

Pentecost Sunday, (B)
19th May 2024

FIRST READING (Acts 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 around 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm

103:1,24,29-31,34)

**R/. 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 for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

SECOND READING (Galatians 5:16-25)

A reading from S Paul's Letter to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since

self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Services this week

PENTECOST

Sun 19th	9.00am Mass (St Aidan's) 10.30am Mass
Mon 20th	no mass
Tue 21st	6.15pm mass
Wed 22nd	10.30am mass (St Aidan's)
Thu 23rd	6.15pm mass
Fri 24th	10.00am mass
Sat 25th	S Bede the Venerable: 10.00am mass

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sun 26th	9.00am Mass (St Aidan's) 10.30am Mass
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***Be still: the ground on which you are standing is
holy***

Please maintain silence on entering the church;
speak to God before mass;
let God speak to you during mass;
speak to each other after mass.

WELCOME to our worship today, whether at St Augustine's or St Aidan's. Join us in speaking praise to God: join us also in keeping silence before mass, in listening to the voice of the Lord.

We welcome to our 10.30am service this morning the family and friends of Jack Ratcliffe, whose ashes are to be interred in the Memorial Garden after mass.

Congratulations to David Taylor and Ruth Taylor, who were elected as your Churchwardens last Sunday, and to Mandi Watson, Katherine Taylor and Sue Loftus, who were elected to the Parochial Church Council.

Parish Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024 Everyone is welcome to join us on our annual Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth. Please put your name on the list at the back of church, place the deposit (the second deposit is also due) in one of the envelopes provided and hand it to Elsie or Linda. Thank you. Alternatively, St Matthew's are having a shorter pilgrimage 28th– 29th September. The total cost will be in the region of £145 for adults and £100 for children. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to go.

Priestly Anniversaries Two priests, well-known in the Diocese and in the Society, are celebrating their Diamond Jubilees of Priestly Ordination this week: Fr Ronald Croft at St Hilda's, Prestwich on Saturday 24th May at 2.00pm, and Fr John Sykes on Saturday 25th May at 12.00pm. If you would like to join us, please let Fr Tony know (for catering purposes); please remember them and all priests in your prayers.

Patronal Festival We will be keeping St Augustine's Day a week tomorrow with a Sung Mass at 7.30pm. If you can help with the buffet, please make a note on the list at the back of church, or have a word with Ruth Taylor.

The Annual Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Preston is a week on Saturday, beginning at 12.00pm. See poster in the porch for further details.

Bible Study Group tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Church Cleaning Tomorrow (Monday) from 10.00am onwards. As many helpers as possible, please.

The Sick: Keith Schofield, Roy Bryan, Sandra Smith, Brenda Sherlock, Derek Kruup, Catherine Princess of Wales, Dawn Randle and Theresa Stott.

Departed: Jack Ratcliffe, Joy Robinson, Richard Clare.

Anniversaries:

Sun 19th	Albert Eatough, Ellen Stone.
Mon 20th	Sarah Lee, John Kay, Agnes Ratcliffe, Annie Dingsdale, Albert Cunningham, Ellen Brogan, Joyce Bradley.
Thu 23rd	John Poulton, May Gill.
Fri 24th	Walter Haslem, Edwin Nickson (pr), Richard Dwyer, Edwin Burke, Michael Brown, Eva Barnes, David Page.
Sat 25th	Percy Galway, Bette Norie, Helen Hollindrake.

Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.