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THE NEWSLETTER

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 20 th	5.30pm St P's	For the College	Vigil Mass of 7 th Sunday of Easter
Su 21 st	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	7 th Sunday of Easter
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	
M 22 nd	No Mass		Mass of the Easter Season (Week 7)
Tu 23 rd	8.00am St P's	Jeffrey Wheeler (for health)	Mass of the Easter Season
W 24 th	8.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	Mass of the Easter Season
Th 25 th	8.30am SMH	For the School	St Bede the Venerable PD
F 26 th	8.00am St P's	For Stonyhurst pupils leaving	St Philip Neri P

(Each Saturday there confessions and a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope

P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass

D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time. Edmund Arrowsmith, Francis Aloysius Holden, Julia Doyle, Gregory Holden, Pat Wilkinson, John Taylor, John Liversedge and Edith Mary Cross.. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	7 th Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Pentecost Sunday
First	Acts 1; 12 – 14	Acts 2; 1 – 11
Second	I Peter 4; 13 – 16	I Cor 12; 3 – 7, 12 – 13
Gospel	John 17; 1 – 11	John 20; 19 – 23

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover the mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of the needs of the world.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



The tongues of fire separated and came to rest on the head of each one of them

This Sunday

Is the 7th Sunday of Easter tide. We are in the position where the Lord has ascended into heaven, but the Holy Spirit has not yet come. The Stonyhurst and SMH boarders come to the Vigil Mass this weekend.

Rosary during May

Parishioners come together to recite the rosary each Wednesday during May at 7pm. As before we will use a "hybrid" model with some gathering in a house and others joining on line. This week we will go to Linda Blakey, Southview, 1 Whalley Road. For a link to join in on-line, e-mail Fr Tim. Last week we had 8 people taking part.

Coffee Stop

Takes place in the Bowling Green Pavilion behind the Memorial Hall on Thursday from 1.30pm to 3pm. Come and have a cuppa and a natter.

Mass for Vocations

There will be a deanery Mass for Vocations at St Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge (PR5 6SP) on Thursday at 7pm. We need to keep up the prayers for more priests and religious for our church.

Stonyhurst Great Academies

The Great Academies Mass takes place in St Peter's on Saturday at 9.30am. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald will be the principal celebrant.

Half Term

Next week St Joseph's, SMH and Stonyhurst will all be on half term break. During the holidays there will be Benediction before the Vigil Mass as usual. There will also be an 11am Mass in St Peter's

Next Sunday

Is Pentecost Sunday, where we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on the apostles. It marks the beginning of the Church. Mary was with them when the Holy Spirit came. In the gospel Jesus empowers the church to forgive sin. At Mass there is a beautiful sequence to read.

Diocesan Synod

Bishop John Arnold has convoked a diocesan synod. It will follow the pattern of the Universal Synod last year. We will need sharing groups to consider the questions. We will also need to select two representatives to attend the synod itself in person. Sharing groups will meet in December and the first Synod Assembly is planned for next year.

Our deanery will be gathering for an evening of Prayer at St Joseph's, Blackburn, on Tuesday 18th July from 6.30pm.

We need to submit the names of the delegates who will be attending the Synod to represent our parish by the end of May.

Who is the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Blessed Trinity. The Spirit is God just as the Father is God and the Son is God. The Holy Spirit is not less important than the other two persons, they are all eternal, uncreated and equal in glory and majesty.

If you like, The Holy Spirit is a *personality* by which God chooses to reveal himself to us. He is present to us especially through our baptism and confirmation. We notice the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives by the gifts we receive. The Acts of the Apostles makes it clear how the Spirit was in charge of the early Christian Church, and in the same way, the Spirit guides and directs us to grow in the ways of God.

The Holy Spirit is *the Lord and giver of life*. In respecting all forms of life on our planet, we are respecting the one who created and sustains that life.

When we pray, we can direct our prayers to the Father, to Our Lord Jesus Christ, or to the Holy Spirit. We can also pray to all three at once.

This gives us the possibility of four distinct relationships with God. Maybe our relationship with the Holy Spirit is the one we pay least attention to, but praying to the Spirit can be the most transformative part of our prayer life.

During the week can we pray to the Holy Spirit each day asking for the gifts we need.

Come Holy Spirit