



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
Holywell. CH8 8PE



MAY 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Timings

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Pentecost which means fiftieth was the second of three most important Jewish Feasts. For the Jews it was a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. It occurred seven weeks after the Passover and on this day the first fruits of the wheat crop were offered to God. It was on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus came down upon the Apostles in the form of tongues of Fire and rested on them, and thus marked the beginning of the New Israel, the Church.

In the First Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, In obedience to Jesus' command to remain in the upper room, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem and waited in prayer for the fulfillment of the promise of being anointed by the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. It symbolized a new creation. In Genesis 1:2 we read that *Ruha (Spirit) swept over the waters*, and this was the beginning of creation. In the same way the descending of the Holy Spirit marked a new creation- Church. On that day there was also a reversal of Genesis 11:9, the Lord confused their language and were unable to understand each other. On the day of

Pentecost even if Peter was speaking in Aramaic people from all over the world speaking different languages were able to understand the message.

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter to Corinthians St. Paul presents the Church as the Body of Christ with different members and each member is given different ministries and specific Charisms needed to fulfill the ministry and thus to build up the church. When each one uses the charism responsibly it will contribute to the wellbeing of the total body of Christ, the Church. Since all are baptized in the same Holy Spirit and given the same Living Water, the Holy Spirit, to drink all are one in Christ. The Jews and Greeks, slaves and free all are baptized in the same Spirit, and this is the reason for the unity in the Church. This explains the unity in diversity existing in the Holy Catholic Church.

The Gospel of Today is the version of St. John about the conferring of the Holy Spirit up on the Apostles. After wishing them peace which is a Jewish way of greeting each other (Shalom), and a gift of the Risen Lord to the world (John 14:27) Jesus breathed on them and conferred the Holy Spirit. Here John uses a play of Words, the word for breath and Spirit are the same Greek word *Pneuma*. The breath that came out of Jesus was his own Spirit, and that Spirit was conferred to the Disciples. Then he shared His own ministry of reconciliation with the Disciples. They were given the authority to forgive the sins and send out to the whole world to reconcile everybody with God. Sin separated mankind from God and divided humanity. Now the ministry of reconciliation Jesus inaugurated and handed over to the Church by forgiving the sins is to be continued till the end of the World.

All the three readings convey the message of unity effected by the Holy Spirit. On the Feast Day of Pentecost let us pray ardently for this unity in our families, communities, in the Church, and the whole world.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- MAY 12, 2024

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| Loose cash | £156.65 |
| Gift Aid | £120.00 |
| Total | £276.65 |

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

HOUSE BLESSING

Fr. Paul and Fr. Jose will be most happy to avail themselves for the blessing of the houses of the Parishioners during the coming months. If anybody like the priests to come and bless the house, please approach Fr. Paul, and fix a convenient date and time.

ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION AND PADRE PIO DAY

On May 25, Saturday a One-Day convention and Padre Pio Day is organized to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the Vincentian Mission at Pantasaph. The programme will start at 9.30 am and will end at 3.30 pm. Rt. Rev. Peter Brignall, the Bishop of Wrexham has agreed to officiate the Holy Eucharist on that day. The Divine UK team will lead the convention. All are welcome to join us to thank God.

On May 25th, Saturday, there will not be 4.00 pm Vigil Mass.

Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer

Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry

The Café remains open on Saturdays and Sundays. The parishioners are welcome to have refreshments after the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Benson, John Heylenn, Margaret Conway, Jane Neville, James Welsh, Olwen Robinson, Ivor Woolley, Justin Oare, Colin Auld, Frank McNally, Violet Armour, Bonnie Hughes

Let their souls rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

| DATE | OFFERED BY | INTENTION |
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| May 18, Saturday | | For the Parishioners |
| May 19, Sunday | Osric Pereira | Sandra Pereira |
| May 20, Monday | Kate Ward | Brian Ward, healing |
| May 21, Tuesday | Louise Parry | Tony Parry, healing |
| May 22, Wednesday | Carmel Jones and Billy Glynn | David and Ann Parry RIP |
| May 23, Thursday | Pat Stokes | Pat and Kathleen Jones RIP |
| May 24, Friday | Adeline | Juao and Adeline |

CURRY NIGHT AT PADRE PIO & ST. VINCENT'S CAFÉ, PANTASAPH

Would like to Welcome You to book a place for our **AUTHENTIC INDIAN CUISINE NIGHT (4 course meal £30pp) 30th May 2024 @ 7pm, Thursday.**

Please book at the Cafe: £10 deposit payable pp.
We hope to see you there. Blessings from Cafe Staff.

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