

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 19 May</b> Vigil Mass for Pentecost Sunday	<b>5:00pm</b>	Mass: <b>Jack &amp; Sheila Wilkinson and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 20 May</b> Pentecost Sunday	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 21 May</b> <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22 May</b> Tuesday of Ordinary Time 7	<b>6:30pm</b>	Mass: <b>Teresa Coad</b>
<b>Wednesday 23 May</b> Wednesday of Ordinary Time 7	<b>9:30am</b>	Mass: <b>David &amp; Veronica Parkinson</b>
<b>Thursday 24 May</b> Thursday of Ordinary Time 7	<b>9:30am</b>	Mass: <b>Private intention</b>
<b>Friday 25 May</b> <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor</i>	<b>7:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	Mass: <b>Private intention</b> Requiem Mass: <b>Teresa Mulhall</b>
<b>Saturday 26 May</b> Vigil Mass for Trinity Sunday	<b>5:00pm</b>	Mass: <b>Carey &amp; Wilson families and pro populo</b>



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## Pentecost Sunday

**20 May, 2018**

### "When the Advocate comes...he will be my witness."

THERE IS NO NEED for an explanation of the basic theme of this great feast of Pentecost which marks the end of the Easter season: the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the world. Much, of course, can be said about the Holy Spirit in terms of its crucial role in our daily Christian life, motivating us, strengthening us and giving us the courage we need to live and love like Jesus. But there is one aspect of the Holy Spirit which is often overlooked but which is highlighted for us in the Gospel this weekend: the role of the Spirit as an advocate.

We are all familiar with the concept of an advocate. Perhaps the most common context in which we encounter advocates is via a legal process. An advocate is someone with particular knowledge of the legal process and of the case at hand who can thus speak up for their client and put forward their case in the best possible light, maximising the chance of a favourable result.

Of course, when Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as being an advocate, a dry legal process is not what he has in mind. Rather, Jesus is speaking of the reality of the Spirit speaking up for us at all times, enabling us to be witnesses to our faith. The Holy Spirit is, in fact, the manner in which Jesus is present in a very real way with us here on earth. Just as Jesus, during his short time on earth, guided and instructed his disciples, so too will he do so for all time, for all the faithful, through the Holy Spirit. No longer is the reality of Jesus' presence restricted by time and space. This is why Jesus said that it is to our advantage that he goes away. (Jn 16:7)

But there is another dimension we must not forget. The Holy Spirit is an advocate which is particularly felt in times of grave need. As Jesus spoke to the disciples of the coming of the Holy Spirit he clearly knew that his disciples would suffer for their faith in him and need the advocacy that only the Spirit could provide. Indeed, as we have been reading of the story of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Easter season, we can see clear evidence of the Spirit at work, emboldening the apostles and other disciples as they suffered for their belief, even to the point of death.

Let us give thanks that, even when we feel deflated, threatened or frustrated in our faith, we have an advocate who is there with us. This is no ordinary advocate however: this Advocate is equal to the Father and the Son: this Advocate is God the Holy Spirit.

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

Wishing you blessings during the week ahead,

Fr Robert



## Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 19 May

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Malcolm & Teresa Wass  
Andrew Aberdeen

#### Readers

Pat Middleton  
Rowan Payne

#### Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths  
Helen Riddles

#### Welcomers

Paul & Anne Kelly

**Music**  
Choir

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 26 May

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
John & Irene Carey  
Kevin Boyle

#### Readers

Greg Mearman  
Brendan Payne

#### Children's Liturgy

Carol Bainbridge  
Angela Harmston

#### Welcomers

Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

**Music**  
TBA

Pentecost

Should you have any items for the bulletin or wish to have it emailed to you, please contact the parish via phone or email. Contact details are on the front of the bulletin. Items need to be submitted by 12:00noon on Thursday.

