

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PENTECOST

20th May 2018

Over to Us



The disciples, who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews, suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.

What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.



ANNUAL FOREIGN MISSION APPEAL: next weekend we will welcome Sr Kevina and Sr Maria from the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph who will be asking for our support for their work in Africa and South America.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY: This coming Tuesday, 22nd May, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a special Evening Prayer to honour Mary and entrust ourselves, our Church and our world to her care. This will include the Rosary and May Crowning.

FOOD BANK: Our Thursday Food Bank has been growing each week. By 10th May we had welcomed 55 people, some of whom come regularly. As this was a pilot project, we will be reviewing the first three months to plan next steps. We hope then to meet with volunteers to bring them up to date, to get their feedback and to coordinate a rota. If anyone else is interested in helping, please let us know. Thanks to all who contribute needed products which you can put in the basket at the back of the church.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The 30th annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage with Cardinal Nichols takes place 21 – 27 July. This year's theme is "Do whatever He tells you". Direct flights from Stansted to Lourdes or coach options are available. For details contact Elizabeth Uwalaka 0207 798 9173 or email: lourdes@rcdow.org.uk.

SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR: the Holy Father's personal choir will perform a sacred choral music concert (from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican) on Saturday 26th May at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour and is free of charge (no tickets required). All are welcome!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY: Envelopes £191.49 Loose £621.67 **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Orlando Best (Dora's son) who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Ellen Hunt, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane & Margaret Walsh.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 20 th May	PENTECOST <i>(Parish Mass Book p 286)</i>	8.30am	Noel Shaw RIP
		11.00am	Margaret O'Connor RIP
Monday 21 st May	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Padraig & Sean O'Donnell RIP
Tuesday 22 nd May	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 23 rd May	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of Helen & Georgia Lambert
Saturday 26 th May	<i>St Philip Neri</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 27 th May	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8.30am	Intentions of Ellen Hunt
		11.00am	Emmanuel Polium RIP

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm