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# Sunday 20th May 2018 Pentecost Sunday

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**CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm**

### Entrance antiphon\*:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### Psalm R/:

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

### Acclamation:

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

### Communion antiphon\*:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

\* Not said if sung Mass

## NOTICES

### Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to £177.65 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many thanks.

### Diocesan Prayer Link

St Mary, Swindon

### Cleaning Rota

Team A

### Adoration

Eucharistic: Tuesday 1pm-1.50pm and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm and Perpetual: Thursday 10am to Friday 7pm.

Newsletter items to [elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk](mailto:elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk) no later than 10am Wednesday mornings.

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## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: B (1) Liturgy of the hours: Proper of season

	Pentecost Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
StF	8pm (Sat, vigil) 11am 6pm	9am	9am Morning Prayer 2pm Rosary	7pm	9-15am 12 noon Funeral	9am Praying the Sunday Readings	-
StJ	6pm (Sat, vigil) 9am		3pm Waverley Court	-	-	10am	11am at Our Lady of Ostrobrama

## Pentecost Sunday

We're familiar with the story of the upper room on that day of Pentecost and we're familiar with that 'anointing' to send out that takes place. The Spirit of Lord that came upon Jesus to send him out with good news for the poor is the same Spirit that empowers the disciples to be that good news for the wider world. There's something

beautiful in the Sequence that is offered to us praying that the Spirit will bring us a healing for our woundedness, a washing upon our sinfulness, a refreshing upon our dryness, a warmth for our chill, a melting upon our frozen hearts. Without the Spirit our mission and our working will be somewhat empty and lifeless. With the Spirit of the risen Christ within us, it is Christ who touches and renews our world with healing and life through us. The mission is always Christ's mission; we are simply the earthenware jars that hold the beautiful gift of Christ that we seek to breath upon our world through the lives we lead. May our lives be ablaze with the gift of the Spirit so that our world may be renewed in love through the witness we give.



## PRAYER BOARD

### Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Nancy Evans and Josef Leduchowicz.

**Anniversaries:** 20th May, Arthur Robert Perkins, 1999. Kathleen McFadden, 2016; 22nd May, Patrick Lawrence Plevin, 1991; 23rd May, Joy McNamna, 2007; 24th May, Alice May Houlden, 2004; 25th May, James Laurie Crook, 1990.

## Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Shirley McKiernan, Kathleen Hucker and Garry Scutcher who died recently. Kathleen's funeral will take place at St Francis' this Thursday 24th May at 12 noon, Shirley's on 6th June at 11-30am and Garry's Friday 8th June 11am. Also, last Thursday, Tom Hegarty died suddenly - may he rest in peace and rise in glory. We offer our prayers and thoughts to his family.

## Adoration

On Thursday 24th May adoration will be suspended between 11.00 - 2.00 as there is a funeral in church at midday. If you would like to join the adoration rota either on a regular basis or as occasional cover please speak to Fr Tom or email [susanmazza@btinternet.com](mailto:susanmazza@btinternet.com)

## First Communion

Please pray for all our children who are preparing for their First Communion on Sunday 10 June.

## Drive a priest

Fr Stanislaw Cieslak SJ will be coming to our parishes this summer to celebrate the weekend Masses on 4/5 and 11/12 August but needs transport to get here from Weston-super-Mare where he is staying. If anyone would be willing to collect him from Weston or take him back after Mass or drive him between the two parishes please let Fr Tom know.

## Teams of our Lady

We are planning to start a new Team in our parish. Teams of Our Lady is an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams provide a proven method of increasing and improving prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other. If you would be interested please contact Fr Tom.

## Parish Pilgrimage

We will be having a parish pilgrimage for the month of May to Our Lady of Ostrobroma in Bristol next Saturday 26 May, with Mass at 11am, rosary and lunch with the Polish community. Walkers will depart at 7-00am and those using provided transport at 9-45am. We'll return to Nailsea early afternoon. The suggested contribution is £10 for adults to help cover the cost of the lunch. Sign up now and pay this weekend please.

## Invitation

St Francis School would like to invite all parishioners to join us for Mass in the School hall followed by tea and cake on the following dates:

- Friday 29 June at 1-30pm - Feast of St Peter & St Paul
- Wednesday 18th July at 10am - End of Year Mass

## Glastonbury Pilgrimage

Information for Pilgrims attending the Glastonbury Pilgrimage – Sunday 8th July 2018: The Pilgrimage will have four main focal points: St Mary's Church will be a Chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration until 3pm. Immediately opposite the Church, just inside the Abbey Gate, you will find two tented Chapels: one for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and one for private Healing Prayer. The traditional Pilgrimage Procession will start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm. The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Grounds, as usual, at 3.30pm. See notice board for more information.

## Charity Quiz Night

Saturday 30th June, 7.30pm - St Joseph's Church, Portishead. Quiz rounds and skill challenge. Raffle and Ploughman's supper available, bring your own drink. £12 a team - 6ppl max. All profits to Parish Charities: Bristol Street Pastors, CAN and Christians

Against Poverty. Register a team with Tom: [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

## Chip shop church

Local children set for an action-packed week at CTINAD's holiday club. Nailsea and District's children and young people are set for a week of fun and games at the Christians' Together holiday club! Based on Scripture Union's Rocky's Plaice holiday club material, the week will be full of creative teaching, games, craft, songs, prayers and Bible reading as children learn about God's great plan for salvation. The holiday club runs from 10am–3pm from 7-9th August and is open to all children in primary school who have completed their first year (Reception class). If you'd like to get involved please let Kirsty or Sharon know and on which dates you'd be free! Contact Kirsty on [familiesworker@gmail.com](mailto:familiesworker@gmail.com) or Sharon on [Sharon.matthews@htnailsea.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.matthews@htnailsea.org.uk)

## Have you any spare rosaries?

I volunteer at the Chaplaincy in BRI and we are frequently asked by patients for a rosary. The chaplaincy doesn't have any funding so supplying these can be difficult. If by any chance you have any rosaries at home that are not required it would be really helpful if you would donate them to the BRI. Just leave them in the basket on the shelf in the porch and I will collect them. Mary Ronayne

## Diocesan Day - Saturday 30 June

A diocesan community together for a day's formation, prayer, reflection and conversation. We gather at St Brendan's Sixth Form College with our Bishop and with people from across the 107 parishes in the diocese as well as some of our communities, too. It is always a good day and the hope is that there is something for everyone. The day begins at 10.15am with opening liturgy and concludes at 3.30pm with Mass. For more information see the notice board or speak to Fr Tom.