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St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway



Pentecost Sunday, Year A

4th June 2017



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

PROMISE FULFILLED

Dear friends, we gather in our Christian community on this to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the great day when Jesus sends the Holy Spirits on the apostles like tongues of fire. Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and ten days after his ascension into heaven (where the feast is not moved to the Sunday before the celebration of Pentecost). Interestingly enough, the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the triune Godhead, the Holy Trinity (the doctrine of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). In his discourse preceding his ascension, Jesus enjoins his apostles not to be worried, (Jn. 14:1) because he is not going to leave them as orphans (Jn. 14:18). Jesus will ask the Father to give his apostles another Helper, who will stay with them for ever (Jn.14:16) and this Spirit reveals the truth about God (Jn. 14:17). It is a promise that He makes to his apostles so at the appointed time Jesus fulfils this promise. As a result of the Lord's passion and resurrection, the community of believers is deeply engrossed in the fear of the Jews and the Jewish authorities so a sure way of safety is to be out of sight by staying in a secluded room. However, amidst the closed doors, Jesus comes in with the greetings of peace, the same kind of peace that he shares with his apostles in all his appearances after rising from the dead. This brings about an extraordinary spark of joy amongst them and immediately, he sends them on mission. He then breathes on them, empowering them with the gift of the Holy Spirit – the spirit that fills us with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel fortitude, knowledge piety and fear of the Lord (cf. Isaiah 11: 2-3). In the sacrament of Confirmation we become soldiers of Christ, sealed in the Spirit to become witnesses in a mature way to Christ's gospel. This same Spirit helps us to overcome our fears and so leave our comfort zones just as the apostles did at the immediate reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). Commenting on the Holy Spirit, the Council Fathers rightly said, "It is, finally, through the gift of the Holy Spirit that man comes by faith to the contemplation and appreciation of the divine plan." (*Gaudium et Spes* 15). We too all need the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in all that we do and so not be discouraged by various difficulties we are passing through in our world, such as terrorist attacks, famine, hunger and disease.

Mass Times & Intentions

4th - 10th June 2017

Sat 3rd Vig. 6:30pm: Jim O'Brien, Nora Mulcahy (RIP), Patrick Reynolds (1st), Denis Coughlan (ANN), Patricia Griffin, Tom (INT)

Sun 4th 9:00: Holy Souls, Christy Jordan (RIP), Heazell family, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

11:30: Mary Slattery, Maureen Cleary, Hugh Gallagher, Ilda Noronha (RIP), Neil Molloy (21st), Patrick Molloy (9th), Lord Shon Rocacorba, Eugene Kennedy (ANN), Mary Aherne, Tony Shevlin, Eileen & Joe McGowan, Anne Flanagan, Terry & May, Vincent Kennedy, Frances Herlihy, Kathy King, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

6:30pm: Holy Souls, Ilda Noronha (RIP), Nina O'Neill, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

Mon 5th St. Boniface 12:00: Mary Slattery, Ilda Noronha (RIP), John & Catherine O'Connor, Tony & Beaty McGrane (ANN), Mrs Longo's private intention, Noronha family, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

Tue 6th St. Norbert 12:00: Kaziemiera Czuba (4th), Stephen Moran (ANN), Noronha family, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

Wed 7th 12:00: Funeral of Bridie McDaid

Thur 8th 12:00: Sean Dineen (ANN), Figueiredo family, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

Fri 9th St. Columba 12:00: Brenda Lennon (RIP), Joan Dineen (ANN), Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)

Sat 10th 12:00: Mary Slattery (RIP), John Griffin, Success of our Golden Jubilee Day (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Tess McNaney, Nora Harkin, Rita Avanzi, Carlo Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Kitty Waldron, Mary Sullivan, Nora Hoare, Margaret Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Cath Gallagher, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, May Kennedy, Nora Moran, Hugh Meehane, John Bruno, Louis James, Dennis Parillon, Austell Bruno, Katie Howard, Theresa Reilly, Rita Parasandalo, Yuk Ying Pang, Joyce Digby, Mary Slow, Jean Willis, Mary Duffy, Isabella King, Maisie Craig, Florence Pinfield, Carol Belsten, Denis O'Gorman, Anthony Mulligan, Rita Rawlings, Wendy Winser, Rica Coelho, Alan Harrison

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/**

Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am, **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays 12noon -

1.30pm. **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm, **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast, sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

R.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R.

May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

R.

SECOND READING 1Corinthians 12:3-7.12.13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in dif-

ferent people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus
et emitte cœlitus
lucis tuæ radium.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Veni, pater pauperum
veni, dator munerum
veni, lumen cordium

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Consolator optime,
dulcis hospes animæ,
dulce refrigerium.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

In labore requies,
in æstu temperies,
in fletu solacium.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

O lux beatissima,
reple cordis intima
tuorum fidelium.

