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SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

Observances for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday:
Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The phrase “being filled with the Holy Spirit” may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God’s life and in touch with the power and wonder of God’s presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the “works of the flesh” and the “fruits of the Spirit.” How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the “Spirit of truth” to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

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MASS SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass
5pm

Sunday
10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

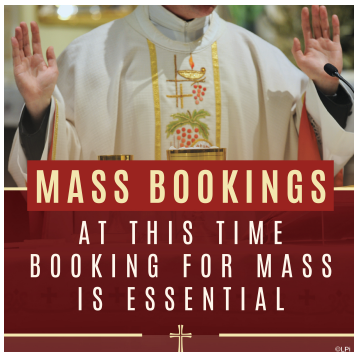
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)
Mass at 10am

Thursday
Mass at 7pm

Saturday Morning (online only)
Mass at 10am

*At this time, during current restrictions, booking is essential for **weekend Masses***



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Thank you!

St Charles' SSVP would like to thank everyone who has contributed to their Food Bank collections. In recent weeks, 75 bags and 5 boxes of items have been delivered. Thanks also for the extremely generous monetary donations. Your response to help those in need is magnificent. Please keep up the good work!



MASS BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS ARE STILL ESSENTIAL FOR WEEKEND MASSES THROUGH EVENTBRITE OR THE DEDICATED MOBILE NUMBER ABOVE

We **WILL NOT** be using a booking system for **WEEKDAY MASS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)**.

If we reach our capacity in the church (*which is unchanged*) up to 30 people will be able to

participate in Mass from the hall. Holy Communion will be brought to those in the hall.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR MAY

Pope Francis has asked that we pray throughout May for the end to the coronavirus pandemic. At the end of Mass each day during May we will pray a decade

of the rosary for that day's intention. Throughout the month there will be opportunities to join in the Rosary online.

The Rosary will be prayed at a different Marian Shrines throughout the world at 5pm each evening . The YouTube link is here: <https://youtu.be/dCDr9ft0Ym4>

The Rosary will also be prayed at shrines throughout Great Britain at 8pm each evening. Bishop Joh will be leading the Sunday prayers. Use the following link to access the details for each day. <https://rcdop.org.uk/rosary-stronghold>

THANK YOU!

For your continuing donations to support the parish over these past months. While these are essential for us, for many people this is a difficult time and everything that you give is very, very gratefully received and much appreciated

Donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

SPECIAL COLLECTION -

COMMUNICATIONS – 16 MAY 2021

This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees. You can donate easily to this by visiting our Diocesan website www.rcdop.org.uk and clicking on the 'Online Parish Offertory'. This allows you to

donate to any of the causes or parishes of your choice. Many thanks.

200 CLUB

Thank you for your continued support for the 200 Club. The next batch of winners and payments to them will be advised and made within the coming weeks.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Bishop John would like to invite all healthcare workers and friends to an evening celebration to mark the Year of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers. There will be a time of prayer before the blessed Sacrament, prayers for all those involved in our healthcare system and will finish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend at St. Mirin's Cathedral on **Thursday 24th June at 7.00pm**. More details about booking will follow next week.

ANNUAL MASS AT ST. CONVAL'S CEMETERY

Bishop John Keenan will celebrate our Annual Mass at St Conval' s Cemetery, Barrhead on **Sunday the 6th June at 2:00pm**. Tickets available to book now. Please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-convals-cemetery-mass-tickets-155817180381>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

As of 27 April 2021, Joe Walsh Pilgrimage Tours have ceased to trade. This will mean that all pilgrims who have bookings carried over from 2020 and 2021 will have to invoke a claim through the TOPS protection policy held by Joe Walsh Tours. This can be accessed by following the link on their website. If you have any problem with this please contact Fr Gerry McNellis on 01475 632078 or stninian@rcdop.org.uk

VOCATIONS

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service, but always for the same Lord." What kind of service do your gifts suggest? Perhaps you could offer them as a priest, deacon or in religious life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

SCRIPTURE AND SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 10TH – 11TH JULY 2021

John of the Cross and the experience of transforming love. This year's conference focuses on St. John of the Cross and his life changing teachings of how love can transform each and every one of us. Through six thought provoking talks, each of us can learn how to become beacons of light to greater reflect Christ and offer hope to a world in much need of healing. This year, we have been blessed with six renowned speakers, authors and experts, who will bring St. John's teachings to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality. For more information www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc or contact ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk Tel: 07849 596 572

