

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES Pentecost - 19th May 2024 (week 1)					
Saturday	18th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of Pentacost	Rob Chambers
		Bridlington	6pm		O'Hagan Family
Sunday	19th	Bridlington	9am	Pentacost	The Parishes
		Filey	11am	Pentacost	Kathleen Anne Richardson
Monday	20th	Eastfield	10am	Mother of the Church	Johanna Albin (H)
Tuesday	21st	Filey	10am	Feria	Gary Cheetham
Wed'day	22nd	Bridlington	10am	St Rita of Cascia	T'giving (AH)
Thursday	23rd	Filey	10am	Eternal High Priest	Special Intention (O'Hagan)
Friday	24th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	Andrew, Doris, Angelo
_		_	3-4pm	Divine Mercy Chap	let, Holy Hour & Confessions
Saturday	25th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of the	David Kenneally
		Bridlington	6pm	Most Holy Trinity	T'giving (Pura)
Sunday	26th	Bridlington	9am	Most Holy Trinity	Dixon Family
		Filey	11am		The Parishes

PARISH NOTICES:

• We pray for the soul of the late **Mrs Valerie Bowman** who recently died. Our condolences to her 2 daughters and family. The Requiem Mass is on Friday, 7th June 2024. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

- UCM: flower Arranging evening on Wednesday, 22nd May, at 7pm, at St Mary's Hall.
- Pope Francis Prayer intention for the month of May is for the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.
- Advert: A parishioner wish to inform that she do sewing alterations to ladies and gents clothes, curtains and any other sewing needed. Please phone her on **01262638574**.
- Advert: Decorator needed for future works in the parishes. Those wishing to be commissioned please contact Fr Albert directly.
- Fundraising:
- Filey: Cake Sale on Sunday, 26th May at 12noon, at St Mary's Hall.
- The winning number of the Bonus Ball Eastfield on Saturday, 11th May was **22**. The Club 200 Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 12th May, was . Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd collections in the month of May:

25/26th May - Parishes Building Funds



Pius's *(our church cat)* reflection:

If we think of the Holy Spirit only as an impersonal power or influence, then our thought will constantly be, how can I get hold of and use the Holy Spirit; but if we think of Him in the biblical way as a divine Person, infinitely wise, infinitely holy, infinitely tender, then our thought will constantly be, 'How can the Holy Spirit get hold of and use me?'

⁽from R. A. Torrey)



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Špirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

(BY St Augustine of Hippo)

PENTECOST

On the Day of Pentecost the Christian Church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit given to God's holy people. Pentecost is also the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, celebrated 50 days after Passover. On this feast, the first fruits of the wheat harvest were presented, and the covenant made with God at Mount Sinai was remembered and renewed.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes the promised outpouring of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church's mission as occurring in Jerusalem during this feast. The accounts in both Acts (Acts 2:1-4) and the Gospel of John (John 20:22) depict the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples assembled together.

This assembly of the disciples emphasizes an important point: From the beginning, the experience of the Holy Spirit has been a corporate experience. Individuals as members of the Body of Christ participate in this experience, but the power of the Spirit is given for the life of the Church.

Two key words referring to the coming of the Holy Spirit are **promise and power**. The promise of Jesus to send the Helper to the disciples was fulfilled, and the power of the Helper was bestowed, in the upper room at Pentecost. Fire and wind are signs of the Spirit's power. Fire and wind signify God's power throughout the Old Testament. God goes before the people as a pillar of fire in the exodus; God sends a wind to part the Reed Sea before them.

God's power is seen in the Pentecost story as the apostles proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected. The gift of tongues in Acts 2 is a sign that God's word is no longer limited to one people or one place, one language or one race, but is now available to all people everywhere.

The preaching of Peter on Pentecost responds to the question raised by his helpers, "What shall we do?" The apostle replies, "Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) This is still the Christian message – repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We, too, are called to preach the good news of Jesus Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love