ALL SAINTS EVS 21st May 2023 Easter Seven Sunday after Ascension Day

The Novena between Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost

The nine days from Ascension Day to the Eve of Pentecost are the original novena. A special nine days of prayer.



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Before he ascended, Jesus ordered the disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. After his Ascension, they returned to the upper room in Jerusalem where they devoted themselves to prayer. These last days of the Great Fifty Days of Easter can be a time for us to prepare for the celebration of Pentecost. As we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit, this can be a time to pray for renewal in the Spirit and a time to reflect on the gifts which the Spirit bestows on the Church.

The traditional prayer for the seven gifts of the Spirit, based on the prophecy of Isaiah 11:2-3. This prayer could be the basis for daily reflection on the gifts of the Spirit in the days between the Ascension and Pentecost and the following adaptation of it could be used daily as a simplified novena

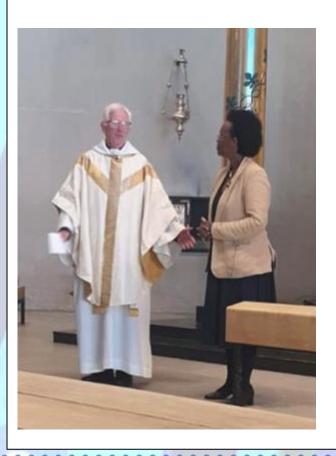
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace in your Son Jesus Christ. Sustain us, O Lord, in the gifts of your Spirit: give us an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Or, here is a fuller novena, based on the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit. It may be used at the conclusion of the Daily Office or as a separate act of devotion.

A Novena for the Gifts of the Spirit

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart. Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee with both to be but One, that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song: praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.





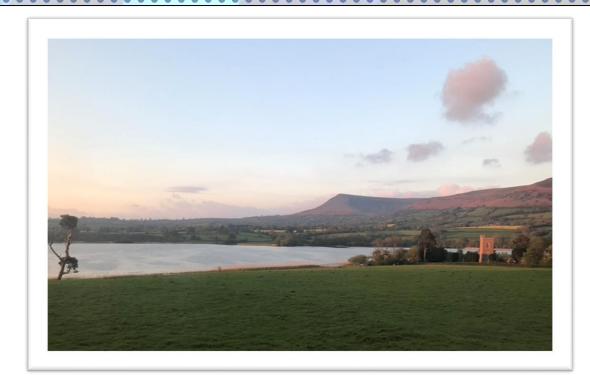
Burundi Education Foundation

Following the very interesting presentation by Fr Paul Hawkins and Chantal Ndikumana last Sunday, on the work of the Burundi Education Foundation, there have been enquiries about making a donation to the Foundation.

If you would like to make a donation, the bank details are below

Metro Bank Burundi Education Foundation Account number 22665655 Sort code 23-05-80

Chantal's email is ndikumanachantal@gmail.com if you wish to contact her directly for more information.



PARISH RETREAT 2023

Fifteen of us arrived at Llangasty Retreat House around tea-time on the 12th May. The final stage of the journey was down narrow single track lanes with beautiful overgrown hedgerows, our destination for the next two days, a large Victorian vicarage.

We were greeted warmly by Janet, who runs the house, and also Sheila the administrant, and we found our bedrooms. Downstairs the house has a large sitting room with an enormous window looking out over a field to the lake and the mountain beyond, also a well-stocked Library and the dining room which is a conservatory with views again to the lake and mountain. The new extension downstairs is home to the Chapel, which was consecrated by ++Rowan Williams in 2000, and also two well designed accessible rooms. Upstairs there are sixteen bedrooms, some of which are large and have two beds, some are smaller and some little more than large cupboards!

Our retreats follow a pattern of Daily Offices, Midday Mass on both days, five addresses over the two days and three meals a day, and lots of free time to meditate, go for walks or maybe sleep. This year Brendan sang Compline to Plainsong on both evenings, which was beautiful.

Our Retreat Conductor, Fr Neil Kelley, was Excellent and led us in a deeply spiritual journey on the theme *Homecoming'*, based loosely on Henri Nowen's book on the Prodigal Son. For each address we heard music (recordings): *In My Room* – Beach Boys; *How Can I Make You Understand* – Fiddler on the Roof; *God on High Hear My Prayer* – Les Miserables; *Going Home*, *Going Home* – Paul Robeson; *I wish I Knew How it would feel to be free* – Nina Simone. The addresses were gently led, but very thought provoking and gave us much to meditate on.

