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24th May 2026

Pentecost

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia

From Father Graham

It might seem odd that there are two accounts of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Both are in our Mass readings today. The Acts of the Apostles describes a mighty wind filling the whole house and tongues of fire appearing above the head of each before they began to preach to a multitude. In the account from Saint John, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the apostles directly. Having two accounts is not unusual. There are two accounts of creation in Genesis particularly describing the creation of Man and Woman. Having two accounts does not mean that one is wrong. That is not how we read or understand the revelation of scripture. Together they give a deeper meaning to the same truth.

Both Genesis and Pentecost accounts are about creation - in the beginning and the new creation after the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. "Behold I make all things new!"

Jesus gives His breath, and life to us through the Holy Spirit and receiving this gift is to receive the very life of God who revealed Himself to Moses in the flame of the burning bush. It is transformative. All nations are to hear the Good News as prophesied in the gathering of all known nations in their hearing.

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Pentecost

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The Most Holy Trinity

Table with 6 columns: Date, Time, Type, Activity, and Priest. Rows include Sat 30 May and Sun 31 May.

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Eastertide is a great place to start or come back to a faith journey. Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

We have a group, 'Come & See', for people to come and discuss faith and ask questions in an informal setting.

Next date: Tuesday 9th June, 7.30pm in the Parish Room at St Peter's.

All are welcome.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Or are you already a Catholic but would like to learn more about the faith?

Come and See

Upcoming dates (all start 7.30pm)

14th April 2026

12th May 2026

9th & 30th June 2026

No need to book, just come along to any session.

Venue: St Peter's Church Parish Room, West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

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Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00-13.00

Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.



PARISH NEWS

PRAYER INTENTIONS, EVENTS, NOTICES

Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK. These prayer intentions will next be offered at the mass on Thursday 4th June (please note change of date).

Please pray for the soul of Ann Olliver RIP. Please pray for Paul and all their family too. Ann's Requiem Mass is at SP on Friday 5 June at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children and their families, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion mass on Corpus Christi.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our Confirmation candidates, the Baptised, and the cycle of prayer for Eastertide.

Sat 23	9.30am 1st Holy Communion children's rehearsal
Sun 24	Day of Prayer for the Church (2nd collection for Diocese of Chulucanas)
Mon 25	Bank Holiday Monday <i>Weekday masses at the Towers only this week</i>
Fri 29	Worthing J&P Peace Mass
Sat 30	SP Choir Practice

People's Emergency Briefing

A video addressing the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, nature loss, national security and the economy, will be shown on Saturday 30th May, 2.00 - 3.30pm, at Ropetackle, and on Saturday 13th June 3.30 - 5.00pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd. All welcome.

...From Fr Graham, continued...

We have received the Holy Spirit. But there is always more to learn and understand about the fullness of His gifts and fruits which we only experience when we delve deeper into the mystery of the gift received. Ask for the Holy Spirit, more and more every day, that the peace and freedom of the fruit of Jesus' resurrection may be more evident in each one of us and our parish. May God bless you all.

With my prayer for you every day, Fr Graham.

From Right to Life

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray for an outpouring of love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, that these gifts help us to serve the poor, broken and unborn.

From YouCat Daily

[www.youcat.org](http://www.youcat.org)

118 What happened on Pentecost?

Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the Church began.

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a very short time, thousands had themselves baptized: it was the birthday of the Church. The miracle of the Languages on Pentecost shows that the Church is there for all peoples from the very beginning: She is universal (= the Latin term for the Greek kat' holon, catholic) and missionary. She speaks to all men, overcomes ethnic and linguistic barriers, and can be understood by all. To this day the Holy Spirit is the "soul" of the Church, the essential principle of her life.

Worthing J&P Peace Mass

Worthing Deanery J&P group are having a Peace Mass on Friday 29th May, 6.30 pm, at English Martyrs Goring. Fr Liam will celebrate Mass, Deacon Simon will preach the homily with refreshments in the hall after Mass. All welcome.

'Day for Life': Sunday 21 June

The Bishops' Conference invites us to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. The Novena is found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/>

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

Saturday 18 July 12 noon - 4.15pm, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT.



A pilgrimage for people across our diocese - the day includes Holy Mass, a personal Consecration to Our Lady, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. There is no need to book, to find out more contact Linda C-Dominguez T:01273463463 or M:07944377252. Please bring a packed lunch.

Never underestimate the power of prayer.  
One whisper to God can change everything.

Pope Leo XIV, 4th March 2026

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