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SM SUNDAY MESSAGE

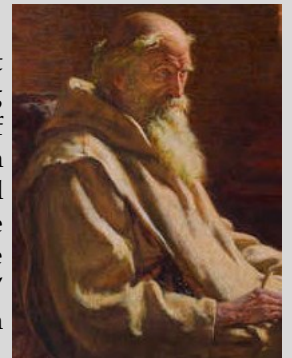
At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.



'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties? Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness? Or are they the same?

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE | 25TH MAY

He was born in the north of England, near the monastery of Wearmouth. He joined that monastery, and spent all his life there or at Jarrow, teaching and writing. He was the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time. He wrote commentaries on Scripture; an ecclesiastical history of the English people, which is a unique and irreplaceable resource for much of early English history; and the first martyrology (collection of saints' lives) to be compiled on historical principles. He was also the first known writer of English prose, though this has not survived. He died at Jarrow on 25 May 735: he taught and worked until the last moments of his life, which are narrated by Cuthbert in today's Office of Readings. He is venerated as the "light of the Church" in the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8th and 9th century renaissance of the Western Church.



POPE ST PAUL VI | 29TH MAY

Pope Paul VI was born in Concesio, Italy, in 1897 and ordained a priest in 1920. After serving in the Vatican civil service and as Archbishop of Milan, he became pope in 1963. He completed the Second Vatican Council, promoted liturgical renewal, ecumenical dialogue, and evangelization in the modern world. A devoted servant of Christ and the Church, he emphasized humility, peace, human dignity, and the "civilisation of love." His legacy includes Church reform, apostolic journeys, and efforts to reconcile Christian teaching with contemporary challenges. He died in 1978 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with the parish office by 5pm on a Wednesday. Please email bulletin@seaham-catholics.org.uk



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Leone PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

Dean Hardy
at St. Mary Magdalen's

George Dyer and DFM
at St. Cuthbert's

In memory of Douglas Main
and the Bruce Family
at St. Joseph's

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St Joseph's

16th May
Bet Foley

20



at St Mary Magdalen's

17th May
Number: 287
Price: £50

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

THE SVP - WELCOMING DEACON PATRICK RUTHERFORD

Today we welcome Deacon Patrick Rutherford who is speaking at all Masses this weekend about the SVP. He is the deacon in charge of SVP Society in our diocese. The St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales), known more commonly as the SVP, is part of an international Christian voluntary network that aims to alleviate the struggles of poverty and tackle it right from the very cause. Across England and Wales, the SVP has over 8,000 members who offer person-to-person friendship within their communities to help those who are struggling. From helping with food parcels, to school uniform vouchers and care in the community, the SVP's dedicated members are there for anyone who may need them.

PENTECOST

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost which marks the end of the Easter season. The solemn Easter dismissal will be used at all Masses this weekend. Following Mass, The Paschal Candle returns to its place near the baptismal font so that candles may be lit from it during baptisms. We thank all of those who have volunteered to pray in different languages. From tomorrow, Monday 25th May we return to the green of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time up to September we are asked to pray for the following intentions: *A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life and Seafarers.*

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Phillip Joseph O'Sullivan and Michael Finan who have died. Phillip's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 29th May at 10:00am at St. Joseph's. Funeral arrangements for Michael Finan will be announced in due course. **REQUIESCANT IN PACE.**

FLOWER ARRANGERS AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the two flower arrangers at St. Mary Magdalen's for their many years of dedicated service in ensuring that our altar and statues have always been beautifully adorned with flowers. Due to their age, they have decided to retire from this ministry. We thank them in a special way for their time, care, and commitment, and we wish them every blessing in the years ahead. We would also warmly welcome any new volunteers who may wish to continue this wonderful work in service of Our Lord at St. Mary Magdalen's Church.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

At all Masses this weekend there is retiring collection for the diocesan lay training fund. The **Lay Training Fund (LTF)** is a diocesan second collection designed to support the education and formation of laypeople (non-ordained adults) in their faith. It aims to equip parishioners for ministry, mission, and service in their communities, often covering areas not usually provided by parish life.

THE AVE MARIA CLUB

The Ave Maria Club will be closed this coming Monday 25th May, due to the Bank Holiday. It will be open as normal the following Monday. The latest Ave Maria Club Newsletter is now available on the parish website at seaham-catholics.org.uk/AveMaria

RETREAT AT OAKLEA CONVENT, SUNDERLAND

Sister Michael is hosting a three day retreat with Fr. Chris Thomas at Oaklea Convent in Sunderland on Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th May, 10:00am - 4:00pm. If you would like to come along for one, two or three days, you are most welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY - WITH THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed to the retiring collection last weekend for World Communications. St Mary Magdalen's raised £121.42, St Cuthbert's £102.60 and St Joseph's £162.62.

BIBLES AT ST. CUTHBERT'S

The new RE curriculum at St. Cuthbert's will begin in September, following the Bishop's request that all schools adopt the new resources. As a result, the school is no longer able to use its current Bibles with the updated curriculum. While some copies have been retained for classroom libraries, many are now available and in excellent condition. Please feel free to take one. Any donations you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting prayer resources within the school.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Thursday is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, we continue to pray that our choices will draw us closer to the benefits from the Unique Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross will.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Mass is a very important prayer, we are encouraged to attend Masses both on Sundays and weekdays, and to offer Mass intentions not just for our dead friends and family members, also for our friends and family members who are poorly and struggling, for peace in our families and the world, and for various intentions. Please note, St. Joseph's are running very low on Mass intentions at the moment, so if you request a Mass it will likely be said very quickly at St. Joseph's. Mass Envelopes are available at the back of all three Churches.

✠ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES ✠

A = Anniversary | **(LD)** = Lately Deceased | **(DFM)** = Deceased Family Members

| | St Mary Magdalen's SEAHAM HARBOUR | St Cuthbert's NEW SEAHAM | St. Joseph's MURTON |
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| Saturday 23rd May <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i> PENTECOST | 10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Mary Duffy <i>Confessions after Mass</i> | 4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Baby Luke Cowan | |
| Sunday 24th May PENTECOST | 9:30am MASS Mary & Brian Brewster <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i> | | 10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Ward and Edwards Families <i>(living and deceased)</i> <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i> |
| Monday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor</i> | | 8:45am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i> | |
| Tuesday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i> | 9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Kitty & Bill Ward | | |
| Wed 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> | | 9:30am MASS Billy, Stella & Catherine Grogan | 10:00am MASS Intention of the Priest |
| Thurs 28th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest</i> | 9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS James & Margaret Atkinson | | |
| Friday 29th May <i>St Paul VI, Pope</i> | | | 10:00am REQUIEM MASS Phillip Joseph O'Sullivan |
| Saturday 30th May <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | 10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Billy McCourt Jr <i>Confessions after Mass</i> | 4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Robert Middleton & DFM | |
| Sunday 31st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | 9:30am MASS Rebekah & Ruth Jackson <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i> | | 10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS The People of the Parish <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i> |

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