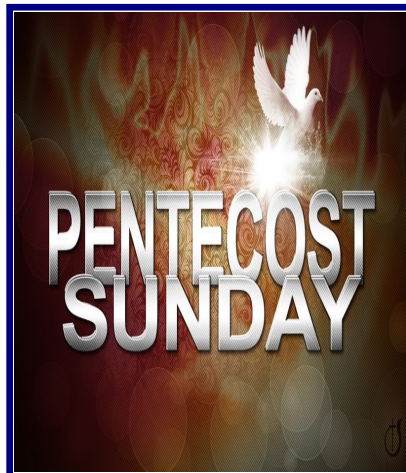


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Pentecost Sunday (Year A) 28th May 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th May	Vigil: Pentecost Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th May	Pentecost Sunday	8.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
		10.30am	Antonio Gomindes RIP
Tuesday 30th May	Feria	7.00pm	John & Maureen Ford & family RIP
Wednesday 31st May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15am	Bebe Ryan
Thursday 1st June	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	9.15am	Phil Carey
Friday 2nd June	Feria	9.15am	Patrick Lawrence O'Sullivan RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 3rd June	Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity	Noon	First Holy Communion Mass
		6.00pm	Thanksgiving Furtado & Gomindes family

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 28th May 2023

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

Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 Psalm Daniel 3 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3:16-18

"Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)

At Pentecost, the seven weeks of Easter come to their fulfilment. Before he ascended into heaven Jesus told his apostles to stay in Jerusalem where after a few days they would be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Jesus had previously promised that the Father would send them the Spirit of truth; another advocate who would help them and be with them for ever. (John 14:16) The Paschal Mystery is completed in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person.

Pentecost is the full revelation of the Holy Trinity. It is often spoken of as the birthday of the Church: the Spirit descends upon the Apostles, Mary and the other women gathered with them in the Upper Room and empowers them to announce, bear witness, make present and spread the Good News of the dance of love that is the Trinity. The mission of Christ and the Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Through the Spirit, we can lead lives that will bear much fruit. The more we renounce ourselves and accept the power of the Spirit, the more our lives will shine in the world with the fruits of love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

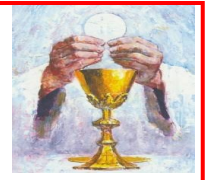
The outpouring of the Spirit also unites us and reminds us of the special dignity of all people, created in the image and likeness of God and loved by God from before the creation of the world. The Spirit offers nourishment, healing and fullness of life to each and every person, from conception to the natural end of life.

Holy Spirit, sweet guest of my soul, abide in me and grant that I may always abide in You.

Holy Communion 2023

Please pray for all the children in our parish making their First Communion this Saturday 27th May and Saturday 3rd June. May they have a joyful day.

Thank you to our catechist Donna and team, who have prepared them for this sacrament.



So, I've been confirmed - now what?



If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for the ASCENT.



the ASCENT is a discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the Brentwood location **starting in October** and full details can be found at www.theascentuk.co.uk

Catholic Worker Farm Open Day

The open day is on **Saturday 10th June from 3pm onwards**. The farm accommodates 19 refugee women and children. There will be an international buffet, live performances and a house tour. It's totally free! Bring your friends and family. For more information, check out www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org or call 01923 777201.

Address: Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD39XJ.

"Sinners Called to Holiness" Prayer for a Pilgrim Church

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will guide us in reflection on the Universal Call to Holiness and the place of prayer in Vatican II.

15 June 2023 at 11am-3pm @ London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH

Free event (donations welcome). Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrimchurch-tickets-629250403897>. See poster at the back of Church

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



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Planned giving envelopes

There are several boxes still to be collected from the back bench in church. It's still not too late to swap the way you give to the parish! **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting .

If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order please contact the Parish office.



Offertory for Sunday 21st May 2023

Envelopes £ 212.96

Loose £ 306.63

Total £ 519.59

Many thanks

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster.