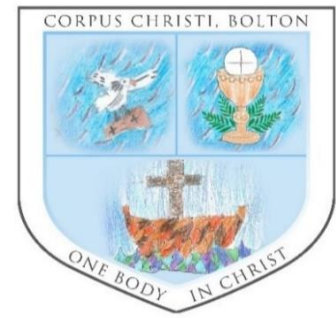


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor  
and St Brendan's, Harwood

**23 May 2021**

## Pentecost Sunday



### The Breath of God

*What a time it must have been,  
the day when the Spirit came.  
Lifting up the hearts of all who waited in hope.*

*When the wind of the Spirit blows,  
people change, times change.  
What went before is cast away, lost in the dust of  
yesterday.*

*For now, the day dawns on a different world,  
hopes are born,  
dreams are reignited with a holy fire,  
and anything is possible.*

*Can you imagine that room filled with apprehension  
and fear?  
Men and women, praying that their God would, once  
again,  
walk with his people.*

*Suddenly, in a gust of wind, a blast of hot air,  
their doubts turn to certainty,  
the path which seemed covered in thorns and briars  
was suddenly open before them,  
and, within all hearts, God's love burned bright,  
with a flame that could never be extinguished.*

*These were ordinary people,  
people like you and me.  
Honest, God fearing, faithful,  
now, in a new dawn, the days ahead were filled  
with possibilities.  
All they had been taught, all they hoped for, was  
possible.*

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

**David Frank**

### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 4*

*Acts 2: 1-11 3*

*Galatians 5: 16-25*

*John 15:26-27; 16: 12-15*

### Sunday 23 May - Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12noon Baptism (SB)

### Monday 24 May - Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass Today (Fr Alf away, see back page for  
Masses at our neighbouring parishes)

### Tuesday 25 May - St Bede the Venerable

No Mass Today

### Wednesday 26 May - St Philip Neri

No Mass Today

### Thursday 27 May - Our Lord Jesus Christ,

No Mass Today **Eternal High Priest**

### Friday 28 May

No Mass Today

### Saturday 29 May

11am Exposition & Adoration followed by  
Benediction (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

### Sunday 30 May - The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

### Weekly Eco Thought



In the Entrance Antiphon today we hear from the Book of Wisdom 'the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world.' The response to the psalm prays for the sending forth of the Spirit 'to renew the face of the earth.' On the evening of Easter Sunday, the Risen Lord breathed on the Eleven. How can we work with the Spirit of Jesus living in us 'to renew the face of the earth?'

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**We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:** Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt

**Lately Dead:** Jodie Settle, Phil Williams, Andy Towler, Veronica Holstead, William Burke, Barbara Pearl

**Anniversaries:** John Carter, John Fitzgerald, Nora Fitzgerald, William (Billy) Grimes, Mary Connor **May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Special Intention for a successful operation, John Carter, John Fitzgerald, Nora Fitzgerald, William (Billy) Grimes, Mary Connor, Barbara Pearl  
We continue to pray for all victims of coronavirus. We thank all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

**Our Schools:** Let us pray for all our students/pupils who are taking or have taken their tests and assessments recently. We pray that during the difficult time they have had, they are rewarded with the grades they need for their future. We also pray for all the members of staff at our schools, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the curriculum has been delivered through a time of great challenge.

**Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):** We pray especially for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution; oppression and denial of human rights; Europe, seafarers, human life

**Hope in the Future:** Let us pray for the parish of St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch-in-Rosendale, Fr Philip Boast, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools. We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord, may fill their hearts and shine forth in their lives.

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively they can be made through Salford Diocese website, or by setting up a bank standing order. Thank you

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank you

**Prayer Resource** - For those at home the Liturgy Office has prepared "*The Lord's Day at Home*", to pray on your own or with your family. [LDAH - Pentecost](#)

**Pentecost Pastoral Letter:** A Pastoral Letter for this weekend from the Bishops of England and Wales [can be found here](#). [You can listen to Bishop John reading the Pastoral Letter here](#). The letter is also available to read on the back of this newsletter.

