



**MASS TIMES:**

As on the notice board and website.

**Masses received:** Jonnie Whittingham, John Fry (lately dead) Peter Kerr (anniversary) Peter Greaves, Mary Wilmington, Ashton & Somerville families (birthday memories) Peter Slavin (poorly) Jacqui McCormick (60<sup>th</sup> Birthday) Peter Osborne's intention.

**Envelopes in the Narthex** after each mass for donations towards **Fr John's Retirement Present.**

**Fr. John's Retirement Party** will be held at Buile Hill Hall on Friday 6th July Tickets will be available soon.

**Parish Group** There will be a meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 21st May at 8.15pm to arrange the Summer Fair. Everyone most Welcome

**Repository:** Cards for all occasions. Come and take a look after mass. Gifts and Cards for **First Holy Communion.**

**SLIDE:** Subs (£12) for 2018 are now due. Envelopes are available in the narthex and can be return in any collection at all Masses or posted through the Presbytery door. If anybody would like to join SLIDE there are forms in the narthex.

**St. Luke's UCM Afternoon Tea** Sunday 13th May 2pm-4.30pm. Proceeds to Francis House and The Mother & Baby Unit Remaining tickets on sale after each mass this weekend.

**Get Well Soon** - 70 years of the NHS! Mikron Event to raise funds for **Salford Loaves and Fishes.** St Peter & Paul's Wed 30th May. Tickets £11 (£9 Concs) Tel: 0161 281 0513 or email rita@mcnassociates.org.uk.

**Next Week's Bulletin**

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**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION – MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

A new era is about to begin

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*"You'll never walk alone"*

*"You will receive power from on high"*

*"I am with you always, yes to the end of time"*

Saying goodbye is never easy. Inevitably, the Apostles feel abandoned – they are devastated and terrified. *"But you are not alone."* It is now that the Holy Spirit will be their **strength and guide.**

God sent his Son into the world to give His love to the world **AND IT COST HIM HIS LIFE.**

Now Jesus sends His Apostles with the same task.

**AND IT WILL COST THEM THEIR LIVES.**

We may not face persecution but, at times, certainly ridicule for the courage of our convictions. And inevitably at times there will be confusion and disagreement amongst his followers.

**THAT'S WHY WE WILL ALWAYS NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT**

He didn't leave the Apostles to struggle by themselves

**HE WON'T LEAVE US EITHER**

*"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"*

**YES, A REAL PERSON WHO LOVES, CARES, ENCOURAGES AND STRENGTHENS.**

**And a few deep theological thoughts to end!**

What you are is God's gift to you – what you become is your gift to God!

Don't worry about the world coming to an end – it's already tomorrow in Australia!

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift from God – that's why it's called THE PRESENT!

If I spent as much time doing the things I worry about getting done as I do worrying about them, I wouldn't have anything to worry about! **Sort that one out!**

*Fr. John*