

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

(1836)

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PENTECOST SUNDAY
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW
MAY 31ST, 2020

The second chapter of the *Acts of the Apostles* begins: "When Pentecost day came round..." Fifty days from the Day of Resurrection fits nicely with the seven weeks from the Jewish Passover, which determine the Feast of Weeks, which celebrates the



giving of the Torah. On this day the first fruits of the harvest were offered in the Temple as an expression of gratitude for God's providence. On that day, we are told, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and filled them with the courage and ability to proclaim the good news, even to the ends of the earth. Traditionally, this is considered to be the beginning of the Church, the community of believers. In the account given in Acts we can learn much of the nature of this community and the role within it of the Spirit Of God. For this, too, we give thanks for God's providence in Christ, the first

fruits of the resurrection and for his Holy Spirit among us. The Gospel of John records this event differently. On the very day of the resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples who, just as in the story in Acts were afraid, and greets them; "Peace be with you." He 'sends' them; gives them work to do. He tells them this work is the same as that for which the Father sent him. Then he gives them the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out his commission. He, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, says to his disciples, "whose sins you forgive they are forgiven." The details of the accounts are quite different but the essence is the same: the Spirit of God within the disciples enables them to do what is expected of them. For us, the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost is an opportunity to reflect on the fact that we are what St Paul calls 'Temples of the Holy Spirit'. (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19) The Spirit of God, he tells us, dwells within us. It is all too easy to think of the descent of the Spirit as an event which took place in a different age, portrayed so beautifully by painters like El Greco. It is much harder to see what is portrayed as a symbol of the lived experience of all God's people in every age; to see the Holy Spirit at work, now, in you, me and every disciple of Jesus

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"The word "vocation" can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us. In the Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, I spoke about the vocation of all to grow and mature for the glory of God; I wanted "to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities". The Second Vatican Council helped us to recognize anew this call addressed to each of us: "All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his or her own way, to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect". (248-249)

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:
www.walsingham.org.uk

CAFOD

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. To find out how you can help, see the CAFOD item on the parish webpage (www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org) in the section called *Distanced but Together*.

"I am sending you.....receive the Holy Spirit"

Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Befriending the Scriptures cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Acts 11:2:1-11;	Psalm 103;	1 Corinthians 12:3-13;	John 20:19-23
Monday:	2 Peter 1;2-7;	Psalm 90;		Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Peter 3:1-18;	Psalm 89;		Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Timothy 1-12;	Psalm 122;		Mark 12:18-27
Thursday:				
	Genesis 22:9-18;	Psalm 39;		Matthew 26:36-42
Friday:	2 Timothy 3:10-17;	Psalm 118;		Mark 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Timothy 4:1-8;	Psalm 70;		Mark 12:38-44

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

Little Sister Kathy writes: "Our founder Charles de Foucauld is going to be canonized since a miracle has been attributed to him. It involves a work accident of a 21 year old who fell off the scaffolding and crashed through the vaulted stone ceiling of an old chapel in Saumur where Br Charles had studied to be a cavalry officer. He impaled himself on the benches below but survived without any consequences. Pretty spectacular, eh?!"

NATIONAL MASSES

Each Thursday, at 7.00pm, a Catholic Bishop has been celebrating a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join in. Last week I announced the last of these on Thursday 28th. Apparently that was not the last; there are more. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

4th June	Bishop John Arnold	St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Salford
11 th June	Bishop Patrick McKinney	St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
18 th June	Archbishop Bernard Longley	St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
25 th June	Bishop Alan Hopes	St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich
2 nd July	Archbishop John Wilson	St George's Cathedral, Southwark
9 th July	Bishop Tom Williams	Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool

IGNITE

Looking for a new challenge in September? The Diocesan Youth Service is seeking applications from 18-35 year olds to join the Ignite Team for 2020-2021. Spend a year sharing the Gospel message with children and young people across East Anglia, developing new skills and growing in your faith. Accommodation, food and other living expenses are provided plus a £200 monthly allowance. Ideal as a 'gap year' (can be extended). For more information visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth or email Ciaran on igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk.



ROSARY

Pentecost Sunday May 31st –Rosary relay Rally
Diocese of East Anglia –
2.00 pm See
Distanced but Together
for details.

ST PAUL in ACTS

During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Gruffy, Scripture scholar and parish priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk 'Paul in Acts' which can be accessed by going to: www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks



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