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PENTECOST

Year A

Sunday 24th May 2026

He breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

Day	St Wilfrid	St Mary	Ss. Peter & Paul
Monday 25th May	**Priest's Day Off**	**Priest's Day Off**	**Priest's Day Off**
Tuesday 26th May	**Mass 10.00am**		
Wednesday 27th May			**Mass 10.00am**
Thursday 28th May		**Mass 9.30am**	
Friday 29th May	**Morning Prayer 7.45am *(At St Paul's)***		
Saturday 30th May	**Mass 5.30pm**		
Trinity Sunday		**Mass 9.30am**	**Mass 11.00am**

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Book Stall this weekend after Mass

There will be a book stall after Mass on Sunday. We have been clearing out the presbytery this week at St Marys. There is also a Zimmer frame and raised toilet seat with frame that is available to anyone who can use them. Anyone interested should speak to either Joe Howson or Catherine Moore.
Thank you.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again.
We especially remember:
John Stancliffe and Frances Dixon.
May the Risen Lord grant them a share in his Resurrection.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 17th May 2022: £292.50 Thank you.

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The Faithful Departed

We pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. We especially remember:
James Anthony Lakeland, Kathleen Livesey and Nell Smith.
May they rest in peace.

T.H.O.M.A.S.

Kindly note that next weekend on Sunday 24thMay, there will be a retiring collection taken for T.H.O.M.A.S.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 17th May 2022: £224.00 Thank you.

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Longridge Foodbank

Kindly note that Longridge Foodbank is currently in short supply of the following items: Long - life Milk, Tinned Custard, Shampoo and Washing up Liquid. If you could donate any of these items in the collection box at the back of church, it would be greatly appreciated.

Afternoon Tea

Our next Afternoon Tea will be held in the parish room on Thursday 4th June at 12.30pm at a very reasonable cost of £12.50. All are most welcome to attend. Please contact Denise to book a place on 07746 295 974. Thank you.

School Governor

We are currently looking for a new foundation governor for St Wilfrid's Primary School. If you feel that you could help support and serve our school community in this capacity, please contact either the headteacher Mr McHugh or Fr Tony. Don't worry if you feel inexperienced, training and support will be provided.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. We especially remember:
Tom Myerscough, Edith Cook, Mary Wrennall, Graham John Holden, Charles Middlehurst, Benjamin McGowan, and Thomas Cornall.
May they now have the reward of their earthly goodness in heaven.

Pentecost

Over the past seven weeks of Easter, we have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, victory over sin and death and recalling his many appearances to the apostles. As they recognised his presence, their hearts burned within them, and they were filled with comfort, reassurance, inner peace, and strength. The fear which filled them at the Lord's crucifixion and immediately afterwards had turned into joy.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning fiftieth. Fifty days ago, we gathered on this day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The scriptures tell us that on the fiftieth day after that momentous event, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of a roaring wind and tongues of fire.

Today's readings describe the dramatic effect the coming of the Holy Spirit had upon the disciples. The change in their lifestyle was startling, as the spirit urged them to achieve their potential. Throwing caution aside, they were no longer afraid but instead rushed out to begin their mission of proclaiming the Good News to all nations.

No longer was there any doubt or uncertainty in their understanding and everything the Lord had told them now made sense. This event marked the birth of the Church. The Spirit of God had filled the disciples with new hope and courage. They received the power that Christ had promised, and filled with new strength and vigour, they set out into the world with great energy and enthusiasm to continue the saving work which Christ had begun.
Wherever there are hearts open to receive him, the Spirit of God is poured out, inspiring minds to undertake their own mission and apostolate as Christ's representatives. This feast brings home to us that God always calls us to a deeper relationship with him and it is his desire that we participate and share in his divine life.

Pentecost is an invitation to enkindle the fire of Christ's love within us and stir up the grace of our baptismal calling. Sometimes we don't always know when, where or how the Spirit might move us, it is as the scriptures remind us as mysterious as the wind itself, but we must never undermine its power to change and to transform lives.

On this great feast let us rejoice in the Spirit; and pray:

"Fill the hearts of the faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia, alleluia."