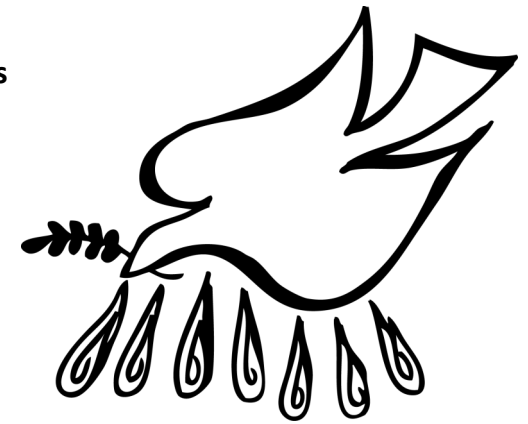


Pentecost
Gospel: John 20:19-23



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Sunday 28th May 2023:

Pentecost Sunday

After listening to today's Gospel, The Gift of Peace (John 20:19-23), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples.

There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace.

Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace.

The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition.

'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper.

The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.'

Does this cause any difficulties?

Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness?

Or are they the same?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

SPRING PLANT SALE: Thank you for your generosity at St Aidan's last Sunday. Additional plants are available today (Sunday 28th) from Swarland Avenue, all sold in aid of our local food banks.

BISHOP BEWICK CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - ART EXHIBITION

Themed 'Stronger Together', children from across the Trust have submitted their work to an exhibition at Newcastle's Discovery Museum. Families are invited to visit on Saturday 10th June 11.00am until 4.00pm.

DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE: St Mary's Church, Hexham

Sun 11th June at 3pm with all from across the diocese welcome to attend & enjoy refreshments afterwards. Live-stream via www.stmaryshexham.org.uk

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk

Sat 15th July at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington.
Do consider attending if you can, more detail from Fr Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: (Minutes on our websites)

St Aidan's - Wed 14th June at 7pm // St Mary's - Wed 28th June at 7pm
Parishioners interested in joining our parish councils are very welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 3rd June at St Aidan's.

The first & third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am
The second & fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Tues 30th May, 10.30am at St Mary's
Thurs 8th June, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom)
Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 21st May

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £204.50 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £38.50
World Communication Day: £35.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £196.80 / Envelopes: £51.80 / Donations: £40.00
Fri Coffee: £65.10 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 28th May 2023

Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Veronica Bews
Sun. 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Special Intention (Mohan & family)
Mon. 29th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 30th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Frank Murphy
Wed. 31st (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Bernard Collingworth
Thurs. 1st June (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 2nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Olly Emmanuel (ill)
* Sat. 3rd (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 3rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 4th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Joyce Devlin
Sun. 4th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Most Holy Trinity - Sunday 4th June 2023

"...the part played by each Person of the Trinity in our creation, salvation and sanctification." 2nd Reading: A Trinitarian Blessing (2 Corins. 13:11-13)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Generous God, you loved the world so much you sent us your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to show our love for the world by respecting and protecting it so that all people can enjoy it now, and in the future.
Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.
And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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