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Pentecost– 20th May 2018

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 will renew the face of the earth.

DATE		Mass intentions & other information
Saturday 19 th May (Mass pg.278, Pref pg. 62, Eu.P. pg.28.)	6.00pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Alice & James Bamber
Sunday 20 th May Pentecost (page 286)	9.00am	Vin Robinson "Come Holy Spirit Creator Come from thy bright heavenly throne. Come take possession of our souls and make them all your own."
Monday 21 st May St Christopher Magallanes & Companions	8.00am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Charlotte McAleer Divine Office Psalter Week 3
Wednesday 23 rd May	6.30pm 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament People of the Parish
Friday 25 th May St Bede the Venerable Pope St Gregory VII	8.00am 8.40am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet Private Intention
Saturday 26 th May St Philip Neri	6.00pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evelyn Smith
Sunday 27 th May The Most Holy Trinity	9.00pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for Fr Sony's mother, Wilf Houghton, and all our sick and disabled parishioners. Also, please pray for Vin Robinson, Margaret Wells, Frank Eastham, Leo Mason, Elizabeth Rhodes, Margaret Swarbrick, Frances Greenwood and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Sunday concludes Eastertime; Monday is the start of week 7 Ordinary Time, Weekday. Readings of Year 2.

The Cycle of Prayer Ordinary time Summer till September – We are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians & Jews.

Monday – Come and join us for a brew in the meeting room after Mass.

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet – you will find prayers on leaflets at back of church, please try and come a little earlier for Mass and join us.

Date for your diary – 2nd/3rd June – Corpus Christi - Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers.

Sunday 17th June at 9am – Thomas Kidd, Noah Seed and Sophie Clark will make their 1st Holy Communion.

Collection: w/e 6th May £368.84

Cheque from burial £250



POPE FRANCIS: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATHOLICS

Just days before Pentecost Sunday the Pope says Christians risk reducing the faith to a code of ethics

Without the Holy Spirit a person risks being just an "armchair Christian" who recites "a cold morality" without actually living out the Gospel, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass today.

Do not keep the Holy Spirit a prisoner, locked inside your heart; rather let him "push" and "move" you to boldly bring Jesus to others and to be able to be patient under pressure, the Pope said during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

There are still many Christians today who are unaware of how the Holy Spirit "moves the church", the Pope said. "He's the one who works in the Church, in our hearts, he is the one who makes each Christian" unique, but united together as one family of God, he said.

It's the Holy Spirit who "opens the doors and invites us to bear witness to Jesus", as well as inspiring people to pray and to see God as father, liberating individuals from feeling like an "orphan", which is what the devil would like to see, he said.

However, Christians risk reducing the faith to a code of ethics when they do not live out the mission of the Holy Spirit, the Pope said. Christians, he said, can't limit themselves just to following the Ten Commandments "and nothing more", which leads to "casuistry and a cold morality", he said.

The Christian life "isn't ethics. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ," he said. And it's the Holy Spirit who "brings me to this encounter with Jesus Christ".

The Pope's homily looked at the day's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19:1-8), in which St Paul meets a group of disciples who were baptised by St John the Baptist and had never heard of the Holy Spirit. After Paul baptises them in Jesus' name and lays his hands on them, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and receive his gifts.

The Pope asked people to reflect on whether they are keeping the Holy Spirit, which they received at baptism, locked inside their hearts -- like in a "luxury" prison -- where he is not free to incite, inspire and explain Jesus' word to the outside world.

"The Holy Spirit cannot make us 'virtual' Christians who are not virtuous. The Holy Spirit makes real Christians. The Spirit takes life as it is and prophetically reads the signs of the times pushing us forward," he added.

The Pope asked people reflect on how the Holy Spirit dwells in them and to pray for the grace to submit to him