

A treatise by St Irenaeus

The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples to *go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God. He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, *the devil too had been cast down like lightning*. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

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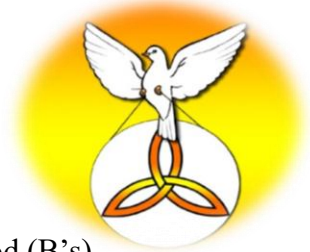
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Pentecost Sunday – 20th May 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)	6.00pm Parishioners
	8.30am Stewart Dooley (A)
	10.30am John Berry (RIP)
	4.30pm Brian Lamb (RIP)
Monday	8.30am Elizabeth & George Ellwood (B's)
Tuesday	8.30am Jenny & Joe (A) Hallworth
	12.35pm Dec. Members of the Legion of Mary (Mass at Holy Cross HS)
Wednesday	8.30am Private Intention (P.A.L.)
Thursday	8.30am Private Intention (M.T.)
Friday	8.30am Elizabeth Iles (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am In Thanksgiving (Baby Hugo)
	3.00pm Wedding Service: Martin Burland & Sophie Watson



Sunday next	6.00pm Victor D'Souza (RIP)
	8.30am Parishioners
	10.30am Harry Southworth (A)
	4.30pm Johnny Flanagan (B)



Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Canon Albert Shaw, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, Sister Francis, Grace Fernando, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd & Doreen Moss. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

V. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

R. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

IMPORTANT – Please contact St Joseph’s Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. Residents living at Buckshaw Retirement Village, who require Holy Communion at home please contact Euxton St Mary’s on: ☎ 262655, or email: mail@stmarys-euxton.com

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died** & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Stewart Dooley, Joe Hallworth & Harry Southworth.

Mother & Toddler Group: Meet on a Wednesday morning in the Primary School, Cedar Road from 9.00am until 11.15am.

St Joseph’s Retirement Club: New members welcome over 55 years of age. Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Admission 50p including Tea and Biscuits, Bingo, Artists and Outings. All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group: Meetings take place in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm every Wednesday. ALL welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

St Joseph’s Parish Centre – Members Notice:

For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: ☎ 275137
E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

St. Joseph’s Parish Bulletin: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@gmail.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same.

Race for Life – Susan Crompton is running this year – please sponsor her if you can – form in porch.

Chorley Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage: 18th to 22nd June. Coach leaves Chorley early on 18th June – cost £304.50. Contact J Noblett ☎ 265498.

APF “Mill Hill” Red Mission Box Promoters: Please collect your envelope from the Church Porch containing the necessary information regarding the emptying of Mission Boxes during the Month of May. Please return to the Sacristy by Sunday 3rd June. Thank You.

Readers Today: 20th May

6.00pm Martin Craven
8.30am M Redshaw/A Nolan/J Weldon
10.30am R Challoner/J Maynard/N O’Leary
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Next Sunday: 27th May

6.00pm Paul Southworth
8.30am E Whitney/M Eccles/C Jenner
10.30am J O’Leary/L Crowther/C Clarkson
4.30pm Richard Hunt

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am W Gildert/E Whitney/A Rabbitt
10.30am A Titterington/P Hilton/G Riley
V Christie
4.30pm Peter Cahill

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Geoff Kenyon
8.30am B Walmsley/M Redshaw/W Gildert
10.30am P Hilton/K Hart/R Hart
T Schofield
4.30pm Anne Marie Hegarty

Counters Today: J Simmons/T Schofield **Next Sunday:** S & M Caven/C Jenner

Altar Server this week: Oliver & Jaidin

Children’s Liturgy – “Little Church” every Sunday morning at the 10.30am Mass for children up to First Holy Communion age.

“Little Church” TODAY: Julie and Sandra

“Little Church” NEXT week: Paula and Julie

If you would like to help as a volunteer with Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday would you make contact with Father Stanley. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: 25th May at 9.00am:

B Walmsley, C Hunt, J Marino, M Holland, J Hargreaves.

Collections: Gift Aid: £794.92p **Loose Plate:** £630.83p **Total:** £1,425.75p
Second collection **LAST** weekend for: “World Communications.”

Gift Aid: £232.83p **Loose Plate:** £79.43p **Total:** £312.26p

Thank you as always for your wonderful and continual generosity.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: There are still 3 Tickets available for the Ordinations to the Priesthood in the Cathedral on **Saturday 7th July at 1pm.** Please speak to Fr Stanley if you would like to go – you will need your own transport. If more than 5 people express an interest we will have a Raffle! Please keep in your prayers Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mugan.