



Pentecost Sunday

9 June 2019



We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

Marriage Matters: *The Holy Spirit is always there to help us:* On our wedding day we were full of life and joy and visibly reflected the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But He has also been present at other times in our lives: difficult times such as rejection by others, financial difficulties, mental and physical illness. By asking for His strength, He has kept us strong and close.

Think Vocation: Today is the Birthday of the Church. We cannot help but wonder in awe at the work of the Holy Spirit who has allowed the Church to survive, flourish and grow for 2000 years. May we continue to trust that the Lord will provide vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life for the Church in the years to come.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Pentecost Sunday - Day of special prayer for the Church	Sat Vigil 6.30pm; 9.30am	8:00am & 11:00am 2pm First Communion Mass
Monday - Mary, Mother of the Church		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - St Barnabas, Apostle	9am Mass	9am Mass 9:30am – 3pm Adoration
Wednesday - Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - The Dedication of the Cathedral (Feast)	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday - Weekday	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	11:30am Confessions followed by 12noon Mass
Trinity Sunday - Day of special prayer for Human Life - Fathers' Day - <i>Special Collection for Day for Life</i>	Sat vigil 6:30pm; 9:30am 2pm First Communion Mass	8:00am & 11:00am

Sick: Julie Webster, Alsie O'Malley, Elsie Pearce.

Lately Dead: Barbara O'Malley, Renee Roberts, Gwen Haydock, Michael Hobson

Anniversaries: Norah Livesey, Baby Jacob Morris, Shaun Stephen Brannan, Bernard Ward, John Sullivan

Masses Received: Norah Livesey (Anniversary), Veronica's Intentions, Baby Jacob Morris (Anniversary), Anthony Fletcher, Renee Roberts (Lately Dead), Pam & Mike Brooks, Shaun Stephen Brannan (Anniversary), Bernard Ward (Anniversary), John Sullivan (Anniversary), Gwen Haydock (Lately Dead), Alan Roberts, Deceased Members of the Sloyan & Roberts families, Deceased Members of the McMannimon & Gravin families, Mary Porter's Intentions, Bernard Sullivan (Birthday Memories), Michael Hobson (Lately Dead), Dolly Clooney, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Margaret Nolan, The Griffin Family, Joe O'Malley, A sick person, The Donors' personal Intentions,

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Spirit, East Manchester, and for the Spiritan Fathers. We pray for its parish primary schools.

Bethlehem Art: This weekend (8 & 9 June), representatives of Bethlehem Art will be at both our churches with a selection of their olive wood carvings. Sales of these items support Christian families that live under constant deprivation and conflict in the Holy Land. Please try to support them by purchasing some of these fine carvings. For more information see www.bethlehemart.co.uk

St Elizabeth's Convent: Sister Olga, from this convent in Belarus, will be at St Luke's for the 9am Mass on Thursday and at Ss Peter & Paul for the 7pm Mass that day. She will be selling a range of craft items: icons, ceramics, decorations and other artefacts produced in the workshop of the convent. These sales support the work of the sisters which includes looking after children in an orphanage and a psychiatric hospital, caring for adults and children with disabilities and providing rehab. To see more about their work visit www.obitel.minsk.by

Offertory Collection: Sunday 26 May £1401.29 Sunday 2 June £1259.20

Day for Life 2019 - Sunday, 16 June 2019. A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence: Next weekend is *Day for Life* which is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is the Catholic response to domestic violence. In particular the campaign wishes to highlight the need for public education and action regarding domestic violence. For more information please visit the Day for Life website: <http://www.dayforlife.org/home/about/>. We will have a special collection to support the work of a number of pro-life organisations.

Congratulations: First of all, belated congratulations to Kerry Crookell who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Whilst she was congratulated on the night, we haven't put anything in the newsletter over the past few weeks. Apologies for that and welcome to the Church, Kerry. Secondly, we congratulate Mark Fletcher and Leanne Awali from this parish who were married at St Kessog's Church, Balloch, Scotland on 30 May. We wish them a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Confirmation: Children from our parish who have signed up to be part of the new programme for Confirmation preparation will begin that journey with the launch of the new approach next Saturday morning in Bolton. All those who have signed up should have received details directly. Please pray for the children at this very important period of their lives.

An Evening of Hope: Parishes in the Bolton deanery have arranged an **'Ecumenical concert of prayer and music to celebrate the Hope Jesus brings to Bolton'** on Saturday 15 June at the Victoria Hall, Bolton from 7pm-9pm. The concert is to raise awareness and the profile of Hope in the Future in the deanery. The proceeds from sales of tickets in RC churches are intended to go to Francis House Children's Hospice. Bishop John Arnold will be in attendance on the evening. Tickets are available in both of our churches (£5 per person) if anyone would like to attend and support this initiative in our neighbouring deanery.

International Mass: This takes place at the Cathedral on Saturday 22 June at 2pm. The International Mass is now in its third year and we look forward to another celebration of the diversity and vibrancy that can be found across our diocese. This year we have chosen the theme *'No one left behind'* and as well as celebrating our many different communities we will also be reflecting on the importance of solidarity both in our faith and in our communities. All Welcome! Light refreshments will be served following the Mass.

U.C.M monthly meeting at St Luke's after the 7.00pm Mass on Wednesday 12th June.

North West Scripture Festival 2019: Saturday 29 June at Thornleigh Salesian College (9.30am - 3.30pm). This year's theme is *Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent* with prayer & worship; scripture reflections; small group conversation; creative plenary sessions. Tea and coffee provided; please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10 per person. To book your place please contact formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040.

An Evening with Sherry Weddell for laity and clergy at St Bernadette's Parish Centre, Whitefield, M45 7SX. Holy Hour and confessions from 5:30pm followed by talk from 7pm. A suggested donation of £5.00 payable on the door. To register your place or for more information - visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events.

Caritas - Parish Social Action - #BeTheChange: Saturday 6 July 2019, 10am-3pm, Holy Cross College, Bury, BL9 9BB. Workshops from various Charities & Organisations. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided. Can you represent your parish? To register for this event and to see the full programme, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events, email john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

Summer Draw at SsP&P - Tickets are now available, there is a list in the porch if you are able to provide a Raffle Prize. Many thanks!

St Luke's Summer Fair on Saturday 6 July. Donations for the tombola would be much appreciated, please place in the box in the Narthex.

Summer Nights: Catholic Film Series – Tuesday Evenings June 11 and July 2,9,16. This week the film is **Longford** - The remarkable true story of the life of Lord Longford (Jim Broadbent), the government minister whose convicted Catholic faith compelled him to be a lifelong prison visitor, a path which led him into a complicated relationship with moors murderer Myra Hindley (Samantha Morton). It will start at 7pm in St Luke's parish centre – Discussion of the film and the issues raised for those able to stay afterwards, bring a drink.

Race Night: The Salford 100th Scouting Family would like to welcome everyone to their Race Night, Saturday 22 June in the St Luke's Parish Centre, starting at 7pm (First Race at 7.30pm). Entry is £3 with food available. This family night is a great evening where people of all ages can socialise and have fun. Please come along and support your local community. To buy horses contact michael.rollinson@gmwscouts.org.uk.

<p>Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre Please send notices before Wednesday. Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk</p>
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