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17th May 2026

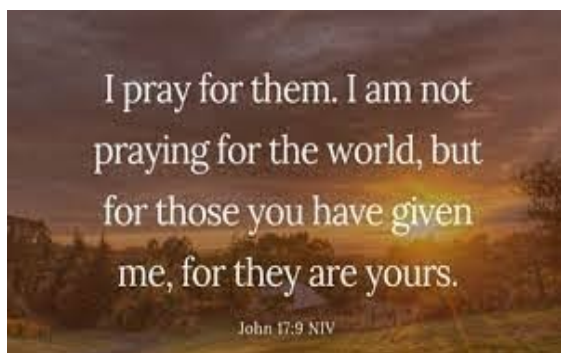
7th Sunday of Easter

Diocese of Leeds Charity Number 249404

O Lord, may your words be on our lips, and in our hearts.

May they give us courage and hope – and draw us nearer to you.

7th Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday 16/Sunday 17 May	4.15-4.40 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Maresa Bell
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Mary and Bernard Palmer
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Parish
Monday 18 May	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Ken Furniss
Tuesday 19 May	9:30-9:55am Exposition	Cottingley	
	10 am Mass	Cottingley	William and Mary Cavell
Wednesday 20 May	7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Thursday 21 May	6:30pm-6:45pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Friday 22 May	10 am Mass	Bingley	Dead List
Pentecost Year A Saturday 23/Sunday 24 May	4.15-4.40 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Dead List
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Parish
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Greenhorn and Thompson Families



On this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves in a **time of waiting**—between the Ascension of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus has returned to the Father, yet He has not left His disciples alone. Instead, we hear Him praying for them—and for us—in today's Gospel.

Jesus prays that His followers may be **protected, faithful, and united**. He knows the challenges they will face in the world, and He entrusts them to the Father's care. This prayer reassures us that even in times of uncertainty, Christ continues to intercede for us.

The first disciples, as we hear in the Acts of the Apostles, respond by gathering together in **prayer**. They wait with trust, united with Mary, confident that God will fulfil His promise. Their example reminds us that waiting is not passive; it is an act of faith.

As we approach Pentecost, this Sunday invites us to pause, pray, and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. May we remain united, hopeful, and confident that the risen Lord is still at work among us—even in the waiting.

Parish Notices

First Sacraments Part 1:

Please check in with Fr. Polland after Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation: will be celebrated on Tuesday 2 June at 7:00pm at Cottingley

Finance Committee: for those I have asked to be on the Finance Committee, it will meet on Monday 8 June at 7:00pm in the Presbytery. If you are unable to attend, please let Fr. Polland know.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 16/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Readers Barbara Hladowski, P Peter Taylor
Sunday 17/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister Helena Harrington
Readers R Kevin King, P Ann McKerchar
Sunday 17/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison
Readers Viv Drake, P Oma Nwokeji

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 23/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Readers Natalie Baines, P Barbara Hladowski
Sunday 24/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Teresa Mills
Readers R John McElroy, P Helena Harrington
Sunday 24/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Readers Jeremy Charnock, P Viv Drake

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick and those who care for them, especially:

Anita Austick	Liam Kay	David Ohr
Angela Barnes	Rita King	Tony Shipman
Marisa Bell	Jacob Kinsey	Steven Shaw
Maria Binns	Ria Koetsier	Neil Smith
Michael Bradley	Melissa Le Coultre	Rosamund Spencer
Ellerie Carroll	Patricia Long	Jeff Trotter
Sylvie Cantopher	Richard Longden	Mary Walker
Frieda Clapham	Brian Marie	Sandra Walton
Rita Curtin	Andrew Markham	Lisa White
Anna Danys	Christine Matthews	Patrick White
Barbara Furniss	Paul McMenamin	Ann Wilkinson
Paul Gallagher	Harry McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
Ian Harrison	Philomena McKenna	
Elizabeth Hartley	John Moran	

Please contact Colin 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

Sanctuary Candles are lit each week in memory of your loved ones. Please keep the following in your prayers:

Anne & Leonard Timbrell	Kazimierz Peplinski
Michael Peplinski	Olma Wright
Mary Fallon	

April Collections

Envelopes:	£1245
Standing Order GA:	£3833.50
Standing Order:	£383.66
Loose Plate Cottingley	£859.95
Loose Plate Bingley:	£1264.97
Holy Places:	£272.34
Easter offerings:	£75
Catholic Care:	£15
Priests' Training Fund	£375.48

Retiring Collection (16/17 May)

The Second Vatican Council decree on the media says this on the reason for setting aside a special day for Catholic Communications "let a day be allotted every year by bishops in all dioceses of the world on which the faithful will be apprised of their duties in this matter. They will be asked to join in prayer for this cause and to make an offering. The funds raised are to be devoted to **the support and development of (social communications) organisations and initiatives** set up by the Church for the needs of the Catholic Church in general." (Inter Mirifica 18)

The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

16 Aileen Bristow	22 May Catherine Christie
16 Thomas Edward Doyle	22 Theresa Hunter
17 Daniel James Saville	23 Charles Victor May
17 Dot Dean	23 Christine Bradley
19 Olena Lylak (nee Rewilak)	24 Mary Batty-Drake
21 Thomas J. Windle	24 Trevor Brooke
21 Rev. Fr. Michael Sullivan	24 Maria Rewilak
22 Rev. Fr. Canice McGinn	

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

Pope Leo's Intention May: That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at

cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



St Joseph's Catholic Primary school is holding a **May Procession in school** on Friday 22 May about 9:15 in school. All welcome!

ADVANCE NOTICE: Bradford's choir 'Chordiality' is performing a summertime concert at St Mary and St Monica's at 3pm on Sunday 5th July, with 'refreshments' to follow. Tickets, £10, will be available for purchase nearer the time. Proceeds to be used in support of the S.V.P.'s work in our Parish.

How To Read Saint Paul: This short course, led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, will look at Saint Paul's life and letters, exploring what we can learn about the man and his teachings for our Faith. **Location:** SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. **Dates:** Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm, 3 June, 10 June, 17 June, 24 June. To book a place please email: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Please email **items for the parish bulletin** to me (Colin) at bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk before Wednesday and I'll try to fit your item in.