THE LOGOS & LITERATURE: ELABORATING THE DIVINE

A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. Every second Thursday at 7:30pm from 29th April. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

CRAIG LODGE, DALMALLY, MISSION HOUSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Craig Lodge Community is offering a new opportunity to young Catholics on how to live a life of mission. Craig Lodge Mission House is a nine-month residential programme for any young adult between the ages of 18-30 who desires to become a passionate lover of Jesus and become *Spirit-filled evangelisers for the renewal of the Church*, (Pope Francis). *Community, prayer and studying of the Catholic faith and learning to proclaim the Good News to others*. The mission house will begin in September 2021 and applications are now being accepted. Visit the Craig Lodge website for more details. www.craiglodge.org/missionhouse

FAITH & REASON: A CATHOLIC INTEGRATION

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Runs 5th – 8th August. For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

**20 DAYS FOR LIFE JUNE 1ST
2021 TILL JUNE 20TH 2021
8AM UNTIL 8PM EACH DAY**

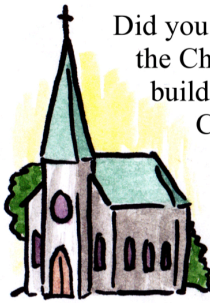
Due to Tier 4 restrictions our 2021 Lenten 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer and fasting vigil at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow was postponed. Sadly, in the midst of this current situation the government did not halt or restrict its abortion culture of death.

On March 23rd 2021 the government called for a UK National Day of Reflection to be held for those who had died from Covid the previous year. According to latest official figures at that time there had been **143,259 Covid deaths**. The following month April 2021 we marked the 53rd anniversary of the implementation of the **1967 Abortion Act which has resulted in almost 9.5million deaths of our unborn children here in the UK.**

Think of the unborn when you pray the words 'For what I have done and for what I have failed to do'. Think of those words in the ballot box. 'They will not grow old as we who are left grow old but we will remember them'.

We are coming out for a 20 Days for Life from June 1st until June 20th outside of the QEUH in Glasgow from 8am until 8pm each day. To take part email Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers. Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?



You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to Word-Find: The Holy Spirit.
Answer to puzzle on front: native language.

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Saint Bede the Venerable May 25

SAINT BEDE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 672, NEAR A MONASTERY. AT AGE 7 HE WAS SENT TO LIVE THERE AND SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE THERE.

HE BECAME A DEACON AT AGE 19 AND A PRIEST AT 30.

ST. BEDE LOVED LEARNING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT GOD.

Today I will tell you the story of St. Augustine's conversion.

HE WROTE MANY BOOKS TO PASS ON HIS KNOWLEDGE. I should write lives of the saints.

HE WROTE THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN ENGLAND, AND TRANSLATED THE BIBLE.

The whole world could not contain the books that could be written.

SAINT BEDE DIED IN 735. EVEN ON THE DAY OF HIS DEATH HE WORKED ON TRANSLATING THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN.

SAINT BEDE BECAME HOLY BY STUDYING AND TEACHING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE BIBLE, AND THE SAINTS WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO HIS COUNTRY. DO YOU KNOW WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO YOUR COUNTRY? YOU CAN HELP TO SHARE THE FAITH BY LEARNING MORE TOO!

The Kids' Bulletin



Pentecost Sunday
May 23rd, 2021



Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?
Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:
go around the Apostles clockwise,
skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.

Pentecost Word-Find

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

PARTHIANS
MEDES
ELAMITES
MESOPOTAMIA
JUDEA
CAPPADOCIA
PONTUS
ASIA
PHRYGIA
PAMPHYLIA
EGYPT
LIBYA
CYRENE
ROME
JEWS
CRETANS
ARABS

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



**Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Scotland
on the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si'
Pentecost 2021**

God saw all that he had made and indeed it was very good.[1]

God's creation is a great gift to all humanity, and humanity itself is an integral part of that creation. We are blessed by having the earth for our common home. It is a place of great beauty, teeming with life of all kinds, a world full of wonderful resources which enable us not only to live but to enhance our way of life. In nature, God's glory is revealed for all to see.[2] St Francis of Assisi was prominent among the saints in giving praise to God for the wonder of creation.[3]

We have been entrusted by God with the care of the earth,[4] but sadly we have not just used the earth we have abused it. We are destroying the seas, polluting the atmosphere and consuming the abundant but limited resources of this world while neglecting the needs of our poor brothers and sisters and showing no concern for tomorrow.

