



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



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Pentecost Sunday

5th June 2022



What happened at Pentecost?

Why does it matter to me?

The Acts of the Apostles narrates the experiences of Jesus' followers after His post-Easter appearances and ascension. During that time Jesus asked the small community to wait for the promise of the Father to be baptized in the Spirit. Then, on the day we call Pentecost, in a second-floor guest room in Jerusalem, the Church and its mission were born.

Pentecost commemorates this moment when the followers of Jesus were gathered together and a blowing wind filled the room and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. The Apostles were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages. Can you imagine!? After such an experience, I would have also continued "steadfastly in fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers". That said, the practical importance of Pentecost is not always clear. What does remembering this event mean for living a Christian life now? What are we to celebrate? The coming of the Holy Spirit infused the earliest Christian teachers with a courage and peace that enabled them to share their experiences with others. The early leaders of what would become the Church of Jerusalem were sent out to live and share the Good News they had experienced. We preserve this memory because it signals a transition. When the Church came into existence, so did our missionary vocation.

At Pentecost, mission activity shifted from Jesus the Christ, to the community committed to follow His Way - the Church.

We celebrate the feast of Pentecost to realize our responsibility to live in such a way that allows the Spirit to enter our lives. Pentecost might have

begun in the upper room, but the Holy Spirit has not stopped delivering Its gifts to the faithful. We each have the opportunity and responsibility to let the Spirit flow through our minds, hearts, and hands.

The feast of Pentecost reminds us of the power and responsibility we have been given to create a community of love and solidarity, one where all languages are spoken and are welcome. The more unified the human family becomes, the more each of our identities are strengthened. The more we each are involved in our communities, the more our individual gifts emerge to serve each other. The more we grow in understanding our unique gifts, the more we can live in collaboration with the whole Body in Its mission. How do we do this exactly? We do it with others.

The earliest Church, celebrated together in ways that resemble what we do today in parish Masses. They gathered and remembered Jesus' self-gift with a meal among friends and members "with one heart and one soul." At the origins of our Church's local life is what some have called "basic ecclesial communities." These small groups of believers came together for prayer, Scripture reading, catechesis and discussion of human and community issues with a view to shared commitment. Our parish life mirrors these key elements of a local Church community. Communities like these are still a vital starting point for a new society based on a "civilization of love" (*Redemptoris Missio* n. 51).

As we do today, these early communities believed that their mission in the world would be carried out by all the faithful through a common baptism and vocation. All followers of Jesus were sent to do as Jesus had done - to tell of the liberating message of God's presence among us, thereby spreading God's peace and unity.

Our responsibility, if the feast of Pentecost means anything, is to do that.

This blog by James Nagle, PhD to reflect on questions of faith. (from Missio website)

RCIA

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. It consists of regular weekly meetings, **in the Holy Family room**; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127

RC HOSPITAL

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BAPTISM PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish especially Joe Sarno, Karen O'Shaughnessy and Joyce Piper and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently especially Kajetam Migdal and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Scully; Catherine McKee; Mary Child; James Quinn; Battista Valsecchi; Adelide Shelbourn; Sr Colette O'Dwyer; Olga D'Addario; Idris Long; Brenda Taylor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

St. John's, our Catholic Primary School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! Were you a pupil or member of staff at St. John's between 1972 and 2008? Come and join us on Saturday July 9th, 2022, between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. for a walk down memory lane. There will be an adult bar and BBQ available. We hope to see you there. Please share with friends and family who attended St. John's.

"St John's Catholic Primary School" is holding a 50th

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 22nd June at 10.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and we would be delighted for previous members of staff, past pupils and their families to join us. We will be using the Mass as an opportunity to finally say a proper goodbye to Ms Alex Hanou who was Headteacher at St John's for 15 years and retired during Covid. For anyone wishing to contribute

to a collection for Ms Hanou, donations can be made via the school office."

ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE



This year will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10th July. Please remember that, as there will be **ONLY ONE MASS DURING THE WEEKEND**, we hope that the whole parish will come together and celebrate. Tickets will soon be on sale, with adult tickets priced at £8. A vegetarian option will be available. Tickets for children aged 5 to 12 years will be priced at £4, under 5's are free but must have a ticket to help us to cater for the numbers on the day. Please bring your own drinks and your own chairs for the day. We would appreciate the help of volunteers on the day, and we will put up lists at the back of the Church asking for support, please sign up if you are able to help. It would be a good time to invite family and friends, and please pray for good weather.

Sat 4 th	6.30 pm	
Sun 5 th	8.30am 10.30am	People of the Parish Mario Cultaldo
Mon 6 th	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 7 th	10.00am	Sr Fionnula Byrne RIP
Wed 8 th	10.00am	
Thu 9 th	10.00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest Mary Rostron RIP
Fri 10 th	No Mass	

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: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

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

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday 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>

MISSIO RED BOX SCHEME

Please could Red Box holders bring in their boxes to Church and leave them on the table to the left at the back of the Church for counting. Your continuing to take part in the scheme is much appreciated by the Mission's office. With many thanks - Pam Winters T:01462 892265