



Sunday 19th May, 2024

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When the Holy Spirit entered the disciples, other people heard and they saw, they saw how the disciples behaved, they saw how the members of the early Church cared for one another and how they looked after the poor and needy. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to talk as the Spirit enabled them to speak. At Pentecost we have a wonderful opportunity to examine how God might want to use us and how the Spirit might enable us. The disciples were changed but were still the same disciples, with the gift of the Holy Spirit enabling them to do great things. We too are enabled to do great things.

Dear Sisters & Brothers, In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this I, together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for our Common Home. Each of these commitments is developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision, it is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website. With assurances and prayers. (Bishop Stephen)

To help people model Spiritual Conversations, the Diocese is offering the following workshop at English Martyrs and SS Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9BY, on Thursday 23rd May, 6.30pm – 7.45pm. Please arrive early for refreshments. Please register your attendance by visiting the Diocesan website www.diocesehn.org.uk and select 'What's On' where you will find a form to register. This workshop is being offered to support communities in their exploration and discernment of the Diocesan Vision. Cost: free

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Lay Training Fund which is used for all areas of adult formation and education which are not normally provided as part of parish life. We need to understand our faith and we need to know what the Church teaches and be able to discern our calling so that we can live out our vocation and mission and thus witness to the faith we have, in response to the changing needs of the Church within society. The Lay Training Fund is available to support this vision. This collection will remain open for private and group donations until Sunday 16th June.

Discernment Workshops: A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Taking place on the 28th May, 11th June, 25th June. Open to young adults (20s and 30s). In these workshops we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com



Pentecost Sunday			
19	Sunday	9.00am	John Bentley
20	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Jimmy Hanley Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
21	Tuesday		
22	Wednesday		
23	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
24	Friday	9.15am	Lily & Des Toole
25	Saturday	9.15am	Nicola Holmes
The Most Holy Trinity			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Sheila Kerr
Anniversaries:			
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 26th May ~ Veronica Lindo			
Feast Days: 20th May: Mary, Mother of the Church, 3rd May: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 25th May: St Bede the Venerable			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			

Prayer for our Parish at Pentecost

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our church and parish, in the ministry of word, prayer, Sacrament and in the community helping those in need. Open our minds to worship you in spirit and in truth and open our eyes to the opportunities you give us. Amen.

Christ, our Morning Star, splendour of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope. (by St Bede the Venerable)

May Celebration of Our Lady at English Martyr's & SS Peter & Paul on Saturday 25th May, starting at 3:30pm with Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by the Procession of Our Lady. This will be followed by Mass at 6pm with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

DIARY DATE ~ Significance Festival Weekend – 29th June 2024: We look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10.00am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen Wright, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening. Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at: nsalkeld@ymt.org.

Parish Shop . . . New stock is now on display in Parish Shop. Cards for all occasions, Gifts, Statues and First Holy Communion Gifts. All welcome.

Fifth Annual Alzheimer's Society Charity Concert . . . This is part of Dementia Action week. It will be held at Greens Lane Methodist Church, Hartburn, on Saturday 25th May at 7.30pm. Music by Bella Canta Ladies Choir. Free entry with retiring collection for the charity.