The earth, our common home, is given to all of humanity and its resources are not just for us to use now but to be preserved and passed on to future generations.[5]

As Christians we thank God for gift of creation, but, because we have taken that gift for granted, when we look at creation as it is now we are conscious of the failings of humanity; we are conscious of the need for what the gospel calls "metanoia",[6] not just sorrow for the abuse of creation, not just a change of heart, but a change of life and how we live our lives.[7]

A very solid scientific consensus[8] tells us that human activity has brought the earth to a crisis point and that action is needed that is both urgent and deep rooted, particularly due to CO2 emissions. Governments have a responsibility to work together, and with haste, to reduce emissions to a safe level. Governments also need to be concerned about adopting an economic model that no longer embraces consumption and waste, nor neglects the welfare of poorer nations. But this is not just an issue that we can leave to government to deal with. The COVID pandemic required us to undergo a complete change in our way of life in order to defeat the virus. Likewise a radical and sustained change in our lifestyle is required if the abuse of our planet is to stop and the damage be reversed.

The environmental crisis raises questions about how we live, how we work, how we holiday, how we travel, how the goods we purchase are manufactured and transported to us. This is an issue of both environmental and social justice.[9] It is not only that we must stop polluting the atmosphere, we need to recognise the right of all humanity to the world's resources.[10] The Christian message, that we are all part of one human family and that we share a common home, means that our earth's resources must be shared and used for the benefit of all and are not to be claimed as the exclusive property of any people or nation in whose territory these resources happen to be located.[11]

Not just as individuals but also as a Church we must discern what changes we have to make to the way of life we have taken for granted but which we now recognise to be unsustainable. The dioceses of Scotland are in the process of divesting from fossil fuel investments. The Bishops' Conference is aiming for carbon neutrality for its agencies, as are the dioceses in as sustainable and timely a way as possible.

We applaud the Catholic schools who have signed up to be Laudato Si' Schools and we encourage our parishes to join the Eco-Congregation initiative and to examine what practical measures can be undertaken at a local level.

All these efforts are a start, but much more is required if we are to undo the harm caused by generations of neglect and abuse. Scientists tell us that time is limited. All of us must, therefore, work with a sense of urgency to discern what needs to be done and to make the changes required. God has honoured us by giving humanity the task of being a co-operator in the work of creation. [12] In recent years we have seen in our brothers and sisters throughout the world a growing determination to change the destructive practices of the past. This gives us hope. Like the Creator we look at what God has created and see that it is very good. A sense of gratitude compels us to ensure that human activity enhances and builds up that creation.

That same gratitude prompts us to pray:

We praise you, Lord our God, for the gift of life.

We praise you, for the beauty and diversity of created things.

We praise you, for the rich resources of the earth and seas.

We praise you, for entrusting to humanity the care of our common home.

We praise you, for the opportunity to change our wasteful ways.

We praise you, for your boundless compassion and forgiveness.

We praise you, Lord our God, by our actions, in responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We praise you, Lord our God, Father, Son, and Spirit. Amen

[1] Genesis 1: 31: "God saw all that he had made and indeed it was very good"

[2] Ps 19: 1: "The heavens proclaim the glory of God"

Ps 148: 5: "Let them praise the name of the Lord"

Wisdom 1: 7: "The spirit of the Lord, indeed, fills the whole world"

Romans 1: 20 "Ever since God created the world his everlasting power and deity – however invisible – have been there for the mind to see in the things he has made"

[3] St Francis of Assisi, Canticle of Creation: "Praised be, my Lord, for all your creation".

[4] Genesis 2: 15: "To cultivate and take care of it"

[5] Pope Francis: Laudato Si', 159. "The world we have received also belongs to those who follow us."

[6] Matthew 3: 8

[7] Pope John Paul II, Message for World Day of Peace 1990, 13: "Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it takes a serious look at its life style".

[8] Pope Francis: Laudato Si', 23

[9] Pope Francis: Laudato Si', 139. "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental."

[10] Gaudium et Spes, 69: "God intended the earth with everything contained in it for the use of all human beings and peoples".

Pope Francis: Laudato Si', 95. "The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all."

[11] Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti, 124. "Nowadays, a firm belief in the common destination of the earth's goods requires that this principle also be applied to nations, their territories and their

resources.”

[12] Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 37: “[humanity’s] role as a co-operator with God in the work of creation”

Read more at: [Scottish Bishops establish a “Care of Creation Office” SCMO](#)