

MARY, MOTHER OF THE **CHURCH** The theological roots of this title go back to the early church. The Fathers of the Church, holy and studious bishops of the first centuries, often spoke of Mary as the New Eve. Just as the Woman Eve was the "mother of all the living" (Gen 3: 20) the Woman Mary was the mother of all those living in Christ. In Revelation 12:17, St John says that this woman's offspring are "those who keep the commandments of God, and bear testimony to Jesus" The popularity of the specific expression "Mother of the Church" grew especially in the 20th and 21st centuries. In 2018, Pope Francis added a memorial to this title on the Monday after the solemnity of Pentecost: considered the birthday of the church.

**NEW** SELECTION CARDS AND GIFTS Cards and small gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, at very competitive prices are available at the back of church.

MEETING OF THE DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL Following their first meeting the representatives of each parish in the Deanery are drawing up a list of pastoral groups that could potentially be shared between parishes, as they work towards forming a family of parishes. Adrian Owens is the parish representative for OLAS and his email is: adrian@adrianowens.com. The Council meets again in July.

REQUEST FROM ST BEDE'S GARDENING CLUB The gardening club at St Bede's is appealing for donations of plant pots (diameter 8 ins/20 cms or more), bags of compost and bedding plants. These will be used to create flowerpots to give to vulnerable or isolated members of the wider community. Please leave any donations at the front of St Bede's school, or the Priory garage. Many thanks.

> Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me (us) (them) Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me (us) (them) Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me (us) (them) Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me (us) (them)

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

28th May 2023

## **Celebration of Holy Mass**

28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY	10:30 am Pro populo
29th Monday	Mary, Mother of the Church	7:00 pm Christopher Tromp (R)
30th Tuesday	Feria	7:00 pm William & Jane Gleeson
31st Wednesday	THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY	7:00 pm Lancs Infirm Clergy
1st Thursday	St Justin, Martyr	11:30 am Joseph Lewis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	9:30 am Christopher Tromp
4th Sunday	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10:30 am Pro populo

**ROSARY** The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D'Alton, Susan Jones, Terence McMahon, Matthew Bennett and Margaret Jones

**LATELY DEAD** Lynne Greenwood, Michael McParlin

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY** Loose £131.60, Envelopes £77.00 and Standing Orders £444.00. Thank you.

**ASCENSION OFFERTORY** Loose £70.00, Envelopes £47.50. Many thanks for your donations.

CONSULTATION OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS SCHOOL There are consultation notices on the stewards' table about an extension of nursery provision.

SIMON AND JACKIE HARRISON Would like to thank parishioners for their daughter, Chloe, who died recently.