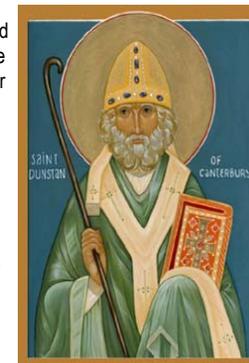
Born of a noble family at Baltonsborough, near Glastonbury, England, Dunstan was educated there by Irish monks and while still a youth, was sent to the court of King Athelstan. He became a Benedictine monk about 934 and was ordained by his uncle, St Alphege, Bishop of Winchester, about 939. After a time as a hermit at Glastonbury, Dunstan was recalled to the royal court by King Edmund, who appointed him abbot of Glastonbury Abbey in 943. He developed the Abbey into a great centre of learning while revitalising other monasteries in the area.

He became advisor to King Edred on his accession to the throne when Edmund was murdered, and began a far-reaching reform of all the monasteries in Edred's realm. Dunstan also became deeply involved in secular politics and incurred the enmity of the West Saxon nobles for denouncing their immorality and for urging peace with the Danes. When Edwy succeeded his uncle Edred as king in 955, he became Dunstan's bitter enemy for the abbot's strong censure of his scandalous lifestyle. Edwy confiscated his property and banished him from his kingdom. Dunstan went to Ghent in Flanders but soon returned when a rebellion replaced Edwy with his brother Edgar, who appointed Dunstan Bishop of Worcester and London in 957. When Edwy died in 959, the civil strife ended and the country was reunited under Edgar, who appointed Dunstan Archbishop of Canterbury. The king and archbishop then planned a thorough reform of Church and state.

Dunstan was appointed legate by Pope John XII, and with St Ethelwold and St Oswald, restored ecclesiastical discipline, rebuilt many of the monasteries destroyed by the Danish invaders, replaced inept secular priests with monks, and enforced the widespread reforms they put into effect. Dunstan served as Edgar's chief advisor for sixteen years and did not hesitate to reprimand him when he thought it deserved. When Edgar died, Dunstan helped elect Edward the martyr king and then his half-brother Ethelred, when Edward died soon after his election. Under Ethelred, Dunstan's influence began to wane and he retired from politics to Canterbury to teach at the Cathedral school and died there.

Dunstan has been called the reviver of monasticism in England. He was a noted musician, played the harp, composed several hymns, notably *Kyrie Rex splendens*, was a skilled metal worker, and illuminated manuscripts. He is the patron of armourers, goldsmiths, locksmiths, and jewellers.

(Taken from Catholic Online www.catholic.org)



DID YOU KNOW...?

.....that Pentecost was originally a feast celebrated by the Jewish people?

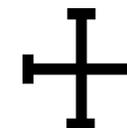
Pentecost ("Fiftieth [Day]") is the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks which was a major feast in the calendar of ancient Israel which celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Just as in the Christian calendar Pentecost falls on the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday, so for the Jewish people Pentecost commemorates the God giving the Ten Commandments (or Decalogue) fifty days after the Exodus.

PENTECOST

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"It seems unbelievable that someone should perish in whose favour Christ said to his Mother: 'Behold thy son', provided that he has not turned a deaf ear to the words, which Christ addressed to him: 'Behold thy Mother.'"

St Robert Bellarmine
(1542-1621)
Cardinal-Bishop and
Doctor of the Church



Please pray for....those children who will be receiving their First Eucharist in a few weeks' time at the Saturday evening Mass, 04 June. Pray that their first Eucharist will be the first of many, giving them the strength to live and love like Jesus.