

Parish of Corpus Christi

Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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Sunday Year B

Pentecost Sunday

Weekday Cycle II

"When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth."

The American priest and writer Lawrence Lovasik wrote, "Kind words are a creative force, a power that concurs in the building up of all that is good, and energy that showers blessings upon the world." Lovasik recognised the power of words to transform and to be constructive. Among all the animals, human beings, as rational animals, are the experts at words. Other animals communicate with gestures and noises, but only humans have the power of articulate speech. Language is endlessly creative, from street slang to the greatest works of literature. We can think of how these great works penetrate our culture, the *Odyssey* of Homer, the *Divine Comedy* of Dante, the sonnets of Shakespeare. Traditional cultures transmit stories and histories by word of mouth, so ensuring continuity in their way of life.

We also know that words can deceive and destroy. St James says that the tongue is like a small flame which can set alight huge forests. We all know the corrosive effect that gossip and lies can have on a person's life, and the lives of whole communities. Human beings thrive on the truth. It is part of our nature to want to know and communicate the truth, and language is at its most noble when it tells the truth. Truthful language reflects reality and builds up community. To tell the truth about God, who is beyond our understanding, we need divine inspiration.

The Gospel today is the promise that Jesus makes to send the Holy Spirit – and Pentecost is the fulfilment of that promise. At Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to proclaim the truth of Jesus. Jesus also teaches the connection between the gift of the Spirit and the truth. Without the divine inspiration that comes from God we are unable to fully express the richness of God's being and love.

This giving of the Holy Spirit takes place on two levels, the collective and the personal. At the collective level the Spirit is given to the whole Church, starting with the apostles. The Spirit empowered the apostles to speak many different languages, and also to speak the truth about the love and goodness of God. They were able to convince people of the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On an individual level we receive the Spirit at baptism, and we are given the gifts of faith, hope and

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The apostles are empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak a multitude of languages to help preach the Gospel.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25

St Paul contrasts the fruits of sin with a beautiful litany of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the Church and helps us understand the truth.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	22 May	5.30pm	Lissy Shaji RIP
Sunday (St Michael's)	23 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	23 May	11.00am	Colin Barker RIP
Tuesday	25 May	9.00am	Fr Terry Boyle Diamond Jubilee
Wednesday (St Michael's)	26 May	12.00pm	50 th Anniversary of death of Robert Salmon
Thursday	27 May	12.00pm	Anniversary of Consecration of St Michael's
Friday	28 May	12.00pm	Fr Kevin Thornton Diamond Jubilee
Saturday	29 May	12.00pm	Michael and Mary Kate McDonagh RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	29 May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael's)	30 May	9.00am	Kitty Bainbridge RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	30 May	11.00am	Margaret and Mint Burkinshaw RIP

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charity. As St Paul puts it, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to know and love God and to bear witness to the saving truth.

At the annunciation the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary so she could give birth to the human body of Christ; at Pentecost the Holy Spirit hovers over the Church to give birth to the mystical body of Christ. At our baptism the Holy Spirit comes to us to empower us. This is a participation in the life of the Trinity.

We live the life of Pentecost primarily through participating in the sacraments, through a life of prayer and good works. The Holy Spirit works through each of the sacraments to heal and illuminate us, to help us live a life of community with God and with each other. The Holy Spirit gives us what are known as the seven gifts, to empower us to pray, to enter ever deeper into the life of the Trinity. As well as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit there are also the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Today's second reading gives us a beautiful list of these gifts, the results of living a life in the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. The Holy Spirit dwelling in us does not make us puppets, but empowers us to be genuinely free and achieve our potential as children and co-workers of God. There is one very concrete way in which we can bear witness to the truth of Jesus and the Gospel. Guided by the Spirit, we can speak of the things of God, we can speak honestly, speaking the truth in love. This can go from explaining our faith to others, to saying kind and encouraging words to each other, the sort of words that build up, not those that destroy. So the Holy Spirit makes us children of God, but also helps us mature in Christ to the fullness of truth; as an ancient hymn puts it, the Holy Spirit is the Father's promise, "teaching little ones to speak and understand".

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Anne Whittingham, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Gallagher and of Kathleen Bracken who died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

World Communications Day

Thank you for your generous donations. You have raised £192.09 in total.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/

Another way to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to Fr Kevin Thornton and Fr Terry Boyle as they celebrate 60 years of service in the catholic faith. We send them all our thanks and prayers for their dedication to our parishes over the years.