

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting: and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. "Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians. Medes and Elamites: people from Mesopotamia. Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia. Phrygia and Pamphylia. Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene: as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike -Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 103

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth,

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created; and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of services to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

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Peace be with you

There are times when our life situation is so overwhelming that we wonder if we will ever experience the peace of Christ which is already within us. Jesus shows us how this is possible when almost immediately after his greeting, "Peace be with you" he speaks about forgiveness.

"Forgiveness reveals *three goodnesses* simultaneously. When we forgive, we choose the goodness of the other over their faults, we experience God's goodness flowing through ourselves, and we also experience our own capacity for goodness in a way that almost surprises us. We are finally in touch with a much Higher Power, and we slowly learn how to draw upon this Infinite Source. The Spirit within us creates an unrelenting desire toward forgiveness and reconciliation. True Spirit-led forgiveness always frees and heals at least one of the parties involved, and hopefully both. To live in peace we need to extend forgiveness not only to all people but also to everything. We need to forgive reality for being what it is. *Forgiving everything for being what it is* becomes the only way we can finally live at peace." [1]

"I've come to see that the deepest source of my misery is not wanting things to be the way they are. Not wanting myself to be the way I am. Not wanting the world to be the way it is. Not wanting others to be the way they are. Whenever I'm suffering, I find this war with reality to be at the heart of the problem. The answer to anxiety lies in focusing my attention upon that which is greater than those things about which I feel anxious. As I learn to rest and trust in the faithfulness of God, the anxious knots of my life begin to untangle. It begins to be possible to meet each day, not with fear and uncertainty, but with openness, acceptance and surrender." [2]

Eckhart Tolle differentiates between our *life situation* and *our life*. "Underneath the various conditions that make up *our life situation* - which exists in time - there is something deeper, more essential: *our Life*, our very Being in the timeless Now. Only through surrender do we have access to it. Surrender is to relinquish inner resistance to what is." This is the only way we can finally live in peace

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Stephen Cope

Pentecost Year A 31st May 2020

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Saturday 30th May 2020

Sat	Special Intention	
Sun	For our parish	<i>PENTECOST</i>
Mon	John & Mary Turner	<i>Feast: Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
Tue	In thanks for successful recovery	
Wed	Theresa Crook	<i>Feast: St. Charles Lwanga & Comp</i>
Thur	Margaret Mary Turner	<i>Feast: Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</i>
Fri	Pat Woodley	<i>Feast: St. Boniface</i>
Sat	Sabina McDonagh	
Sun	For our parish	<i>TRINITY</i>

Masses received this week:

Sabina McDonagh, In thanksgiving for a successful recovery. In thanksgiving for all our wonderful volunteers at St. Anthony's, John & Mary Turner, Eric Hyland, Graham Tyers, Pat Woodley.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge further donations for the Food Bank and Cafod Emergency Appeal.

SCHOOLS. Lancashire County Council have advised schools to NOT open from 1st June as planned but to continue opening for key workers only. This is because the key 5 tests for safety have not yet been met. Our school has remained open every day - including school holidays and bank holidays for children of key workers.

The Preston **Corpus Christi** devotions will take place at St. Walburge's on Sunday 14th June, 2020 at 2.00pm via the live stream facility as the Church will be closed.

Please pray for: Bishop Paul, Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Teresa Clarkson, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough, Mary Kathleen Kellett, Chris Goldsmith, Frank & Norah Stanton, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Carole Adnitt, Frances & Les Farrer.

Also the isolated and lonely, all medical staff and carers, those in research, the Government and all world leaders, all who are assisting the public in any way.

... for those who have died recently: John Lovett, Michael How, Mary Anne Owens;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Brian Davies, Jack Burke, Maria Feldwick, Vincent Gale, Joseph Gildert. Gerald Hadyn Curwen, Leslie Curwen, Gerald Wilding, Louise Baxendale, Bill Carling, Gerald Ibison, Robert Bradley, Ian Speight. Sabina McDonagh.

Church is closed - but our parish lives!

Virtual 'Coffee Morning' The zoom Coffee Morning worked well last Sunday. 19 people tuned in from 11.00am. To join this Sunday just search for 'Zoom' on Google. No need to sign up, or log in. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570226629> Click 'Join a Meeting' (top right of Zoom page). Enter the meeting number 835 7022 6629 Our meeting will show as 'St Anthony's Coffee Morning' Remember to allow Audio and Video (so we can hear and see you!) You will not be able to join until 11.00am.

Prayer Tree. We have a 'Prayer Tree' in church where we are hanging prayer intentions. We invite all the parish to pray with us. Prayers for ourselves, for our work, the Church and our world. Prayers for others, prayers that others have asked us to make on their behalf.

You can print out a leaf and write your prayer on it, scan the leaf back parish.priest2@btinternet.com (Please do not include any identifiable personal details) and we will display it physically in church. Or just send your prayer intention. We will post a picture of our blossoming tree on our 'Keeping Together' e-mails.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES Bishop Paul writes:

I recognise you may well be facing questions from parishioners, and may be personally disappointed that churches cannot re-open at all at present. In response to the Government's announcement that it may be possible for churches to re-open after 1st July our bishops say:

"The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this. The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship. In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship." Those who correspond with you about their frustration about churches being closed are invited to write to their MP.

Pentecost Sunday – National Rosary Rally 9.00 am – 9.00 pm

This weekend a Rosary Rally is being held throughout England & Wales and Scotland. Each hour is assigned to dioceses for them to lead the rosary with individuals, families, and parish and other groups. Our diocese of Lancaster has been assigned the hour from 5 pm until 6pm along with Westminster and Argyll & the Isles. The intentions are:

- for faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations
- an end to the virus and its effects that prevent us from living life in abundance
- the protection of the common good and people's economic livelihoods
- preservation from disaster and war.

Repeat notices

- **The Catholic Voice of Lancaster:** Our Diocesan newspaper for June is available but only online See: <http://www.catholicvoiceoflancaster.co.uk/>

- Fr. Peter continues to offer **Mass** on behalf of the parish every morning at 8am. If you wish Mass to be offered for any intention simply ask, either by phone or by e-mail.

- There are **Newsletters** every weekend as usual. Copies will be on St. Anthony's school website (and Holy Family website). If you would like one by e-mail send your e-mail address to parish.priest2@btinternet.com