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Sino tuo numine,
nihil est in homine,
nihil est innoxium.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Lava quod est sordidum,
riga quod est aridum,
sana quod est saucium.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Flecte quod est rigidum,
fove quod est frigidum,
rege quod est devium.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
Thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Da tuis fidelibus,
in te confidentibus,
sacrum septenarium.

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Da virtutis meritum,
da salutis exitum,
da perenne gaudium.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on

them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant we pray, O Lord, that as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

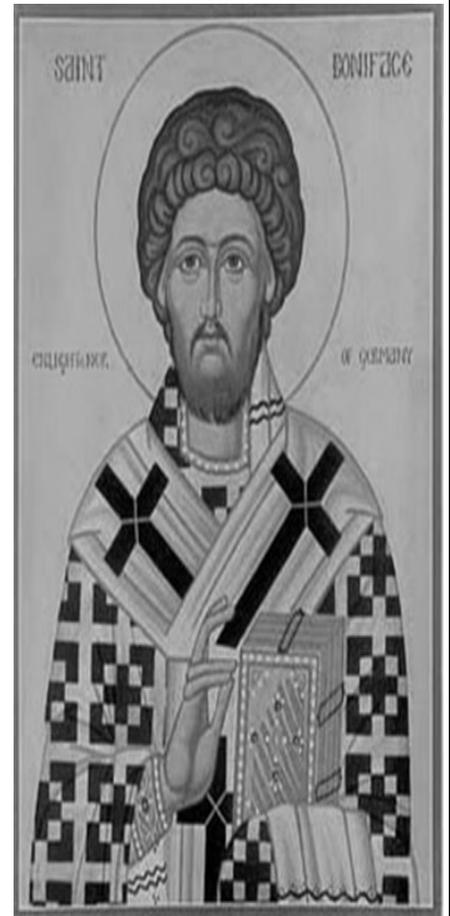
O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.30pm	Orla Heekin / Jacinta Lobo	Christina Cheah
Sun. 9.00am	Carmel Cannon / Simon Geoghegan	Innocent Teme Teme
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh / Adaye Ndu-Anike	Denise Dunleavy / June Gray / Joyce McDaid
Sun. 6.30pm	Sr. Carmel / Tracey Shevlin	Tim Chaundy

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Boniface Feast Day: 5 June

St. Boniface was born as Wynfrid sometime around the year 675 in Wessex, present-day Devon. Overcoming the initial disapproval of his Anglo-Saxon family, he was able to pursue a career in the church. He was educated at English monasteries (first Exeter, then Nursling), and became an ordained priest at about the age of 30. Instead of remaining in England, Wynfrid decided to become a missionary. In 716, he travelled to Frisia (now part of the Netherlands), following in the footsteps of other Anglo-Saxon missionaries. However, he found the local ruler unwelcoming and soon left the area. After his return to England, Wynfrid was chosen to be the abbot of his monastery. Still wishing to evangelise, he turned down the position and proceeded to Rome in 718. There, he met with Pope Gregory II, who gave him the name Boniface. On 15 May 719, the pope sanctioned Boniface's desire to spread the gospel. He once again visited Frisia, where the political climate had changed. This allowed him to gain valuable experience as a missionary, which he then put to use in Hesse. In 722, Boniface was made a bishop. He soon received the protection of Charles Martel, the Carolingian ruler of the Franks. His path made easier by this protection, Boniface returned to missionary work. In Geismar, he cut down an oak tree that was associated with the god Thor; conversions followed when its worshippers saw that Boniface was not immediately punished for his actions. Boniface focused on Thuringia (part of present-day Germany) from 725 to 735. He received the pallium in 732, which made him an archbishop and gave him the ability "to consecrate bishops wherever the faithful have increased." As his proselytising took effect, Boniface also did his best to stem any heresies he encountered. He applied the same zeal to his next task, that of organising the church in Bavaria. Before returning to missionary work, Boniface worked with Carloman and Pepin, Martel's sons, over church reforms and laid the groundwork for papal authority to influence religious and political development over a large area of Europe in the coming years.. He was at Dokkum in Frisia when a group of pagans killed him and his companions on 5 June 754. His body was taken to the monastery at Fulda, which he had founded in 744. Boniface, deemed the "apostle to the Germans," is regarded as the patron saint of brewers and tailors, as well as of Germany.



Our Golden Jubilee Prayer

God of love, we thank you for planting the seed of the Christian faith in our community. As we mark the Golden Jubilee of our church, we remember with gratitude the good works of generations of parishioners, through which you blessed us with a beautiful church of which we are the living stones. We thank you for our increasing diversity which gives expression to your beauty. We pray that this Jubilee will be a year of joy and renewal for our parish and community. May the fruits of the faith: love, justice, peace and reconciliation flourish in abundance. In facing the years ahead with hope, teach us that what we are is more important than what we have. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us.

