



# Sacred Heart Of Jesus Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This information is also available on the [Sacred Heart Web Page](#) Please note the web page will always be the most up to date link with parish news.

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**The online Booking system:** These past few weeks we have noticed a small issue when booking online. If you find the booking form is showing the Mass is full, please ring Fr Paul who will check for you. We do ask you check and book via the [Mass booking form link](#) Thank you

## Weekly Message from Fr Paul

### Message for the Feast of Pentecost.

"Pentecost" means "fifty days" in the Greek language in which most of the New Testament was written.

It is a Jewish feast, occurring seven weeks after the feast of Passover, and is known to Jews as the feast of "Weeks."

Originally, the feast of Passover coincided with the start of the grain harvest in the Middle East (where summer arrives earlier) and the feast of Weeks coincided with the end of the harvest. However, as time went on, this latter feast became associated with the giving of the Covenant by God to His chosen people on Mount Sinai.

The first Christian Pentecost, described in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, could be seen as the giving of the New Covenant by God to all nations with the coming of the Holy Spirit. This covenant is for all humanity, symbolised by the list of those nationalities which heard the preaching of the Apostles in their own language.

Some religions have a sacred language like Sanskrit or Arabic, which has to be learned by those who wish to understand. Christianity does not. The teachings of Jesus Christ are expressed in all languages and the understanding of God's revelation is facilitated by the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said, "...when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth.

For Saint Paul, the Spirit gives freedom from legal restrictions, "If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you."

Our Spring Feast of Pentecost has a newness, a freshness about it, which suits this season perfectly. God was, and is doing a new thing; renewing the whole of Creation.

God Bless

Fr Paul



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## Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Pentecost Sunday Saturday 17:30 Vigil 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2021	People of the Parish	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5: 16-25 <b>Gospel:</b> John 15: 26-27 & 16:12-15	Ian Lafferty Noel O'Sullivan
Sunday 10am Mass 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Josephine Whelband R.I.P.		Richard Mitchell Fiona Cooper
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	In Thanksgiving.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Sirach 36:5-6, 10-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10:32-45	Mary Keating Nikki Lynn
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Saturday 17:30 Vigil 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Frank Robert Eamon Marriott	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Book Of Deuteronomy 4:32-32 & 39-40 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> St Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 28:16-20	Tobias Moechel Ian Lafferty
Sunday Mass 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	People of the Parish		Mary Keating

## Parish News

### COVID Update Within the Parish

Further guidance has been issued from the Diocese which is being reviewed presently and ensuring our risk assessments are reviewed and amended accordingly. We need to continue as we have been doing within our Parish by ensuring face covering are worn, social distancing during Mass and using hand sanitiser. The church will continue to be cleaned after each Mass.

We are aware of the pews starting to become sticky due to the way they needed to be cleaned after Mass. This we will be addressing very shortly.

### Tea and Coffee after Mass.

The latest relaxation of Covid restrictions means that we are allowed, once again, to gather in the parish hall for tea and coffee and a chat after Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will need to follow wearing face covering and sanitising down afterwards like they will be doing in hospitality venue.

I should be grateful if our volunteers would get together and produce a rota for doing the teas and coffee and let me know so we can add to the weekly newsletter.

### Church Cleaning

We need volunteers to help with cleaning the church and the building as we slowly return to normal. (Including washing the pews)

Depending on numbers of volunteers it will be one or two Saturday mornings in June, 9:30 – 11:30. Further information will follow in next weekend's newsletter.

### First Holy Communion. – Letters and applications will be available from 30<sup>th</sup> May (Sorry for the delay)

Due to this past year and not able to welcome our younger parishioners to celebrate their First Holy Communion, we have decided that our next 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion class will start in September 2021.

The classes will take place on a Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 on the following dates, taking into account the October half term. - 25.09.21. - 02.10.21. - 09.10.21 Including the Sacrament of penance  
- 30.10.21 - 06.11.21 - 13.11.21 and rehearsal. - 14.11.21 Sunday Mass and First Holy Communion service  
22.05.2021



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## From the Diocese

### **Kindle the fire: Pentecost online prayer - Saturday 22 May 2021 at 4.00 p.m.**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.” (Luke 4: 18)  
Join online prayer for the eve of Pentecost with Bishop Patrick, parishioners and Caritas volunteers from around the Diocese of Nottingham.

We'll be marking the launch of Caritas, the new ministry supporting charitable service in parishes in Nottingham diocese, and justice, peace and care for creation in the wider world. Meet fellow Catholics and find out how Caritas can help you live the Gospel: book your place at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/kindlethefire](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/kindlethefire).

**The Word and the Common Good:** Join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings from 7 June at 7.00 p.m. As life starts afresh after lockdown:

- Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom
- Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter'
- Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.

You're welcome to drop in and find out more at an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#). Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us) for further details and to [book your place](#).

**Thy Kingdom Come** – Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May). It is a time when Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to know Jesus and answer the call to be his disciple. There are a collection of Catholic resources you can use on your own or with others in this time including: morning and evening prayer, praying with Our Lady resources, live streamed night prayer, resources to pray for those you know who aren't followers of Christ, and more! Further information here: [www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church). Resources for children and families here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

## **MORE NEWS FROM LACY : CELEBRATING PENTECOST!**

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth extend a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to share a Celebration with them on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, via Zoom at 7.00 p.m. Fr. Simon Gillespie will lead us in the celebration. **Youth is a flame! Youth is a fire! Bring with you a balloon, pen and candle!** Be inspired by The Holy Spirit. See our poster! We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Link in

details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84125113074?pwd=VWhYV0RBNmVKMTA2Yy9iK0RkcndQZz09> Contact [claudia.oxon@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.oxon@gmail.com) or [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) for further information. **All young people under the age of 18 present on Zoom should be accompanied by an adult.**

Information shared from the Dioceses.

A quick reminder that additional information can be found via our parish website [Nottingham Diocese Interaction](#) or the direct link to [Diocese of Nottingham](#).