



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



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Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025



“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost—the 50th day of our Easter season. In the Book of Acts the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus. There were people from all over the world who were in Jerusalem for the Jewish Festival of Pentecost; and before the day was done the church had grown from 120 to more than three thousand. Soon these followers were able to speak like Jesus did, and they were able to bring healing to those who were sick, like Jesus did. God’s breath now gave them new life. It was time for God to give birth to the Church—not in one body this time but in a body of believers who would receive the breath of life from their Lord and pass it on to others.

The Book of Acts is the story of their adventures, kind of like a Gospel of the Holy Spirit. In the first four books of the New Testament we learn the good news of what God did through Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts, we learn the good news of what God the Holy Spirit, did in the life of the early church.

Of the three persons of the Trinity, I think it’s the Holy Spirit which is the hardest to define. Most of us can describe the other two: God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, who makes the sun shine and the rain fall.

God the Son, although a divine person of the Holy Trinity became a human like us: our saviour, teacher, helper and friend. But how would you describe God the Holy Spirit how to visualise the

Lord giver of life? “The Spirit blows where it chooses,” Jesus said in John’s Gospel, “and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.”

So, we can see the effects of the spirit like wind blowing through the trees. The Spirit we are told in today’s gospel is like a fire. It blows where it pleases. Fr Denis

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (By Cardinal Mercier)

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me

and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.

Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer, have you signed a declaration form? Copies are on the repository table at the back of church if you need one. Do you make donations by standing order or do you use offertory envelopes? Please let Fr. Denis know if you would like to start using offertory envelopes. If your answer to both questions is yes, thank you very much. Thank you.

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education - by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender



Young @♥ Mass & Coffee Morning: will be on Thursday 12th June at 10am. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass.

Annual Open-Air Mass & Parish BBQ Will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 6th July. Please remember, there will **ONLY BE ONE MASS DURING THE WEEKEND**, we hope that the whole parish will come together as one. Tickets for the BBQ are now on sale:



- £10 - Adult ticket
- £5 - Child ticket (5-12 years)
- Under 5's are free but need a ticket to help us cater for the numbers on the day.

A vegetarian option will be available. Please bring your own drinks and your own chairs for the day. We would appreciate the help of volunteers on the day - if you are able to help please speak to Fr. Denis. *It would be a good time to invite family and friends and please pray for good weather.*

2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th July - Open Air Mass: 10.30am in the church grounds.

Sunday 17th August - Blessing of the Graves: 12.30pm at Baldock Cemetery.

Saturday 20th September - Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham: more details to follow.

Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tara Ferrissey, Ray Carter, Peter Comiskey and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Adelide Shelbourn, Sr Colette O'Dwyer, Olga D'Addario, Idris Long, Brenda Taylor, Wilfred Byrne, Marcel Wolsey, Michael Gryboniez, Joan Penny, Mary Ann Leech.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 7 th	6.30pm	
Sun 8 th	8.30am 10.30am	Alice Doran RIP
Mon 9 th	10.00am	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue 10 th	10.00am	Sylvia Van Starrex RIP
Wed 11 th	10.00am	Saint Barnabas, Apostle
Thu 12 th	10.00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest
Fri 13 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.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

Contacts

Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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