

DIARY

- SAT** Pentecost Vigil at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**
Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
Ecumenical Evening Prayer at 6 pm.
- MON** Mary, Mother of the Church.
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9 15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (Trinity) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2 (Wk. 7); Psalter: Sunday: Pentecost; otherwise Week 3.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: **Sat(19):** Richard Eades RIP; **Sat(26):** Don Mackenzie RIP.

READINGS

Vigil Readings: Gen.11:1-9; Exod.19:3-8,16-20; Ezek.37:1-14;

Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39.

Morning Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor.12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23.

Psalm Refrains:

(Vigil 1): *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

(Vigil 2): *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

(Vigil 3): *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

(Vigil 4 & Morning): *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth*

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

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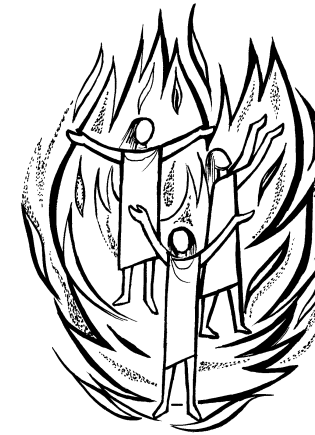
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SUNDAY 20 MAY, 2018



Dear Friends,

The Holy Spirit is sometimes called "The Gift" – the Gift of God. Good and honourable people, and most of all God, do not give useless gifts. The Holy Spirit is not some sort of pious fiction for the sake of children! If you have been baptised and confirmed, and do not experience power and deep joy in your spiritual life, it is not because God has given a useless gift but because you have not yet fully unwrapped that Gift. Keep seeking, and keep praying for God to help you to fully unwrap his Gift so that his Spirit may make a real difference to your faith as God intended!

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £279.15; Communications: £156.95

NEXT WEEKEND: Retiring Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: None this Friday or next; resumes 8 June.

PENTECOST VIGIL: This Saturday we have our customary Pentecost Vigil which will have extra readings and be a little longer than the usual Saturday evening Mass.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER FOR PENTECOST: This Sunday evening we will as usual for Pentecost have our Evening Prayer celebration, and as in the last couple of years, we will invite the other local Churches and adapt it slightly to make it suitable for an ecumenical celebration. Please try to support, and help to welcome our guests.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY: We are running the new CaFE film on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out Session 1. Starting on Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall starting at 10.30 am. Refreshments included. A sign-up sheet will be put out soon.

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY: St. Brendan's 6th Form College, Brislington, Bristol, Sat 30 June, 10.15 am, ending with Mass at 3.30 pm. Starting with Keynote, various workshops & displays. If you would like to attend, please telephone 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftdiocese.com Lunch will be provided for all participants, so they will need to know by Fri. 22 June.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & READERS: There will be workshops for both existing and newly-appointed Extraordinary Ministers and Readers (if you are both Readers and Ext.Ministers, you will have to choose!) at the Diocesan Family Day mentioned above; but you will have to be sent by your parish rather than book in yourself. If you have one of these ministries, please sign up on the list that will be put out shortly, in the list for the appropriate ministry. Readers will receive a special blessing at the Mass and Ext. Ministers will be (re-) commissioned.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thank you to all of you who supported this special time of prayer. I hope that you received great blessing from this special time of prayer.

NEW LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS: The Church has introduced 2 new liturgical celebrations in the calendar: the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church on the Monday after Pentecost, and the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest on the Thursday after Pentecost. Sadly, we will not have the opportunity to celebrate the latter, at least, this year, because of course we have no Mass on Thursdays.

FROM NORA: May is the Month of Mary. Let us gather round the Blessed Mother and ask for Her intercession, She who was able to move Her divine Son to perform His first public miracle, can still do that for us today. Join in praying for vocation in the priesthood, religious life and for sanctifying grace for Christian families. Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church during May.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any please send to the supplied on the front of the



information, articles, etc, presbytery at the address newsletter.