

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 08 June</b> Vigil Mass for Pentecost	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Kathleen Caisley and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 09 June</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	6:00pm	Praise and Worship Service (No Mass)
<b>Monday 10 June</b> <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b> <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	6:30pm	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b> Wednesday of Week 10	9:30am	Service of the Word with Communion
<b>Thursday 13 June</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 14 June</b> Friday of Week 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Saturday 15 June</b> Vigil Mass for The Most Holy Trinity	5:00pm	Mass: <b>James, Hilda &amp; Joe Condron and pro populo</b>

## Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 08 June

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside  
Harry Curran

**Readers**  
Claire Lavery  
Marie Paily

**Children's Liturgy**  
Maria Griffiths  
Joanne Lidster

**Welcomers**  
Halina Holman  
Janet Harrigan

**Music**  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 15 June

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gordon & Angela Tosley  
Angela Harmston

**Readers**  
Pat Middleton  
Angela Tosley

**Children's Liturgy**  
Maria Griffiths  
Helen Riddles

**Welcomers**  
Paul & Anne Kelly

**Music**  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

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 for publication need to be submitted by **12:00noon on Thursday**.

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



Kathleen CAISLEY  
Pat CURRAN  
Pauline CAMPBELL  
Catherine THOMAS

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

John Byrne, Ann Canavan,  
Jack Tobin, Margaret Pouton,  
Vera Lumsden, Mary Spears,  
Frances Harland,  
Sylvia Kelly, Rose Crick,  
Frank Moran, Doreen Carroll,  
and Tom Taylorson



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## Pentecost Sunday

09 June 2019

### "...he will give you another Advocate..."

PENTECOST IS REGARDED as the time the Church was born, the time it was given life. Prior to the gifting of the Holy Spirit, the followers of Jesus were a rather timid bunch, gathered together in a room after the resurrection, fearing for their lives. We are all familiar with the confidence, energy and enthusiasm that gripped them after they were gifted with the Holy Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles gives us details of the changed demeanour of these men and what they achieved throughout the known world of their day with the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit with which we are gifted at our baptism and confirmation.

Talk of the Holy Spirit as a gift might be a useful way to try to comprehend something which is invisible and intangible, yet powerful and essential for the Christian life. By way of comparison, when we think of being given a gift by someone, it is valuable to us only if we can make use of it. For example, if a young child is given a bicycle as a gift, that child will need to learn to ride it, otherwise the bicycle gathers dust, no doubt to the disappointment of the one who gave the gift. If the child makes the effort to learn to ride the bicycle, then the gift becomes useful and not a waste of the resources of the one who gave it.

The Holy Spirit, as mentioned above, is given to the faithful in baptism and confirmation. As with any other gift, we are under no compulsion to make use of it. God never forces us to do anything. God wants us to make decisions in accordance with his will as a sign of our love. Yet we need the Holy Spirit if we are to live as faithful disciples: it is impossible to do otherwise. The Christian life asks much of us, including actions which go against our natural instincts – loving those who hurt us, for example – and we need the Holy Spirit to supply us with the knowledge, strength and courage to enable us to live that life.

But the Spirit can only occupy the space we give it to do its work. One of the great Fathers of the Church, St Basil, writing on the Holy Spirit in the fourth century, noted that "the power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith." It might be useful to think of the work of the Holy Spirit as being like air filling our lungs. If we don't look after our lungs, the capacity for them to take in the necessary air to supply oxygen to our blood is limited and we fall ill. Conversely, if we care for our lungs, we have a better chance of staying healthy. Likewise, if we constantly seek to nourish our faith with prayer, scripture, the eucharist and so on, then the Holy Spirit can fill us and spur us on to behaviour which is Christ-like, beyond that which we thought possible.

This Pentecost let us ask ourselves to what extent we have made space for the Holy Spirit. We have nothing to fear, and everything to gain, by inviting more of the Spirit into our lives!

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £225 Loose Plate: £159

**TOTAL: £384**

Mass Attendance: 135

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# What's going on...?

**Mass schedule for this week:** Please note the changes to the weekday Masses this week. I will be in London with the Year Six pupils from our parish school, along with some staff members, and so the only weekday Mass this week will be on Tuesday evening. A communion service will be offered on Wednesday at 9:30am as is usual under these circumstances.

**World Communications Day Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to this collection last weekend. It totalled **£120.80**.

**Upcoming Collections:** There will be a collection for **Day for Life** next weekend and **Peter's Pence** on **30 June**. The collection for the **Lay Training Fund** will occur on **07 July** and the **Apostleship of the Sea** on **14 July**.

**First Communion Candidates:** These children will receive their first Communion on **Saturday, 22 June**. Please continue to uphold them in prayer.

**Finchale Partnership Open Afternoon:** Thank you to all those who contributed to the great success of our Open Day last Sunday. We had nearly 70 visitors from surrounding parishes, all of whom were very impressed with our church, its history and the gardens. I want to thank especially those who helped in any way on the day, including Tamsyn (whose flower group did an outstanding job!), Mairead, Ann Marie, Irene, Angela, Margaret Purdom (who did a terrific history display!), Pauline, Joan (who, along with Wilf, ensured the gardens were at their

best), Halina, Tricia, Jane, Donna, Christine and Pat. Thank you to the cleaners who helped the church look its best on the day too. The visitors' book, full of positive comments, is available for you to view at the rear of the church.