It was a relaxing time, the weather was warm and sunny, and the constant changing light on the trees and the mountain was beautiful. We were well looked after, and the food was good and there was plenty of it.

One thing, amongst others, that Fr Kelley said that stands out for me is

The Past is History, the Future is a Mystery, and the Present is a Gift.

We are planning to go to Llangasty again next year during May. This will be the last retreat that I will organise, so maybe someone will feel inspired to take over the running of the retreat and bring fresh ideas. Liz Badman The Bristol Early Music Festival Choral Workshop 2023







Saturday's Choral Workshop was a great success.

65 singers, 16 instruments – all in perfect harmony!





The Workshop ended with a performance of Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Mass for Four Choirs and Instruments*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 5th - 8th SEPTEMBER 2023

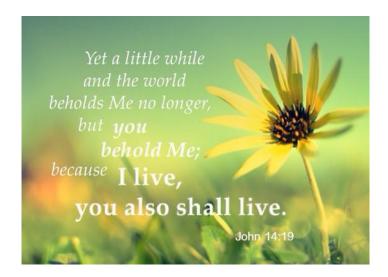
Holy Trinity, Horfield, are organising the above pilgrimage and have a few spare places available. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Plaice in the first instance on cjplaice@gmail.com

Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer.



Those who we remember in our Prayers.

Sunday Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Ryan Lindsey Joanne Cooper Mary Greenacre Jocelyn and Jack

Monday

Tuesday. Diana Verity

Wednesday, Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Samantha Tucker,

Hugh Farry Shamin Azad

Thursday

Friday Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Elisabeth Morgan, Caroline Semon

Saturday

The Departed

Malcolm Davis Jeanne Callow Mileno Graca Rory Young Ros Hawkins Ron Gale Valerie Donkin Hugh Barron Chris Benton Rene Bloxham.

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Gwen Mason Geraldine Bell Terence Heller Eric Bird Maurice Tucker Pr Elizabeth Davies Peter Cobb Pr Violet Marshall Henry Burrough

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

28	Today the church across the world celebrates Pentecost. Pray that the coming of the Holy Spirit may be celebrated with a joy that changes lives, offering hope and comfort. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am
Sunday	Pentecost
Sat 27	Pray for the Senior Citizens in our community. Many are vulnerable, some are at risk from the virus, some are isolated in our communities. However, very many serve the community and society in extraordinary ways – giving so much to life and health – often shaping and working at the heart of community and on the front-line of volunteering.
Fri 26	Mass 10.00am Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury 605 (The other Augustine!). Pray for the 'English (British) Church' and the Anglican Communion. Augustine became the decisive influence in shaping the Church in Britain – despite being a globally divided Church we pray that we may find ways to hold our collective faith, worship God and work to bring His Kingdom closer for all people.
Thurs 25	Venerable Bede 735 O Christ, our Morning Star, Splendour of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope. Amen (The Venerable Bede)
Wed 24	Mass 10.00am John and Charles Wesley (1791 & 1788) Pray for our brother and sister Methodists who live and worship in this community.
Tue 23	Pray for those who work on the sea – Royal Navy, fleet auxiliary, merchant navy, commercial and liners, fishermen, coast guard and all who find a living connected to the sea. Give thanks for the teeming life of the Oceans, their role in the cycles of our planet that enables all life. For those whose lives are connected to the sea – in shipping, fishing, ports and scientists.
Mon 22	Pray for all who live in this parish. We praise thee for the day of light and life, for the night which brings rest and sleep, and for the ordered course of nature, seedtime and harvest, which thou hast given us. We bless thee that thou has given us the joy of children, the wisdom of old men. We thank thee for all holy and humble men of heart, for the love of God and man which shines forth in commonplace lives, and above all for the vision of thyself, in loneliness and in fellowship, in Sacrament and in prayer; for these and all other benefits we praise and glorify the name, now and for evermore.

If you would like to give regularly to the Church, please set up a standing order to the church account, details below

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