### We pray for our beloved deceased, including....

Jack & Sheila WILKINSON  
Fr Paddy LAYDON (Rec. Dec.)  
Teresa MULHALL (Rec. Dec.)  
Mary HOPSON  
George BARRIGAN  
Margaretta Jane JACKSON



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish....

Margaret Pouton, Tom Taylorson,  
Jack Tobin, Pat Harrison,  
Sylvia Kelly,  
Mary Spears, Rose Crick  
and Doreen Carroll



### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £210 Loose Plate: £186

**TOTAL: £396**

Mass Attendance: 153

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# What's going on...?

**Teresa MULHALL (RIP):** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa MULHALL who died in Surrey last Sunday at the age of 95. Teresa was born and raised in Langley Moor. Teresa's Requiem Mass will be held here at St Patrick's on **Friday, 25 May** at **11:00am** followed by burial at Meadowfield Cemetery at 12:30pm.

**Bishop's Message:** This weekend, in place of the usual homily, a message from Bishop Séamus will be read focusing on the potential of our partnerships as we mark the first anniversary of their establishment across the diocese.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) AGM:** Since there was little interest expressed by parishioners in attendance at an AGM, a regular meeting of the PPC was instead held last Wednesday. One of the ideas put forward to encouragement greater engagement with the Parish Pastoral Council is for an agenda to be posted on the noticeboard a couple of weeks ahead of each meeting and for those parishioners interested in coming along to the meeting to add their names to a sign-up sheet. This procedure will be tried for the next meeting which is due to be held in the presbytery on **Wednesday, 11 July** at **7:00pm**.

**May Procession and Parish Family Picnic:** We will be holding our May Procession tomorrow, **Sunday, 20 May**, commencing at **2:00pm** in the church. This will be followed by the parish family picnic in the garden to the rear of the church. All welcome!

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - "Adoremus":** There is a Eucharistic Congress being held in **Liverpool** this year, **07-09 September**, the first to be held in England since 1908! Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Would YOU like to go? Please let me know by **this Monday** if you are interested. Costs will be covered by the Parish Partnership.

**Spring Party Unclaimed Prize:** If you are the holder of **Blue Ticket 701** from the recent Spring Party, please see Fr Robert or Irene Carey to claim your prize! All other prizes have been claimed.

**World Communications Day collection:** Thank you for your generosity last weekend in contributing to this collection. A total of **£130.60** was raised. This collection supports the Church in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media.

**Sick & Retired Priests Collection:** We will take up a retiring collection next weekend for the Northern Brethren Fund which cares for the needs of sick and retired priests. Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Spirituality for the End of Life:** A day for those interested in this very important area on **Thursday, 31 May** in **Salford**. See noticeboard for a poster with more information.

**Greetings from Fr Ejaz in Pakistan:** "I am grateful to you all for your concern, love and support for this humble cause. I would like to bring to your attention that the website of Nazareth House has been finalised and launched. This website will update you on the status of Nazareth House and all the children's activities in the Nazareth House and outside, like the school, etc. Once again I am thankful to you all for your efforts for less fortunate children. Thank you and God bless you." Fr Ejaz Hayat

The website address is: [www.nazarethhouse.org](http://www.nazarethhouse.org) (please note only one "h")  
NB: We have found that there are many Nazareth House sites. To access the one we want, it is easier to go to "Nazareth House Faisalabad" then look for "About us - Nazareth House". The site should come up.

**Diocesan Festival:** The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on **23-24 June** at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. See the noticeboard for more details. There will be inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. The theme is **Encounter**.

## The Kids' Bulletin

### Pentecost Word-Find

M E L O P T T A W M I A R A	N C Y R E N E A T	P A R T H I A N S
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S V P R O M E E L S		E L A M I T E S
O A P H R Y G I A I		M E S O P O T A M I A
P P A M P H Y L I A		J U D E A
O J D N G U P A G M		C A P P A D O C I A
T E O P O N T U S E		P O N T U S
A W C R E T A N S D		A S I A
M S I J U D E A E E		P H R Y G I A
I P A R T H I A N S		P A M P H Y L I A
A R A B S L I B Y A		E G Y P T

*On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different kinds of people who were in the city listening to them.*

All these people heard the apostles speaking in their \_\_\_\_\_!



