

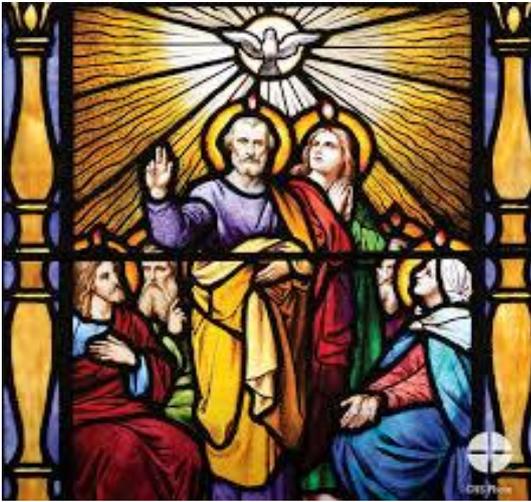


# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021



### THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The word Pentecost meaning fiftieth day was the name given to the Feast of Weeks in the Jewish calendar because it fell on the fiftieth day after Passover. In the Christian tradition it was applied to the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit because this event is portrayed as occurring fifty days after the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. After Easter it has been described as the second festival of the Church.

Pentecost Sunday marks the close of Eastertide, and culminates in Jesus' sending of the Spirit of the father and the Son on his disciples. We are not dealing here merely with the separate historical incidents but with one reality - the extraordinary intervention of God into our lives by what we can only call the "mystery" of Christ. And today's feast indicates that it is an on-going reality which still touches our lives every single day.

The Holy Spirit is given to us all in baptism and confirmation but we need to undergo a constant renewal, a conversion of heart every day to work with that same Spirit who calls us into a union of life with the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Consider, as you reflect again on that first Christian Pentecost, what that event really is, as part of God's plan for mankind. Pentecost is the "end" of Jesus' story. But Pentecost is the "end" of Jesus' story in two different ways. First, Pentecost is the event that concludes the mysteries of Jesus' life. Ten days after His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus and God the Father send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts and minds of the apostles. The Gift of the Holy Spirit forms individuals into one body of believers: the Mystical Body of Christ. Our lives on this earth are a journey to Heaven. Today's feast puts wind in our sails and the breath of the Holy Spirit gives us

the strength to follow Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour out the gifts of the Spirit on our parish for the building up of the body of Christ.  
*Fr. Denis*

### WHAT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY?

The fifty days of the sacred season of Easter conclude with Pentecost Sunday, when the Church recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginning of the Church, and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations.

### A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

*Send forth your spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice his consolations, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

1. Wisdom - a wise & loving heart
2. Understanding - a profound appreciation of God's providence
3. Counsel - to judge promptly and rightly especially in difficult situations
4. Fortitude - to stand up for what is right in the sight of God
5. Knowledge - to see things from God's perspective
6. Piety - to come before God with humility, trust and love
7. Fear of God - a joyful awareness of God's grandeur and a grateful realisation that only in him do our hearts find true peace
8. THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA), is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.
9. If you are interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about and are thinking of becoming a Catholic, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme may be for you. If you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on tel. 01462 893127.

### TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE



**AFTER 10.30 MASS outside in the garden grounds**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30 pm	Maisie McClelland RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Agnes Sian RIP
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Maureen Lyden
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	St Bede
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Philip Neri Tony Callaghan RIP
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Augustine of Canterbury
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	<i>Day of Abstinence</i>

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

**Holy Hour:** Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

**Family Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30 am

#### **PARISH MASS ON-LINE**

Fr. Denis is also still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Wednesday morning Mass at 10am. Both are accessible through the Parish Facebook page:

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

#### **BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON**

For all services in Church, you need to book online, through our website below. If the Mass is full, the signing in book at the back of church cannot be used.

#### **THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:**

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Please contact the Head teacher, Thomas Timson on 01462 892478 to make an appointment. The school website is:

<http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

#### **RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN**

Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### **OUR ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS 10.30 11th JULY**

(Hopefully) will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember that, as there will be only one Mass during the weekend, we hope that the whole parish will come and celebrate together. More details will follow. Whilst we wait to see how government restrictions will continue to be lifted, we thought that it would be a good idea to go ahead with planning this event as we did last year. Everyone is invited to bring their own chairs or blanket. We may be able to serve food afterwards, but more information will follow nearer the time. We will need volunteers to help once again. It would be a good time to invite family and friends, and please pray for good weather, please

remember **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MASS THAT WEEKEND.**

#### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

On Sunday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father Denis will lead a small service at Baldock Cemetery, which is just off The Sycamores, next to The Orange Tree Pub. He will be blessing the graves of all our loved ones.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially, , Angela Gray, Mairead Kirke, and Dick Worbey. We remember those who have died recently; Mary Mc Fadden, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Freda Worbey; Annie Heaney; Patrick Kilbride; Margaret Tschulik; Ann Murphy; Mary Frazer; Edward Valentine Walsh;

#### **RENTED FLAT NEEDED**

If anyone hears of a 2 bedroomed flat with garden access in Baldock, Letchworth or Hitchin, please call Pam Winters on 01462 892265 With many thanks.

#### **THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

#### **CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION**

A word of thanks to all those who have donated for the upkeep of the Parish in one way or another. There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>.

Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.

#### **MISSIO - (APF MISSIONS)**

Would all red box holders please leave their mission boxes at the back of the church to be emptied during May/June. If there are any members who have not yet returned to church and would like their box collected, then please telephone Mary on 01462 618131.