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Saturday 16th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 17th	9.30am Mass	
Monday 18th	11.00am Mass	Requiem Mass for Winifred Smith RIP
Tuesday 19th	10.00am Mass	Mass St. Dunstan Bp
Thursday 21st	5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.15pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.30pm Mass.	St Christopher Magallanes and Companions. MM
Friday 22nd	10.00am	Mass St. Rita of Cascia
Saturday 23rd	11.00am	Confessions during Exposition
Saturday 23rd	6.00pm Vigil Mass	Feast of Pentecost
Sunday 24th	9.30am Mass	

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

## Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit

We celebrate the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost, but the truth is that nothing happens with God or in our spiritual lives without the presence, activity and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was not just there at the beginning of the Church in it's breaking out of its timidity on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit is mentioned right at the beginning of everything, before the creation of the world. The bible tells us that when there was only chaos and nothing was made, the **Spirit** of God (the third person of the blessed Trinity) hovered over the absence of order waiting to spring into dynamic life as soon as **God The Father**, (the first person of the blessed Trinity) spoke his creative **Word** (The Son of God, the second person of the blessed Trinity) and then the mighty story of creation and of our existence and relationship with God began.

Once it had begun, our whole relationship with God is in and through his Word and his Spirit.

Let us pray, each day this week, leading to Pentecost, for the dynamic presence of God's Spirit to motivate, inspire and empower all that we do so that God can transform his world through each of us.



## Fundraising for the church roof

**As you will have noticed**, the first stage of the work on the roof has now started with the building of the scaffolding. This stage will comprise an assessment of the roof as a whole, the repair of the holes, fixing of slates that are either slipping or appear to be in danger of slipping, attention to coping stones and ridge tiles and replacement of gutters with gutters which are capable of catching any slipping slates to avoid accidents. This stage is expected to cost in the region of £20,000.

**The next fundraising meeting** will be in the Saints Peter and Paul room in the Presbytery after the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 17th of May 2026. Attendance at these meetings has so far been disappointing. We don't want too many people but we need more than we've already got. If you cannot come along to this meeting, you can still contribute by emailing ideas to [enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk)

## Sponsored Walk for the Roof Fund - last call

Ellen Wilson is raising money to help pay for repairs to the church roof, and hopes that you will sponsor her. The church is over a hundred years old, the roof is very high and the work will be very expensive. Ellen is going to walk 15 miles, from Colne Bus Station to Burnley Bus Station and back again. Thank you for your generosity so far. Let's see if we can get more. There will be people waiting to sign you up at the back of the church at the weekend masses. You can use the Gift Aid envelopes marked "roof" for your sponsorship money and give to Ellen.

## Deanery Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 7th June

**Following the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis** to the Diocese in February, many people were inspired anew by the deep Eucharistic faith of this young saint, who reminded us that: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." Since then, there has been a real desire among the faithful to respond to this call to rediscover the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

**In response**, the St John Vianney Deanery is organising a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7th June at 3.00pm at St Mary Magdalene's RC Church, Burnley. The afternoon will include the Blessed Sacrament procession, devotions, reflections from some of the deanery priests, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

What makes such an occasion truly prayerful—what makes it a moment of grace where faith is deepened and love for the Lord renewed—is simply this: that we come. That we accept the invitation.

The Lord himself beckons us:

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40) and again, in the mystery of the Eucharist:

"Do you also wish to go away?" (John 6:67)

He calls each of us personally. All are warmly welcome. The Lord is calling—will you come and be with Him?

## Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

Heart to Heart women's retreat, 19 - 22 June 2026

A three-day retreat for women (whether single, married or religious), based on principles of Ignatian spirituality. Guided by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR and Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, the retreat will seek to draw participants closer to the Lord through a greater attentiveness to His will.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/heart-to-heart-retreat/>

[Download the JPG flier here](#)

## Theatre of Hope – Journey through the 12 Steps on Wednesday 1 July 2026 7- 10pm at the Muni, Colne, cost £10.

A unique and compelling theatre production from Elisha House Recovery Community.

Men in recovery from addiction tell their own raw and moving stories. Based on new material, this is the fourth production from Elisha House. Directed by Donna Worthington, it includes storytelling, movement, songs, forum theatre and vivid devised scenes from the men's lived experiences. This will be a memorable journey through the 12 steps and offer hope.

For those over 18 only.

<https://themunitheatre-tickets.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173661618/events>