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Pentecost Sunday

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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.

Pentecost Year A Saturday 23/Sunday 24 May	4.15-4.40 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Priest's Intention
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Parish
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Greenhorn and Thompson Families
Monday 25 May Mary, Mother of the Church	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest	9:30-9:55am Exposition	Cottingley	
	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Sandra and Robert Green
Wednesday 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Priest's Intention
Thursday 28 May Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	6:30pm-6:45pm Confessions		
	7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Friday 29 May St Paul VI, Pope	10 am Mass	Bingley	Leo Walker
Trinity Sunday Year A Saturday 30/Sunday 31 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	Barbara Baines



On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit—the life-giving presence of God. In the Gospel, the disciples are gathered in fear behind locked doors, when Jesus comes to them, offering peace and breathing the Spirit upon them. Their fear is transformed into courage, their confusion into mission.

Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit is not only for the apostles long ago, but for each of us today. The same Spirit that empowered them to go out and proclaim the Good

News is alive within us, guiding, strengthening, and renewing our faith.

The signs of Pentecost—wind and fire—symbolise both movement and transformation. The Spirit moves us out of complacency and sets our hearts ablaze with the love of God. We are called not to remain behind locked doors, but to step out into the world as witnesses of hope, unity, and peace.

As we celebrate this feast, let us ask ourselves: where do I need the Spirit's courage? Where or to who is God calling me to bring light, healing, or reconciliation?

May we be open to the Spirit's work in our lives, and may our words and actions reflect the living presence of Christ in the world.

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 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

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 30/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Readers Michael Rewilak, P Mark Startin

Sunday 31/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Kay
Readers R Susan Holroyd, P Anne Monaghan

Sunday 31/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Readers Irene Stanford-Wood, P Jeremy Charnock

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:

Michael Peplinski	Olma Wright
Kazimierz Peplinski	In Thanksgiving
Mary Fallon	

On the afternoon of the 13th May the **SVP arranged a Summer Social** in the Parish - a Singalong led by the wonderful All Together Now Community Choir followed by tea and cake with delicious baking from the UCM and some members of the SVP. It was a fun and enjoyable afternoon for all. The Mini Vinnies from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School came to join in and serve cakes to the guests. Maureen said, "I absolutely loved it and was so glad I came. It was really uplifting."
Anne, who is fairly new to our parish, said "We had a lovely afternoon and got to know some people too."
John said, "The ATN choir were very good and their enjoyment of singing was clear for all to see."
One of the Mini Vinnies, said, "It was great fun joining in and helping serve cakes to the guests was good as we had some too."
Thank you to all who came to the Social and to all the volunteers who contributed to its success including the choir.

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.

The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

23 Charles Victor May	25 Pauline Tetley
23 Christine Bradley	25 Teresa Hunt
24 Mary Batty-Drake	28 Nan Shaw
24 Trevor Brooke	29 Noeline Keighley
24 Maria Rewilak	29 Olma Marea Wright
25 Edward Power	

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: a plea for debt justice. Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever-higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that should be spent on food, healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. Governments have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying their creditors. Millions of people are suffering the effects. The Catholic faith is not neutral on these matters. The Bible says money lending should be about supporting the vulnerable, and not exploiting them for profit: 'If you lend money to my people, to the poor among them, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not extract interest from them' (Exodus 22.25). Pope Leo warns against placing our treasure in financial investments 'which today more than ever before are out of control and unjustly concentrated at the bloody price of millions of human lives and the devastation of God's creation'.

Please sign the CAFOD petition at the back of church today calling for debt justice.

St Joseph's Catholic primary school Parent and Friend Association has arranged with **Shama restaurant in Bingley a fundraising evening for the school** on Monday 29th June. A set meal costs £20 per head [Poppadoms and pickle tray to share, Any starter, Any main, Any sundry, BYO alcohol], with £10 per meal purchased donated directly back to the PFA. Takeaway is also available for the same offer but must be pre-ordered. Please spread the word. Anyone can attend and the PFA will receive the donation, as long as you book via the PFA. Book early to avoid disappointment. For details or to book your tickets, please contact bingley.st.josephs.pfa@gmail.com

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, please email: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk