

# Saint John Henry Newman

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**18/19 May 2024**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Page 286)

Like that first company of disciples, we too are called to testify in the Holy Spirit, to become paracletes, comforters. The Spirit is asking us to embody the comfort he brings.



How can we do this? Not by preaching, but by drawing close to

others. Not with trite words, but with prayer and sincerity. Let us remember that closeness, compassion, and tenderness are God's "trademark," always. The Paraclete is telling the Church that today is the time for comforting. It is more the time for joyfully proclaiming the Gospel than for combatting paganism. It is the time for bringing the joy of the Risen Lord, not for lamenting the drama of secularization.

It is the time for pouring out love upon the world, without embracing worldliness. It is the time for testifying to mercy, more than for inculcating rules and regulations. It is the time of the Paraclete! It is the time of freedom of heart, in the Paraclete. Pope Francis

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This week sees a return to the practice of offering Communion from Chalice. Being able to participate in this way enables us to identify ourselves more fully in this sacramental living out of the Lord's invitation to eat and drink.

That said, it remains the Church's teaching that we receive the fullness of the Eucharistic presence under one form where circumstances make that the right thing to do. This implies that we can respect one another's wellbeing by refraining from taking the chalice whenever we are feeling under the weather.

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Pentecost puts new heart into us, for not only do we revere its dignity, but we also experience it as delightful. On this feast it is love that we specially honour, and among human beings there is no word pleasanter to the ear, no thought more tenderly dwelt on, than love.

The love we celebrate is nothing other than the goodness, kindness, and charity of God; for God himself is goodness, kindness, and charity. His goodness is identical with his Spirit, with God himself.

In his work of disposing all things “the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world” from the beginning, “reaching from end to end of the earth in strength, and delicately disposing everything; but as sanctifier the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world” since Pentecost, for on this day the gracious Spirit himself was sent by the Father and the Son on a new mission, in a new mode, by a new manifestation of his mighty power, for the sanctification of every creature.

*Saint Aelred of Rievaulx*

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## Parish School of Prayer

**Introduction to Catholic Spirituality** – Thursday 23 May 7.30 pm. The first of a series of occasional sessions exploring a variety of topics. The first, as it says on the tin, will be an introduction.



**Warrington Prayer Group** – now hold their meetings here on Monday evenings 7-8pm. New members always welcome.

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**Coffee Morning - Cancer Research UK** Our very own Nicola Chiappa is now preparing for the Edinburgh Marathon, in memory of a friend. We are holding a **Coffee Morning on Friday 24 May 10.30**

and hope that many of you will come along and show your support. We would be grateful for any raffle prizes you could donate.

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**Mission Boxes** - Supporters in this parish can take pride in knowing that they collectively contributed £2080 during the last twelve months. Please bring your box for emptying over the next couple of weeks. Please also note that you are invited to a Diocesan Mass at St Michael and All Angels church, Birkenhead CH49 5LE at 11 am on Saturday 1 June.



## SVP Sponsored Cricket Match 16 June

We have now recruited a top rank team for the match with Warrington's Indian medics at the Grange Club (home territorial advantage to us!) on Sunday 16 June. Organiser Andrew Thorley has created a WhatsApp group and will be in touch with details of a meet up. The rest of us we will do all we can to muster a vocally respectful Barmy Army. **Sponsorship forms as well as Gift Aid sign up forms are now available.**



John Henry Newman's  
**Dream of Gerontius**  
To the music of Sir Edward Elgar

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Altrincham Choral Society. On Saturday 13 July 2024 at 7.30pm at the Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD Tickets - £18 (£3 under 18s/Students) booking fee £1 available via: [Altrinchamchoral.co.uk](http://Altrinchamchoral.co.uk)

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Church Cleaning Blue Team **Wednesday 22 May 9 am.** Thank you to our volunteers. We are always happy to receive extra help.



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**Confirmation 2024** Students in the appropriate year groups attending Cardinal Newman High School will shortly be contacted by the school chaplain with details about signing up and preparation arrangements. Those attending other schools will be contacted shortly with details of a **preparation session now arranged for the evening of Friday 5 July.** Please put that date in your diary.

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**Northern Saints Pilgrimage 2025** The feast of Saint Bede is approaching (25 May) and it prompts me to float an idea that has been in my mind for quite some time now. It would be to visit sites in the Northeast of England which have strong associations with a particularly fruitful period in the history of Christianity on these islands. It would involve a 4–5-day midweek period in late Spring or early Summer. If you think you might be like to join in, please let me know so that I can gauge the level of interest before making specific arrangements.

## 18 – 19 MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY - PAGE 286

Sat 18 May	5.30 pm	Sean Clowry RIP
Sunday 19 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Maureen Galloway RIP Patrick Mooney RIP
Mon 20 May	10.00 am	Parish Intentions (Tea & Toast)
Tue 21 May	10.00am	Anthony and Joan Riley
Wed 22 May		No Services Today
Thursday 23 May	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Silent Adoration Sr Mary Agnes RIP
Friday 24 May	10.00 am	Margaret Horan Intentions

## 25 – 26 MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - PAGE 286

Sat 25 May	5.30 pm	Aurthur Trantum RIP
Sunday 26 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Ann Lucas Intentions Dave Boydon RIP



KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: those requesting our prayers including *Barry Bennett, John & Marie Clowes, Harry Challoner, Margaret Daintith, Harold Entwistle, Mary Finn, Tony Graham, Rita Hutson, Betty Leigh, Barbara Lynskey, Rita Mahon, Kathleen Mannion, Roger Maxwell, Gerard Moulding, Moira Podmore, Marcos Sala, Vaughan Stone, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Gordon Whittaker, & Carol Worsley.*



“Sometimes I need only to stand wherever I am to be blessed.

Mary Oliver - *Evidence*



Teas and Coffees will be served by **Team B** after the Sunday Masses this weekend: **19<sup>th</sup> May.**