

St Anthony of Padua

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The Energies of the Spirit of God

'Pentecost is a feast of the mysterious movement of God. Each year it is an invitation to be attentive once more to God's presence in our lives. The Apostles, locked together in a room, suddenly experienced the movement of the Spirit as a rushing wind which brought a surge of energy which hadn't been there before, an energy which changed their attitudes and motivated them with enthusiasm and hope. They moved from being weak and discouraged to being people with inner vitality. They discovered a dynamic power of love and a new determination to live what Jesus had proclaimed to them. We need to be attuned to the movement of the Spirit if we are to hear the call to transformation or deeper growth. We can forget or take for granted the smaller breezes if we are not deliberately attentive to them. It is easy to dismiss these moments of transformation, either because we are too busy or because we do not recognise the activity of the Divine in our everyday lives.

Galatians 5:22 describes the working of the Spirit of God as the fruits of 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' I used to think of these fruits as 'things' given to us, like something in gift boxes. Now I think of them not as things but as energies. They are dynamic sources of growth in us. We often pray "Come Holy Spirit" as if the Holy Spirit is separate from us. We are created in the image and likeness of God, therefore the Spirit of God is already within us. Our prayer then becomes, "Come forth from within us and help us to recognise and live your energies. May we be aware of your rushing wind and may it bring about change in us and through us." We can choose whether or not to act upon these energies, whether or not to allow them to become effective in us. The poet Jessica Powers writes that the person who experiences the wind of the Spirit "turns like a wandering weather-vane towards love." We always have the option to resist this turning. The choice is ours.'

Adapted: Joyce Rupp. May I have this Dance?

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 15th May 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Rawcliffe	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Bob & Marie Garlington For our parish John Wynn	PENTECOST
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gladys Kellett	<i>Feast: Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joan Airey	<i>Feast: St Bede the Venerable</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Philip Neri</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanksgiving for safe delivery	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Tony O'Connor Joyce Hilton For our parish	TRINITY SUNDAY

Masses received this week: In thanksgiving for safe delivery, Gladys Kellett, Eric Kellett, Ann Kathleen Corless, Joan Airey, Tony O'Connor, Joyce Hilton, Marie Gardner, family & friends of Marie Gardner.

Last Weekend: Attendance 165 (74,64,27). Offertory: £607.00 Ascension £123.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the Church. At the first Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, went out and preached fearlessly. This Pentecost we pray that the Church may be renewed by the Holy Spirit in faith and energy, and go out into the world and preach the Good News.

Like the apostles in the Upper Room, we are filled with fear - in our relationships, in our nation and our world. "The Holy Spirit overcomes fear" (Pope Benedict XVI). Come, Holy Spirit into our hearts, our lives, and our world to proclaim God's power and love.

We pray for all who suffer from abuse and violence. May God comfort them and send healing for their wounds of body, soul, and spirit.

We pray for our parish community. We pray that as we go about our daily business among friends and strangers, we may recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ourselves, and in all those around us.

We pray for **those who are sick:** Joan Green, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Les Farrer, Marie Gardner, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw;

those who have died recently: Christina Burns, Marie Gardner, Carole Worgan;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eric Welsby, John Dwyer, Peter Kevill, Dorothy Hedley, May Dickinson, Veronica Chanter, Richard and Mary Murphy, Gerard Walsh, Maria Garlington, Marie McCartney. May they rest in peace.

Pentecost: (A note from Bishop Paul).

Looking forward to the Solemnity of Pentecost, I bring to your attention a Novena of Prayer for evangelisation and renewal of the Church. The Novena began on the Solemnity of the Ascension. You will find the information and resources available from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

The Rosary in May—the month of Our Lady:

Pope Francis asks the whole Church to pray the Rosary throughout this month for an end to the Pandemic. You can join the online Rosary each night in May at 8pm at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or www.walsingham.org.uk or see the Walsingham Blog. Sunday May 30th between 5-6pm is the Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Lancaster.

Coronavirus in India

Thank you for the donations in the "bucket" collection over the last two weeks. These came to almost £500— a wonderful total. This has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (via CAFOD).

Opening up

The Bishops' Conference has issued new guidance regarding Church Services based on latest Government advice. In the light of the present surges in Blackburn and Bolton and elsewhere we'll move cautiously in implementing the relaxation. We'll still take phone numbers just in case. Most people are now well used to the safety requirements in church so there's less need for guidance by our stewards. The stewards continue to do a wonderful job sanitising the benches and doors etc. after every Service. We all owe them a great debt of thanks for their generous service to keep us safe.

The main differences so far concern the number of people who can attend baptisms, weddings and funerals. We'll get back to Bidding Prayers and individual responses at holy communion shortly.

Baptisms - We can now celebrate baptisms with some restrictions. Up to 30 people can now be present. A number of people have been enquiring but it may take a little while to get through the backlog.

Funerals are limited only by the social distancing needed in each church. We can safely accommodate up to about 100 at St. Anthony's.

Returning to Mass

It has been heartening to see parishioners returning to Mass week by week, possibly as people have had the second jab. For anyone still hesitating, the 5.00pm Sunday evening Mass is the quietest of the three weekend Masses.

Coffee Morning

For the last few months we have been having a virtual Coffee Morning at 11.00am every Sunday. (Meeting ID: 895 6995 1776 Passcode: 860518). With the easing of the lockdown it has been suggested that we have an open-air Coffee Morning in the Church garden after 9.15am Mass this Sunday. Sadly the weather hasn't co-operated so we'll have to see how we get on. Bring your own chair or rug to sit on!

The Craft and Chat group

- will resume on Monday 7th June between 10am -12noon in the Padua room. All are welcome to sew, knit, crochet, embroider or just chat. For information contact Karen Hardman 01772 464110

The Parish Centre has now reopened.