Echoes from Parish Archives (1967 - 2017)

1971-1974 Fr. Billy O'Donovan served St Gabriel's Parish

NEWS AND VIEWS

Announcements

Golden Jubilee Day next Sunday June 11: Mass at 11am (No 9am & 6.30pm masses on the day)

Next Sunday is our Big Day. The hard work of the Golden Jubilee Committee and all of us since last year need to be capped with a generous turn out and support. We therefore ask that all hands be on deck for us to have the most rewarding celebration.

Food/Refreshments: Thanks to the Lottery Fund we are able to engage the services of some caterers to support with the day's meals. There will also be barbecue, ice cream and pop-corn stands at subsidised rates. But we shall be relying mainly on the generous donations of food and refreshments by parishioners as usual. Sheets are out on the desk behind for people to indicate what they could be providing.

Souvenirs: Assorted souvenirs have been produced for the Jubilee. Thanks to the Lottery Fund, some of these will be given out for free on the day including; branded wristbands, fridge magnets, crystal cross and pin-up badges. However, we shall be selling Jubilee mugs (£5), T-shirts (£5), Caps (£4), Tote bags (£2). Most of these are on sale beginning this weekend.

Brochure: The Jubilee Committee has succeeded in giving us the richest brochure ever in over a hundred pages. It excitingly chronicles in words and pictures the life and times of our church and parish from the beginning till the present. Almost all past priests/religious and many past and present parishioners shared their views, most very telling and some really very funny. The Brochure also contains the text of the Jubilee Mass. Please pick one for yourself and for posterity for only £5.

Liturgical rehearsals for the Jubilee Mass: All those who will be playing a role during the Golden Jubilee Mass will be having compulsory rehearsals on Tues. 6th & Thurs. 8th at 7pm in the Church. These include; the

Choir, Readers, Altar Servers, those leading the bidding prayers in different tongues, those bringing items for the offertory procession, all volunteers and members of the Jubilee Planning Committee.

Volunteers: We need more hands to support the Jubilee Committee with the logistics of the day. Please contact Tim on 07714445025 to volunteer your services.

Golden Jubilee Raffle: We thank all who collected the raffle booklets. Please return sales and counterfoils by Wednesday for processing. Thank you.

Dress Code: Traditional attire where possible.

Golden Jubilee Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th at 7pm. The meeting is compulsory for all the Committee Members & Volunteers. Agenda is Logistics for the Jubilee Day.

Health and Safety Training: The Islington Deanery is organising free Fire Warden training at St Joan of Arc Church on Tuesday June 20th at 7.00pm. We encourage as much parishioners as possible to gain this experience. Those interested should please indicate at the Parish Office.

Dates for First Holy Communion Sessions: June: 4th, 17th Rehearsal @ 10am, 18th Celebration of First Holy Communion

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: June 5th. Time is at 7pm. Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 9th at 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Youth Club sessions: June 3rd, 10th, 24th, July 8th, 22nd (last one before summer holidays)

Parish Quiz: raised £83.00 Thanks to all who helped and all who supported it. The next one is on Friday 30 June at 8pm in the Meeting Room. £5 per person. Tables of 6. Bring your own refreshments, family and friends!

Christian Stewardship (28th May 2017) Envelopes: £519.54. Loose: £444.54. We receive £132 weekly from standing orders. Golden Jubilee so far: £27,919.27. Thank you for your continuous support.

June Diary

Wednesday 7th at 12noon: **Funeral Mass of Bridie McDaid**

Saturday 10th **Setting up of Church and the Parish Centre for Jubilee events** (time to be communicated).

Sunday 11th at 11am: **Jubilee Mass followed by socials in the Parish Centre**

Saturday 17th at 10am: **Confessions/Rehearsals for First Communion Candidates**

Sunday 18th at the 11.30am mass: **Parish First Holy Communion**

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EVENING	FIRST	DAY
DOORS	CLOSED	DISCIPLES
PEACE	SIDE	FATHER
BREATHED	FORGIVE	RETAIN



We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



A man calls home to his wife and says, "Honey I have been asked to go fishing at a big lake up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting, so would you please pack me enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box. We're leaving from the office and I will swing by the house to pick my things up. Oh! And please pack my new blue silk pyjamas." The wife thinks this sounds a little fishy but being a good wife she does exactly what her husband asked. The following weekend he comes home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish. He says, "Yes! Lots of walleye, some blue gill, and a few pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pyjamas like I asked you to do?" The wife replies; "I did, they were in your fishing box."