

Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

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FEAST OF PENTECOST
YEAR OF ST MARK
May 19th, 2024

Masses: **Blakeney**, Sunday 11.00, Wednesday 9.30, **Burnham Market**, Sunday 9.30 Friday, 9.30; **Walsingham**, Sunday 10.30, Weekdays daily at 9.30, **Wells-next-the-Sea**, Sunday, 9.00, (☺ Saturday, 18.00), Thursday, 9.30

The familiar story of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost is found in Luke's *Acts of the Apostles*. Today's gospel tells of the risen Christ giving the Spirit to the apostles "in the evening of the



first day of the week": the day of resurrection. The Church's liturgical calendar is built around Luke's chronology but, when we are considering the mystery of the incarnation or, as John sees it, the Word made flesh chronology – dates and times – is hardly our major preoccupation; here we are dealing with the interaction of time and eternity and our comprehension is stretched to breaking point. We need to concentrate not so much on the material circumstances as on what it means to "receive the Spirit." John tells us that Jesus, "breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" There is surely more than a casual allusion here to the creation of man in Genesis: "the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." (Genesis 2:7) The change brought about by

the Spirit at least as awe-inspiring as the change from dust to a living creature. John put it into words as, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." But, as the scribes complained when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7) In the Pentecost scene in Acts the effect of the reception of the Spirit was dramatic: the apostles, "began to speak in other tongues," (Acts 2:2:4) so that people in the crowd hear them, "telling in (their) own tongues the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:11) This, too, is remarkable – you might say supernatural – but perhaps less so than forgiving sins. In John's gospel, when the risen Christ first appears before his disciples, he greets them: "Peace be with you." At the last supper Jesus had promised this to his disciples. He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27) Now that promise is fulfilled. He has returned to them and will be with them always. By means of the Spirit they have received Jesus is with them and working through them; as he can forgive sins, so can they forgive sins. And then he gives his reason for giving them the Spirit: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." They are to remain in the world making present his work. It is easy, as I have done, to refer to the disciples of Jesus as 'they'. But the reason we celebrate Pentecost is because 'we' are those disciples. We have received the Spirit and are able, therefore, to say, "Jesus is Lord." (Cf. 1 Corinthians 12:3) The Spirit leads us differently, but none the less, "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

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"Put simply, it is a matter of redefining our notion of progress. Economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world cannot be considered progress. ... The principle of the maximization of profits, frequently isolated from other considerations, reflects a misunderstanding of the very concept of the economy. As long as production is increased, little concern is given to whether it is at the cost of future resources or the health of the environment; as long as the clearing of a forest increases production, no one calculates the losses entailed in the desertification of the land, the harm done to biodiversity or the increased pollution. In a word, businesses profit by calculating and paying only a fraction of the costs involved. Yet only when "the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources are recognized with transparency and fully borne by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations", [BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter *Caritas in Veritate* (29 June 2009)] can those actions be considered ethical. An instrumental way of reasoning, which provides a purely static analysis of realities in the service of present needs, is at work whether resources are allocated by the market or by state central planning." (194-195)

"Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven."

The first General Assembly of the Synod has now finished, and we are in the Present Synod's final year. Let's keep it in mind and in our thoughts and prayers.

... a 'synodal Church' is open to all. It seeks a new way of being the Church without abandoning anything essential to the Catholic faith ...



SVP



There will be a meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Upper

Room at the Church of the Annunciation in Walsingham on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 6.00 pm**. All welcome.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun:	Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 104	Galatians 5:16-25	John 20:19-23
Mon:	Genesis 34:9-20	Psalm 87		John 19:25-34
Tues:	James 4:1-10	Psalm 55		Mark 9:30-37
Wed:	James 4:13-17	Psalm 49		Mark 9:38-40
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest				
Thurs:	Jeremiah 31:31-334	Psalm 110		Mark 14:22-25
Fri:	James 5:9-12	Psalm 103		Mark 10:1-12
Sat:	James 5:3-20	Psalm 141		Mark 10:13-16

BEFRIENDING the SCRIPTURES

Upper Room – Church of the Annunciation – Wednesdays – After the 9.30 Mass.
Next meeting *Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024.*

Currently we are reflecting on the life and letters of Saint Paul.

Young people's version, 6.30-7.30, May 23rd, 2024

CAFOD - SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

The people of Sudan need our help urgently. Cafod is launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. The war in Sudan has forced millions of people from their homes creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. There will be a collection at all Masses on Trinity Sunday (May 26th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please Pray for Monica White, Angela & Len Judge, Tim Charles, Jackie Charles, Zara Perry, Jill Inglis, Hazel Clarke, Brenda Jarvis, Fr Michael Johnstone, Pat Farquarson, Georgina Troughton, Julian Foord, Diana Watson, Fiona Fraser, Tessa Scott, Kathy Dow, Kathryn Relton, Barbara Scott, Jo Partridge, Bernard McGrath. Please keep us informed when someone is

SANCTITY of LIFE

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer for those suffering from the effects of abortion between 5.00 and 6.00 every Friday evening in the Church of the Annunciation.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of the Sacred Scriptures'

Meetings held on the first Friday of each month in the Upper Room at the Church of the Annunciation, Walsingham, 10;15-11.30. All welcome to take part and experience the prayerful reading of the following Sunday's Gospel. Next Meeting, Friday, June 7th.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

Fr Peter Walters will speak at the 10.30 Mass in Walsingham today (19th May) and we will take a collection in all the churches of the parish for his work with street Children in Colombia. He will be available to answer questions during coffee after Mass

ENJOYING CHURCH HISTORY

We will take up the challenge of Vatican II to, "acquire a more adequate understanding of the respective doctrines of our separated brethren" (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 9) by thinking about some of their origins. (**May 21st, 12.00-13.30**, including soup lunch in the Parish Room at Wells.) This time we will be thinking about Eucharistic doctrine and practice.

A suggestion was made at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting that more people would be able to take advantage of our Adult Christian Formation events if we were to make use of 'Zoom'.

RCDEA CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Children's pilgrimage will take place on Tuesday, May 28th. It will be led by Bishop Peter and begin in the village at 10.45. There will be a walk to the Shrine and Mass at 12.00 noon. In the afternoon there will be a picnic and games at the beach. It is an opportunity for our young people to meet with others from around the diocese and help them to understand importance of the diocese in their Catholic identity.

RIP

Please remember in your prayers Dame Josephine, who lived here for many years, and who died last Thursday. Pray, too, for William Kelsey who died recently. May they rest in peace.