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Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	June 4 th	Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Anniversary	5.00pm		
Pentecost Sunday	June 5 th			People of the Parish Oscar Chaparru	10.00am Midday
Monday	June 6 th	Kathleen Derrick	10.00am		
Tuesday	June 7 th			21 st Birthday of Hannah Hernandez	12.05pm
Wed	June 8 th			Stanley Sosabowski	12.05pm
Thursday	June 9 th			Thanks giving	7.45
Friday	June 10 th	Bell and Cantwell families	10.00am	Thanksgiving (Genove family)	12.05pm
Saturday	June 11 th	Intentions of Mary Brock	5.00pm	Patrick Murray	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	June 12 th			Priest's Intention People of the Parish	10.00am Midday

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11 - 11.55

NO Benediction and Vespers THIS WEEK African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

Please take this Newsletter home with you so that you know what's happening in your parish this week

Teas and Coffees are served in the John Ingram room after Mass on Saturday and in the hall after Mass on Tuesday, please come and join us, ALL are welcome

BY: Rev. Fr. Callistus Emenyonu, cmf

HOMILY: READINGS: Acts. 2: 1-11, Ps. 104, I Cor. 12: 3-7, 12, John 14: 15-15

Pentecost is the celebration of Christians about the fulfillment of the promise of Christ to send us the Holy Spirit which happens fifty days after the resurrection. It is properly called the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles since Pentecost is an old Jewish Agricultural feast that they were mandated to celebrate. It is called Harvest Festival which is an annual event. (cf Ex. 23: 16, Lev.23: 15-22, Deut.16: 9-12). The book of Exodus commands the Israelites to celebrate it, while the book of Leviticus and Deuteronomy spelt out how and when it should be celebrated.

Pentecost as an ancient agricultural Jewish festival is so important that it draws a lot of people to the celebration both indigenes and friends. Pentecost is not synonymous with the advent of the Holy Spirit. It existed centuries before its connection with the Holy Spirit event on the disciples of Jesus Christ. It is the fiftieth day after the feast of Passover and one of the mandatory or statutory celebrations mentioned in the Old Testament. The coming of the Holy Spirit on that day is very significant giving it a new meaning and making it a New Testament celebration. It is the beginning and flagging off of the gatherings of the Disciples of Christ-the new Church (inauguration of the Church). It marks the empowerment of the new people of God sending them on mission. Since it is a harvest festival, it could mean the prefiguring of the day the Holy Spirit would harvest the good fruits of the people of God who heeded to the teachings of Christ the Son of God.

Jesus knows too well the impact and significance of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and by extension on the Church. He calls him the Spirit of truth, the teacher, counsellor, advocate, the reminder, the power-giver, the courage-filler, the healer, love-giver and giver of every good gift. He is symbolized in tongues of flame, in the dove, in the oil, the wind, in the colour red and seen in different tongues. The Holy Spirit brings a rebirth into the life of God; he renews our old sinful nature into the nature of God which is of holiness. He is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and might, Spirit of knowledge and devotion, Spirit of the fear of God, who when is received produces enormous fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

The Pentecost experience is so unique that it is better experienced than spoken about by others. It has a personal effect on each individual different from another. No one's experience is the same with another. It gives people different gifts according to their natural endowment and ability to utilize it. God does not give someone a gift of the Spirit that he cannot carry because every gift is for the good of the Church not for the individual. We are all custodians of God's gifts and can only use it well when we cooperate with him in obedience to his will. If we do not do so, we anger the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and he may either leave us or remain inactive which is equivalent to not having it at all. The tongues of the Holy Spirit is of understanding and knowledge, it is of love, unity and peace. The reception of the Holy Spirit sends each member of the Church on mission to the whole world to convert the world for God. It empowers us with the divine duty of forgiving people their sins and of retaining sins of ardent and serious sinners who apostasy and who are impenitent. The Holy Spirit is everything good to the world and does everything well for the world and it is the power of God at work in creation and in sustaining the universe. When the Spirit is not at work, hatred, division and dissention take over the affairs of humanity and chaos becomes the doom of creation. This is why nations like Nigeria and others find themselves in insurgence, inhumanity to others, corruption and stealing of public funds, kidnapping, herdsmen attack on lives and property, dubious and criminal use of government investigation machineries like EFCC against political enemies and opponents, selective justice and absorption of criminals and corrupt politicians by ruling party in government, insincerity and all manners of evil against the nation and powerless citizens by the few wicked and spirit-less leaders.

Beloved, let us learn to live by the spirit because no law goes against it. Let us remove human pride and allow the Spirit to inaugurate the reign of God in our lives, let us give the Spirit the way to move us to complete truth and action of unity and of peace. Send forth your spirit O Lord and let the face of the earth be renewed, Amen.

Rev. Fr. Callistus Emenyonu, cmf

Children at Mass

We welcome all children at Mass and wish to encourage parents to bring their children to guide them on their faith journey. Young children are by nature wrigglers and gigglers, they cannot stay completely still and quiet, to ask them to do this is asking them to do something unnatural and impossible. However, by setting them the example and expecting them to behave appropriately during Mass they will slowly learn to control their movements and voices.

Please remember that a very wriggly or noisy child may be disturbing those around him/her and it is best to quietly remove the child to the porch area and explain why this has happened, most children will eventually wish to return to the pew as they hate to be excluded from exciting events.

The Obligation for Sunday and Holyday Mass is reinstated today, 5th June.

Obviously, those who are sick or housebound or vulnerable in any way should do what they always did, even before the covid pandemic hit us, and stay at home. All other Catholics are subject to the precept to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Live streaming of Masses has been a great benefit to many during the pandemic, and will continue to be for those genuinely unable to attend Mass. The Bishops remind us; however, that watching a live streamed Mass does not fulfill the obligation.

