

# NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## Pentecost

Dear Parishioners

Today is 'Whit Sunday' the day of Pentecost. I leave it to Anglican poet and priest Malcolm Guite:

*'Here, is my sonnet for Pentecost. This is a sonnet reflecting on and celebrating the themes and readings of Pentecost. I have been reflecting on the traditional 'four elements' of earth, air, water and fire. I have been considering how each of them expresses and embodies different aspects of the Gospel and of God's goodness, as though the four elements were, in their own way, another four evangelists. In that context I was very struck by the way Scripture expresses the presence of the Holy Spirit through the three most dynamic of the four elements, **the air**, (a mighty rushing wind, but also the breath of the spirit) **water**, (the waters of baptism, the river of life, the fountain springing up to eternal life promised by Jesus) and of course **fire**, the tongues of flame at Pentecost. I was wondering, where is the fourth? Where is **earth**? And then I realised that **we ourselves are earth**, the 'Adam' made of the red clay, and we become living beings, fully alive, when the Holy Spirit, clothed in the three other elements comes upon us and becomes a part of who we are.'*

### Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
Today the lost are found in His translation.  
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

**Archbishop Malcolm Visitation:** A Big Thank You to everyone who helped make Archbishop Malcolm's visit a happy and memorable time in our parishes. Thanks to the staff and pupils of St Mary's school who gave him such a warm welcome on Friday afternoon. Thank you to our Catechists, Fran and Clare, who prepared the children for First Holy Communion on Saturday evening. It was wonderful that our parishioner May Bridson was able to attend this Mass to be greeted by Archbishop Malcolm as she celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. Thank you to May's family and friends for supporting her as well. A special photo of May together with our brand-new parishioner baby Eleanor was taken with the Archbishop. Thanks also to the Filipino Choir who enhanced our celebrations with their singing. I would like to thank our regular choirs in St Anthony's and St Mary's who always add to our services and to our readers and eucharistic ministers. Thanks also to our flower arrangers and cleaners who give their time each week to care for our churches, often unnoticed; and to the teams who provide refreshments, and of course our stewards. Lastly thank you to parishioners who are doctors who attended the Sacrament of the Sick service and to those who brought sick parishioners and family members to be anointed by Archbishop Malcolm. After civic and national meetings on Monday morning Archbishop Malcolm returned to Liverpool happy and encouraged by his visit to the Isle of Man.

- The **Memory Support Group** will next meet on **6 June 2023 at 10.30am to 12 noon** at **St Anthony's Pastoral Centre**. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Josie on 406063 for more information.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Anthony's £425; St Mary & St Joseph £965. Thank you for your generosity.

**Fr John's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination and 75<sup>th</sup> birthday:** An event to celebrate Fr John's special milestones will take place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Mary's Church and outside in the garden** if weather permits. Finger Food Canapés & Drinks will be provided. All St Anthony's and St Mary of the Isle & St Joseph's parishioners are invited. However, **for catering purposes, please let the parish office know soon if you would like to attend, preferably by email to [saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk)**. Collection envelopes are available at the back of Church if you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr John. Thank you.

### Masses and Services for the coming week

*All Masses and Services from St Mary's are live-streamed*

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	5.00pm	St Mary's	Sister Mary Dominic, recently died
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
	11.00am	St Mary's	Karl Slann, 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Our Lady, Mother of the Church	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Jairo Rodrigues intentions
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> Blessed Lawrence Richardson	10.00am	St Anthony's	Eucharistic Service
	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Joseph (Manoj) anniversary
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Adah Reine Tayag, thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	10.00am	St Anthony's	Safety of our TT Visitors
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Jane Harrison</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Saints Marcellinus and Peter	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Cecilia & George Sharpe, Golden Wedding Anniversary
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions	11am-12.00noon	St Mary's	Confessions & Exposition
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	5.00pm	St Mary's	Alice Temple, 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Wilomena Sullivan, recently died
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	11.00am	St Mary's	People of our Parishes

We remember this week in our prayers our parishioner **Jane Harrison** whose funeral Mass will take place on Thursday. We think of Jane's husband Dean and her grieving family and friends in their loss. May she rest in peace.