#### NEWSLETTER

### Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Pentecost Sunday

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## THIS WEEK



5th June PENTECOST SUNDAY

**6pm\*:** Charlie Montague+

8.30am: Nina & Lisa Marcangelo (int)

**10.30am:** Sanya Kiani (int) **6.00pm:** Mariea Mullally+

**Monday 6th** The Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mother of the Church** 

**6pm:** Tommy Maloney+

**Tuesday 7th** 

9.30am: Moming Prayer

10.00am: Tommy Maloney+

Wednesday 8th

No Mass

Thursday 9th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

**10.00am:** Sean Trehy (ann+)

10.30am: Coffee Morning

Friday 10th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

**10.00am**: Martin Harrisson (thanksgiving)

12.00pm: Alpha Soup Lunch1.30pm: Christian Meditation

6.00pm: Adoration

Saturday 11th

**6pm\*:** Tim Holland+

12th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**8.30am:** Beverley O'Neill (int)

10.30am: Joe Bowe+

**6.00pm:** Tamara McNamara (int)

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. As a parish on this wonderful Feast of Pentecost, we are presented with a vital question: "Do you want to receive the power to live a faith-filled life as a follower and friend of Jesus?"

St Basil the Great (329-379 AD), an early church father, explains the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives:

"The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise by Basil on The Holy Spirit)

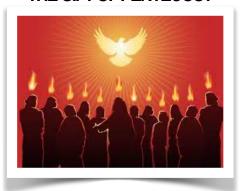
'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' (Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

Fr John

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### THE GIFT OF PENTECOST



FR JOHN: invites Parishioners to join him in Walsingham from Monday 1st to 5th August 2022 for a pilgrimage to Our Lady's National Shrine – a time of prayer, praise and fellowship. Early registration is recommended. Please see the link for registration. https://www.newdawn.org.uk/



You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, 7.30 pm on 6th June, and Friday lunchtimes, 12.00 pm - 10th June. Please register your interest at www.bametalpha.com.



**UNION STREET PARTY:** 5th June, 12PM-6PM, all residents are invited. All Masses as normal. For 6PM Mass please use rear Car Park

### OFFERTORY SONG

If you believe and I believe and we together pray, The Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free and set God's people free (x2) The Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free

## NOTICES

### WELCOME!

SATURDAY CLASSES: Summer Term All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we

buring the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

Venue: The JP Room

**Time:** From 9.30am to 10.45am **Dates:** June: 11th & 25th, **July:** 9th



FAMILIES TOGETHER: Please join us for the first of our once-a-month family afternoons of prayers, activities, and refreshments in Church on Monday 6th June at 3.45pm, for more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

**CAFOD MEETING:** 6.30pm Monday 6th June in the J.P. Room. Please come and hear about new CAFOD campaigns and how you can be involved. All very welcome

### PARISH EVANGELISATION CELL GROUPS

Acts 2:42, 44, 46; 4:32 tells us about the small communities of Christians who gathered in their homes to follow the teachings of Jesus. Small group (communities) have always been part of the tradition of the Church.

Within our parish these small groups take the form of Cell Groups, where a group of 6-12 members meet regularly to pray with scripture, praise God, listen to a teaching and intercede for others. If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, please contact; **Tamara** on **07984 187799** 

### PENTECOST SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit Lord of light, from your pure celestial height, your pure beaming radiance give. Come O Father of the poor, Come with treasures that endure: Come, O light of all that live! You of all consolers best You the soul's delightful quest Sweet refreshing peace bestow; You in work our comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat: Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine. Show your love to humankind And our inmost being fill. If you take your grace away, Nothing pure in us will stay: All our good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful who adore And confess you evermore; In your sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with you on high; Give us jovs that never end. © Collegeville Composers Group

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Mary Geragthy, Catherine Malone, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, ohn Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

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