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL AT DERWENTSIDE IRC
A monthly interfaith prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August. During the last few weeks, women have been moved into the Centre which is now England's main IRC for women and will eventually detain 80 women who are seeking asylum. The prayer vigils will continue - both to pray for the women and to stand in solidarity with them. As a faith community, we are called to witness to justice and compassion. Please participate in the prayer vigil if you can. The next vigil is planned for Sunday 5th June. The vigil begins at 3.00pm and the short prayer service incorporates a time of silence. The postcode for the centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. To avoid disruption to local residents, park away from the site if you can. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home at 3.00pm. For more information, contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – starting in September 2022
Are you currently involved in Church ministry but wish you knew more about your faith? Do you sometimes lack confidence and feel you could benefit from further training and formation? Do you want to grow in your faith and ministry and perhaps find new ways to share your gifts with others? We have a course designed just for you. The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is an online, two-year learning experience created with the busy person in mind. It will take you on a journey of discovery about key aspects of the Catholic faith while helping you to reflect upon your own ministry and the ministry of others. To find out more join us online for one of our information evenings: Tuesday 14th June 2022 or Wednesday 22nd June 2022 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. To register your interest for one of the information evenings or for further information please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Corpus Christi at Ushaw College

The final date for booking is Wednesday 8th June.

Ushaw has implemented a **maximum capacity** policy for people in the chapel and refectory, and parking spaces. Therefore, we have introduced an electronic booking system, which will be closed when the event is full.

It is imperative that you register your interest through Canon Michael who will book places for this event.

If there is enough interest a coach can be hired to transport parishioners, please sign the form at the

World Communications Collection

Many thanks for last week's retiring collection for the Media Office of the England and Welsh Bishops, which raised £37

Weekly Income for 29th May 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £295

Gift Aid Envelopes: £62 Votive Candles: £50.34

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £60

African Mass: £115 Flowers: - £6

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £195.40 Gift Aid: £47

Donation: £5 Candles:



Bishop Robert would like to invite you to a Mass to mark the 80th birthday of Bishop Seamus. This will be on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12.05 pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All are most welcome to attend.

Mass of Thanksgiving for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 19:00 on Thursday 14th July, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

GREGG'S FOOD VOUCHERS

There are a number of people coming to the presbytery door asking for money for food. We are discouraged from giving cash as this may be used to aid an addiction, but we are reluctant to turn people in need away empty handed. Please consider buying some Gregg's food vouchers and donating them to the parish in order that these can be given out to anyone coming to the door asking for money for food.

**Good Shepherd Catechesis
Beginning September**

Do you have a child aged 3-6 years?
Would you like them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through interactive, hands on, gentle and joyful, child-centred teaching?

Please take a registration form from the back of church, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE the sessions will NOT be on a Sunday during Mass.

Altar Servers Training

WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 4.15-6.30pm Training Session and Social Event for ALL current 10am altar servers, and anyone who would like to serve at the 10am Mass

Where Have They Gone?

Is there someone who was regularly at Church, but who no longer seems to be around? Is there someone you sat next to who isn't here at Church any longer? Or someone you were friendly with who is no longer at Mass? Have you tried to find out where they are? Sometimes people just stop coming and we do not seem to know why. Is it possible you have neglected to keep in touch with that person or family? At one time, the priest was always told if someone wasn't able to come to church, but this no longer happens. Let us try and find out who is missing and why; and if possible let us try to keep in touch with them. Let us try to work together and show the good side of our parish community.

No one should be a stranger here

Many people are slowly coming back to church, and there are new faces amongst the congregation, have you welcomed them? A smile, and friendly wave or a brief chat outside after or before Mass is all it takes to make somebody feel at home and welcomed into a community, let us be the ones who encourage new friendships and a growing congregation.

Please remember to keep conversation to the porch or outside, once in church our thoughts and chat ought to be with the Lord and many people are seeking silence for prayer and contemplation.

Youth Choir Beginning September

Do you like to sing? Would you like to perform for family and friends? Would you enjoy making new friends and having some musical fun?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above questions and are **aged between 8 and 12** please take a registration form from the back of church, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

New Parishioner and Updated Information

Please complete one of the forms available at Church and send back to us. If you want this form emailed to you, please let us know and then you can complete it on your own computer and email it back to us

Appeal for Volunteers at St Joseph's

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with a new energy which enabled them to carry on their mission, using the special gifts each one had been given.

We too are filled with the Holy Spirit and each of us has been given special gifts, here today we see many of those gifts being used to enhance our experience as we worship, the gifts of:-

- **Proclaiming the Good News** - through reading at Mass
- **Hospitality** - shown by the "welcomers" and Ushers
- **Service to others** - altar linens have been laundered, the church has been cleaned, we have altar servers
- **Creativity** - flowers have been arranged in the church and the gardens
- **Communication** - the newsletter is completed each week

There are many different gifts and each of us has something special to offer, so today we are asking you to use one of your gifts to help in and around the church by volunteering for one of the following roles:-

1. **Reading**
2. **Flower arranging**
3. **Laundering of altar linen**
4. **Serving on the altar**
5. **Welcoming and Ushering**
6. **Singing in the choirs**
7. **Church cleaning**
8. **Maintaining the grounds**

All volunteers must complete a registration form and provide the names of two referees, some roles require DBS clearance.

Please consider offering your help within the Parish community, all we ask is that you only volunteer if you are prepared to make a commitment to a role.

If you want to know more about what is entailed in any of these roles please ask after Mass or read the notice board