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Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 Year B

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	Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am-3pm	

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th May	Vigil: Pentecost Sunday	6.00pm Rita Mackey RIP
Sunday 19th May	Pentecost Sunday	8.30am People of the Parish
		10.30am Billy Byrne RIP (Anniv)

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday 25th May	Vigil: Holy Trinity	Noon First Holy Communion Mass
		6.00pm Maurice Rodrigo RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 26th May	The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am Pat Leonard RIP
		10.30am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

Liturgy of the Word: 19th May 2024

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: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Psalm 22 Romans 8: 14-17 Matthew 28: 16-20

Gospel Reflection from VIRC

"Do not be surprised that I tell you, you must all be begotten from above..., but you do not know where it (the wind) comes from or where it goes" (John 3:7-8).

Although Luke places the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, John places it on Easter night. Each one, then, has his own way of portraying the glorification of Jesus. For John, this glorification took place when he was raised up on the cross. For both, the Spirit is the fruit of the victory Christ won by his death and resurrection. Pentecost cannot be separated from Easter.

But why must the disciples receive the Spirit? From Luke's perspective, they must receive the Spirit to be able to speak to all in their proper language and thus inaugurate the universal mission of the Church. John does not say anything different, but he says it in a different way. The apostles are in the upper room with all the doors locked for fear of the Jews. They are afraid and their fear is contagious. They are attentive to every sound outside. They fear arrest. Suddenly, Jesus is there in their midst: "Peace be with you!" Peace is what they lack most in this atmosphere of anxiety. Jesus still carries the marks of his passion. He is there, alive and stronger than death. The doors which were once locked no longer hinder his mission. The hour is no longer one of self-centred fear. Now is the time to allow the Spirit to shatter all barriers and lead the Church where God wills.

Upcoming funerals

Phil Wallace - Thursday 30th May at 1pm here at St Joseph's Church.

Tom Teehan - awaiting details

May their souls rest in peace. Amen

Supply priests This weekend we welcome back Fr Bernard Boylan for the Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 10:30. Fr Paul Antwi-Boasiako CSSp from Garston will be joining us for 6pm vigil Mass on Saturday. We are very grateful to all the priests who have come to aid so we can continue to have Sunday Masses at St Joseph's.

Catholic Women's League Cake Sale

CWL will be holding a cake sale after all Masses this weekend 18th/19th May. Please bring some cash along to support them. Apparently, there are some Master Bakers amongst them! All proceeds will be donated to St Joseph's Pre-School for new equipment so please give as generously as you can.

Repository shop

New stock has arrived in the Repository shop. Come and have a browse after all Masses. Plenty of cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation.

100 Club

The 4th monthly draw will be on **Sunday 26th May** after 8:30am Mass .

Some players have just paid for the first three draws. If you would like to continue playing can you please let the office know. We will need your £15 for the next 3 draws *by Monday 20th May at the latest*. Bank transfer is preferable. I have left envelopes out in the narthex if you want to pay by cash.

Sponsor a Lourdes wheelchair

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims during the pilgrimage. Each wheelchair costs **£139**. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, then please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 798 9173 for further details.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers

Holy Communion 2024

Please pray for all the children in our parish making their First Communion on Saturday 25th May and Saturday 1 June. May they have a joyful day. Thank you to Donna and team for preparing them for this sacrament.

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

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. theASCENT is a three year 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 group starting in October and full details can be found at <https://www.theascentuk.co.uk/brentwood>

Financials

Offertory for Sunday 12th May Loose £308.06 Envelopes £185.87 **Total £493.93** *Many thanks*

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.
Pray for the recently deceased especially Fr John Warnaby, Thomas Flynn, Geraldine Horwood, Phil Wallace and Tom Teehan.