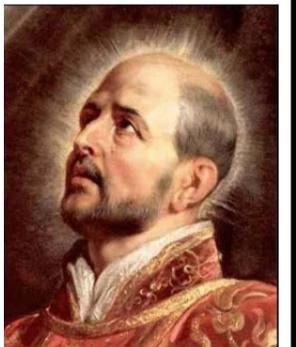
## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Philip Neri - 26 May

Philip was born in Florence in 1515. At the age of eighteen he went to Rome, and earned his living as a tutor. He undertook much-needed charitable work among the young men of the city, and started a brotherhood to help the sick poor and pilgrims.

He was advised that he could do more good as a priest, and was ordained in 1551. He built an oratory over the church of San Girolamo, where he invented services, consisting of spiritual readings and hymns, which were the origin of the oratorio (tradition is a good thing; but innovation also has its place). He continued to serve the young men of Rome, rich and poor alike, with religious discussions and by organising charitable enterprises. He had a particular care for the young students at the English College in Rome, studying for a missionary life and probable martyrdom in England.

He inspired other clergy to emulate him, and formed them into the Congregation of the Oratory. Oratorian foundations still flourish in many countries today. He died in Rome in 1595.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

## CONGRATULATIONS...

To Adam & Katherine KIRBY, parents of

### Georgia Grace

(Granddaughter of Pauline & Ambrose Burnside)

and to her loving family and friends, who was baptised here at St Patrick's last Sunday morning.

Please keep Georgia and the family in your prayers, that in the years ahead she will grow strong and courageous in the faith of Jesus Christ.

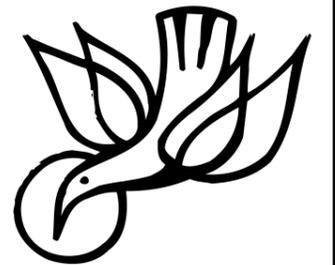


## ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~ PRAYER GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

**Pentecost Praise Service: Sunday, 20 May at 6:00pm** at Ushaw Moor Baptist Church.

See poster on noticeboard.

All welcome!



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Worship**  
Class 2 led our whole school collective worship this week, sharing last weekend's Gospel. We reflected on the importance of prayer, in helping us to stay close to God, with so many distractions in the world.

**Year 6 Tests**  
This week, our Year 6 pupils have been sitting externally set and externally marked tests, known as the Key Stage 2 SATs. We congratulate these pupils on their efforts, both in the lead up to this week and during the test period itself. Results will be released to schools in July.

**School Field**  
A wide and rather deep hole has appeared on the school playing field. This has resulted in the area being put out of bounds for the moment, until the cause has been identified and the problem resolved.

**Masses & Liturgies**  
Sunday, **20 May**, 2:00pm - May Procession

Wednesday, **23 May**, 2:45pm Class 2 (Years 3 & 4) - Liturgy in school

Thursday, **24 May**, 9:30am Classes 3 & 4 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) - Mass in church

Saturday **02 June**, 5:00pm - First Holy Communion Mass



## DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that the disciples were in Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost to celebrate the Jewish Harvest Festival?**

This festival occurs fifty days after the Passover, which was the time that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. Pentecost is, in fact, the Greek name for the Jewish festival of Shavuot, known in English as the Feast of Weeks. It also celebrates the covenant made by God with the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.



## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Therefore the Lord promised to send us the Holy Spirit to make us fit for God's purposes. Just as dry flour cannot coalesce into a lump of dough, still less a loaf, without moisture, so too we, being many, could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water which comes from heaven."

**St Irenaeus** (c.130—c.200)  
Bishop, Martyr and Father of the Church



**PLEASE PRAY...** for the following intentions throughout Ordinary Time: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

