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Martyr Priest

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Saturday 31st 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday 1st June 9.30am. Sunday Mass

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am Mass. St Charles Lwanga & companions Ms

Wednesday 4th 10.00am Mass

Thursday 5th N.B. The Mass with school in church has been postponed.

5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Key:

6.20pm Benediction. 6.30pm Mass

St Boniface Bp M

Friday 6th 10.00am Mass. St Norbert Bp

Saturday 7th 11.00am - 11.30am. Confessions during Exposition

Saturday 7th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass Sunday 8th 9.30am. Sunday Mass **Pentecost Sunday**

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

The time between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday is traditionally a nine day Novena invoking the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit.

We live in a world which is far from any world that could be described as one which follows the path of God for his people.

It is vital that those who believe in God pray for those who either don't believe, or are deaf to his guidance.



The Holy Spirit is the very essence of the Will of God and the Power of God, shown most vividly in God's love. That does not describe the world we live in. Unless we conform to the Will of God and pray for those who are resistant to the Will of God, our world will continue to move further from any path that resembles God's Will and Love for his people. Pray, sincerely and fervently pray, for the Holy Spirit to come.

Church Cleaning

There will be church cleaning on Tuesday 3rd of June after Mass (approximately 10.30)

We really, really, really do need more people to help the very few people who are prepared to give up an hour a month to clean our beautiful church. Those who do are now of an age where they should be giving way to younger, fitter volunteers. It is not fair to put pressure on them to keep going because there is no-one to replace them. Please think about it. Thank you.

Friendship and Bereavement Group

The Friendship and Bereavement Group will meet on Wednesday 11th of June after Mass (approximately 10.30). Please note the change of date.

Volunteering opportunities in church Don't skip this bit! It could be you! There are two opportunities for people to work in pairs if they wish:

- 1. Children's room organising the resources in this room for the weekend masses as necessary and keeping it clean and tidy.
- 2. Votive candles replenishing candles, water and removing wax as necessary.

To know more, or if you are interested, please see Carol in the sacristy after Mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation.

The number of people who have come forward with a desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation has, to be honest, taken us by surprise this year. From St. John Southworth parish and the Good Shepherd parish, we have over forty applicants, which is literally more than ten times the number last year or the year before. Not all are young teenagers, some are older and a couple of adults also.

Thank God for the response and keep them in your prayers that they will respond to the preparation and then to the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they move forward in life after receiving the Sacrament.

The Sacrament will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church by our bishop on Monday 7th July at 7pm. We were to have joined the Deanery celebrations at St. Mary's Burnley and St. Joseph's Accrington, but the numbers are too many and so the bishop has added a celebration here. Even so, space in church will be very restricted for that number plus family or guests. Perhaps only three or four each, so be prepared against disappointment. Access to the church via the live-stream will be available for the service.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they will be created, and you will renew the faith of the earth. O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.