



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

THIS WEEK AT THE PRIORY

The Priory is closed on Monday

Tuesday – Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

Trinity Sunday June 16th

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

Hymns: 114

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar, Abp. Stephen Than Myint Oo, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society Bp John Gaisford. St Luke, Holbrooks: Fr Kit Dunkley. St Thomas, Longford: Fr Andrew Coleman. St Nicholas, Radford: Vacant. St James, Ansty, S Andrew, Shilton: Fr Kit Dunkley, Fr N Stevens. St Mary, Nuneaton: Fr Mark Liddell, Fr Brian Regan.

Pray for the continuing ministry of this Priory for Fr. Paul and the Trustees.

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Helen, Karen, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Gillian, Jenny, Phil, Sheila, Fr Stuart, Fr Huw, Roger, Sandy, Chris, Allan, Lloyd, David, Mary, Michael, Gill, Daniella, Harrison, Melanie and Len.

Pray for the Departed Fr. Vincent Coles, Mother Isabel Mary, Fr. Hulton Kemble, Bessie Gilpin, Fr. Raymond Raynes, Fr. Bruce Davies, Fr. Dominic Whitnall, Bp. William Simon, Joan Buckingham.

Readings for next Sunday

Proverbs 8:14, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



The Jews were gathered for their celebration of Pentecost, that is seven weeks after celebrating the Passover. It was an agricultural festival of giving thanks for the early crop. Some of those Jews had become followers of Jesus and of course, as Jews, they were to come to Jerusalem for the feast. What we hear in the First Reading is the surprising event of a Holy Wind and Fire Storm.

This Spirit's coming brings about great changes in the lives of those early "inspired" people. The ability to speak and understand different languages is only the first. They were enabled to understand and speak to the differences within the human community. As they were gathered together to give thanks to God for the abundance of the fields, these men and their followers were to spread the news "of the mighty acts of God." Through the Acts of the Apostles, we read of these "mighty acts of God" which present a new sense of Pentecost.

The earth brings forth harvested grain through planting by human hands and from the sun and rain from the skies. The new Pentecost is our celebration of how God's Spirit, sent from the skies, brings forth a harvest of good works through the cooperation of human hands. In a sense, the Church is a "Pentecost." It remains a gathering to give thanks for the abundance of "mighty acts of God" which are breathed into the human structure of the Church and into its members. We ponder, sing of, write about, and proclaim that God's Spirit is faithful to God's continuous creation.

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