**Partnership Day – 30 June:** The Finchale Partnership is organising a Partnership Day at Ushaw College on Sunday, 30 June. There will be Mass at 12.30pm (including children's liturgy), followed by activities and prayer for the rest of the afternoon. There will be a schools' choir concert and games for families, information about all the parishes in the partnership, a Memory Cafe for those affected by dementia, treasure trails and guided tours. Please see the poster on the noticeboard, and there will be more information on the programme for the afternoon and how to sign up for guided tours or if you need a lift to Ushaw, in the coming weeks.

**HCPT Fundraiser:** As has been advertised on the noticeboard in the porch, HCPT Group 25 are holding a Charity Ball on **Saturday 15 June** at the Radisson Blu in Durham. Cost is **£45.00** pp. See the flyer on the noticeboard for more details.

**Senior Citizens' Party:** This will be held at the usual venue, The British Legion, on **Saturday, 15 June**, beginning at **12:00noon**. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the church. Raffle tickets will be on sale over this weekend.

**Fr Michael Griffiths 40th Anniversary:** Fr Michael, well known to most of you, will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination on **Monday, 08 July at 6:30pm** at **St Joseph's, Hartlepool**. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the church so that Fr Michael can have approximate numbers for catering purposes after the Mass.

**Missio APF/Mill Hill Quarterly collections for the month of June:** Red boxes and brown envelopes will be collected by sponsors during the first three weeks in June.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CAFOD – Our Common Home Campaign

Our CAFOD representative, Tricia Whitfield, led an assembly on Monday morning. She explained CAFOD's campaign, which encourages us to take steps to combat climate change. This is a campaign in direct response to Pope Francis's encyclical, 'Laudato Si'. We thank Tricia for the time she spent with us.

### Masses in the chapel

We celebrated two Masses in our chapel this week, one with Year 5 pupils and one with Year 6. Thank you to Father Robert for leading us in these celebrations and for encouraging us to think about how we can reflect the face of God to all whom we meet.

### Durham Fire Service

Earlier this week, the Fire Service came to inspect our school. They also gave Classes 3 and 4 a talk about fire safety and a firefighter, dressed in full fire-fighting kit, visited their classes. The children also had the opportunity to use the hose, see inside the fire engine and see the special tools the fire service use.

### Butterfly Release

If you have been following us on Twitter, you may already know that our Reception children went into the church garden this week and released the butterflies they have watched develop from caterpillars. They were very excited to see them fly away in the sunshine!

### Masses and Liturgies (in our school chapel)

- YR Liturgy – Wednesday 19 June @ 3:00pm
- Y2 Liturgy – Wednesday 26 June @ 3:00pm
- Y1 Liturgy – Thursday 27 June @ 3:00pm
- Y4 Mass – Wednesday 03 July @ 2:45pm
- Y3 Liturgy – Thursday 04 July @ 3:00pm

Please feel free to join us in any of these celebrations.



## The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday  
June 9th, 2019



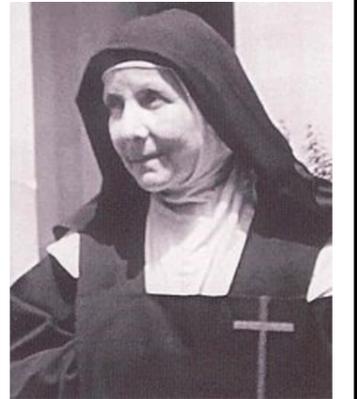
Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Bl Maria Candida of the Eucharist – 14 June

Blessed Maria Candida of the Eucharist was born on 16 January 1884 in Catanzaro. Her parents, Pietro Barba and Giovanna Florona, returned to Palermo, Sicily, where she received First Holy Communion on 03 April 1894. In 1919 she entered the Discalced Carmelite Monastery, Ragusa, making solemn profession on 23 April 1924. She was Prioress and Mistress of Novices many times, radiating a sense of Carmelite holiness both within and outside the community, influencing others with her love for the Eucharist, as well as by her numerous writings. She died on 12 June 1949, the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, and was beatified on 21 March 2004.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### Pope Francis' Mission Statement for June

May priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves to an active solidarity with the poorest.

*“When disciples of Christ are transparent and sensitive in life, they bring the Lord's light to the places where they live and work.”*



### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### Prayer Group & Bible Study

The next monthly **Prayer Group** will be held at **St John's, Meadowfield** on **Tuesday 18 June**, 9:30am - 10:15am. Refreshments from 9:15am.

**DH7's Pentecost Praise** will be happening right here at St Patrick's on **Sunday, 09 June**, beginning at **6:00pm**. There will be a guest preacher and refreshments to follow.

All are welcome at both of these gatherings!



### DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the Holy Spirit is sometimes referred to as the **“Paraclete”**, a Greek word meaning **Advocate or Consoler**, as heard in John's Gospel this weekend?

The Holy Spirit gifts us in many different ways. The Catechism speaks of the manner in which it cleanses us of sin, compels us towards unity, converts us, helps and sustains faith, intercedes for us, leads believers to the truth, is the author of sacred scripture, and is the source of all holiness. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate or Paraclete, meaning “he who is called to one's side.”



Coming Holy Spirit

### “QUOTE OF THE WEEK”

“Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations - we become God.”

**St Basil the Great** (c.330 - 379)  
Bishop and theologian  
*On the Holy Spirit*



**PLEASE PRAY....**for the following intentions during Ordinary Time as requested by Bishop Robert:  
**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....

