

PENTECOST PEACE THOUGHTS

Sister Joan Chittister writes:

Today is Pentecost Sunday.

'Clearly, we have not 'been left orphans.'

The Holy Spirit has indeed come. The only condition of the Presence is that we allow ourselves to see the compelling reality of it, that we watch for it 'like a sentry for the coming of dawn.

The condition is that we do not take God for granted.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit is the call to be abandoned to the will of God. It is a call to risk the consequences of God's love, here and now.'

In late May 1996, Christian de Chergé, OSCO, and six other Trappist monks were martyred in Algeria. De Chergé and the other Trappists had made the monastery a place of peace for Christians and their Muslim neighbours, even as the region was rocked by violence and religious fundamentalism.

They chose not to flee the abbey, and declined military protection, so that they could continue their ministries. De Chergé wrote a letter, to be opened in the event of his death, which expresses his love for Muslims and says, in part, 'If it should happen one day—and it could be today—that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to encompass all the foreigners living in Algeria,

I would like ... to beg forgiveness of God and of all my fellow human beings, and at the same time to forgive with all my heart the one who would strike me down.'

With divisive rhetoric on the rise in the UK, let us take the courageous witness of the monks into our own hearts and strive to live as one with our neighbour.

May we, like them, 'risk the consequences of God's love, here and now'.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

For thought-provoking, verified & challenging documentaries & world news, WATCH ALJAZEERA ENGLISH & TRT WORLD LIVE ONLINE

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8.00pm BBC2: SPRING WATCH

Amazing images of nature's dramas using strategically placed hidden cameras as the series monitors Britain's wildlife through Spring.

MONDAY 10.00pm BBC2: ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME,

MARGARET

The beloved coming-of-age novel is brought to life with affection and wit, as Margaret negotiates tricky pre-teen territory after moving to New Jersey with her parents.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: OVER THE COUNTER: HIDDEN

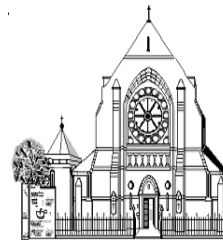
ADDICTIONS

Examines a hidden dependence on over-the-counter medicines that can ruin lives and cause long-term health problems..

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PUTIN: IN TEN PICTURES

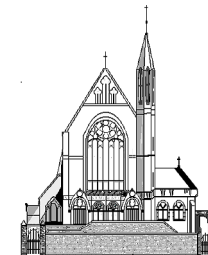
Examines the famous figure through a collection of ten defining images.

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's
Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's Church

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 20: 19-23

The eldest son, now just 10yrs old, was asked to go for the first time, by himself, to the grocer's shop. Excited, he rushed to the shop and only when he stood before the counter did he realise that he had not brought any money.

All baptised people are being sent out into the world and often, though enthusiastic and keen, lack something essential. Jesus promised us all an Advocate. Without awareness of the energy, imagination and presence of God, we remain inadequate and even selfish. How often do we stand before a situation and not know what to do, realising we can't finish the job?

The 10yr old went back to his mum. Baptised Christians must go back to their Father and Jesus in the Gospels.

Easter people, Communion
Table People must turn to
Jesus' plan and vigour -
the Holy Spirit. Remember
Jesus reassured the disciples
he would be with them always.
He promises us this too.
We have all we need to get on
with the job!



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Robert Ryan, Maureen Carrington,
Jean Skanley, Vincent Malone, Albert Shaw
Please keep these families in your prayers.

TWO CATHEDRALS PENTECOST WALK

The 'Two Cathedrals Walk' will take place on Sunday 24th May at 3pm when Christians from across the region will come together to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. All are welcome to gather at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for a walk down Hope Street to Liverpool Cathedral. For more info. visit: <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>

FAITH & JUSTICE GROUP MEETING

'It is not enough to say we have prayed. We must also act!'

Robert McElroy, Cardinal Archbishop of Washington, USA

How might we respond to the injustices we see in our changing world? Please join us to explore what we could do together at our next meeting on Tuesday, 26th May, 5.00pm at St. Michael's when we will make plans for prayer and action.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Marriage Encounter Experience is taking place at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA, on Saturday 27th and 28th June. The experience is priest-led with laity-couple presenters, and offers precious quality time to support lifelong marriage, personal growth and spiritual growth in a Catholic faith context. Full details at <https://wwme.org.uk>.

If interested, contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS?

PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF OUR TIME

Scripture sharing with strawberries and cream!
Tuesdays 7pm, 23, 30 June, 7, 14 July 2026 at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. Zoom link available centreirenaeus@gmail.com

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AT IRENAEUS

Mass and BBQ at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, 3pm 28 June 2026.
For more information contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com
Join in to find out about the work of Irenaeus.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

First Communion Masses - Next weekend until w.e. 6th/7th June.

Faith & Justice Group Meeting - Tuesday, 26th May, 5.00pm,
St. Michael's

Summer Garden Party at Irenaeus - 28th June at 3 pm.

SAVE THE DATES

DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Saturday, 4th July '26
CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE - Friday, 10th July '26.
More info. soon.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Next weekend, we welcome the children and their families to celebrate their First Holy Communion with us. Please give them a warm welcome and continue to pray for them as they take this most important step on their faith journey.

LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every Friday at 6:00pm at St Vincent's Church, L1 5JN. For more information, contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or call 07546667394.

PARISH PANTRY

We have a small pantry of food, which we share with folk who call to the parish door. Just now, our stock is running low. Please will you help again with donations of tinned food, packets of rice, pasta and tinned fish/meat/vegetables. Thank you for your generosity.

NEWSLETTER

We would like to recruit an additional person to join the team to type up information and photocopy the newsletter. The commitment would be for an hour or so each month. Please see Father Fitz if you would like to know more. Many thanks.

SVP

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach. The collection is the first weekend of each month. You are very generous. Thank you