**A Tribute to Barbara Pearl from the Harbour Room Book Club:** We are very sorry to hear of the death of Barbara. She had a stroke in the Summer from which she never really recovered. She was a member of the Book Club Committee and our Membership Secretary for over ten years. She was an enthusiastic member of the Club and was always a great support. She was most efficient and kept careful records and never forgot a name! Her lively personality made new members feel welcome. Her positive attitude and willingness to help means she will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

**Pentecost Novena in Honour of The Holy Spirit:** Fr Alf thought you may wish to pray this Novena as it is the oldest. It was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only Novena officially prescribed by the Church.

[//www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Pentecost-Novena.pdf](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Pentecost-Novena.pdf)

**Pentecost Novena on Care for Creation:** This Novena of readings and prayer are drawn from the Bible and recent Papal teaching on the care of creation and the environment. You are invited to pray these nine days reflecting on the account of creation given in the book of Genesis. This Novena can be used on its own or to complement and focus the prayers and reflections of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer movement to the Care of Creation theme. [Access the Novena Here](#)

**Ignatian Year 2021 - 2022:** This year is the Ignatian Year. This Ignatian Year should first and above all be an opportunity for an *experience*. Through all the events and projects developed during this year, we want to invite people to live an experience of conversion. There are a number of events in our diocese to mark the year **20 May - 7pm: "Bowled over: Ignatius, the cannonball and God"**.

Fr Adrian Porter SJ from the London Jesuit Centre on how Ignatius' experience led to a whole new way of relating to God. Please register online at <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/bowled-over>

**23 May - 7pm London time: Pilgrims with Ignatius: a worldwide live prayer broadcast "Connect and pray with us!"** is the invitation to 35-minutes of prayer from across the world <https://ignatius500.global/live> Further Jesuit Ignatian Resources are available from Jesuits in Britain at: <https://pathwaystogod.org> and from the Jesuits in North America at: <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/ignatian-year/>

**40 Hours of Devotion:** The parish of St Margaret Citherow will be holding Quarant' Ore Devotions at Sacred Heart Church on the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> June. To find out more or to buy a candle for a devotion, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/40-hours-devotion/>

### Oberammergau Passion Play

The Parish visit to Oberammergau has been rescheduled and will now take place 15-22 June 2022. The Passion play is performed by the villagers themselves in the great open-air theatre with the Bavarian Alps in the background. The play portrays the Passion of Christ from entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. Three generations of villagers, seen performing, are but links in an unbroken chain stretching back to 1634. Our visit to Oberammergau is combined with time among the lakes and majestic mountains of Austria. A few places remain, so if you are interested in the trip, additional information and booking forms are available from Mary Cropper (01204 596439) and Ann Gracie (01204 302912)

**Walsingham's May Rosary:** The Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Salford is on Sunday 30 May at 1pm-2pm. All are welcome to join in prayer.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/shrine-to-launch-rosary-stronghold-mission/>

**The God who Speaks through Mark:** Four online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark.

**Wednesday 26 May - Mark Time** (with Fr Christopher Lough)

**Wednesday 2 June - The Humanity of Jesus in Mark** (with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp)

**Wednesday 9 June - The Disciples in Mark** (with Fr Michael Deas).

**Wednesday 16 June - The Little People in Mark** (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB)

Each presentation will be from 7-8.30pm and are free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and for the Zoom link in advance, please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Christian Heritage Centre Event Faith & Reason A Catholic Integration:** A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Runs 5-8 August. For more information and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>


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### Mass Times at Neighbouring Parishes. (This Week)

**Fr Alf is having a holiday this week. As there won't be weekday Masses at Corpus Christi, please find details of our Masses at our neighbouring parishes:**

**Holy Infants:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (all 9.30am)

**St Osmund's:** Thurs - 7pm (St Teresa's Little Lever); Fri - 9.30am (St Osmund's)

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# A Pastoral Letter on the environment, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales, for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday.

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The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of “God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God’s revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

**God’s revelation of himself in Creation:** ‘God’s Spirit is always and everywhere “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God’s children.’ In this liberty, as God’s children, we call on the Spirit to ‘renew the face of the Earth’, and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God’s creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

**Interconnected and interdependent:** As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God’s gift to us.

**Unsustainable consumption:** For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels. In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

**Restoring our common home:** But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

**G7 and COP26:** This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and ‘renew the face of the earth’.