23RD MAY 2021
+PENTECOST SUNDAY



Dear Parishioners,

Receive the Holy Spirit

This weekend we conclude the whole of our Eastertide celebrations with the great feast of Pentecost. We could say that just as the Church is the risen Body of Christ, the Holy Spirit is her soul. From the day of Pentecost onwards the Holy Spirit has guided the Church and her members producing teachers, preachers, apostles, disciples, prophets, saints, martyrs and countless generous souls who have followed Jesus going about the world doing good. The Holy Spirit is sacramentally given to us in Baptism to wash away sin and to strengthen us in the new life won for us by Jesus on the Cross. We are temples of this Holy Spirit who comes to dwell within us, but it is always through our free will that we become sanctified and transformed by the Spirit's presence. The Holy Spirit is simply the love of God poured into our hearts, who guides us to say 'Abba, Father' as we come to know ourselves as God's beloved children. For the next two weekends the children of our parish make their first Holy Communion. Let us pray for them and for all of us, that we may know that God cares for us all as his children. Let us also pray that God's Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth, may help our world to find healing and peace in these coming months.

God Bless you

Fr Martin

Children's Liturgy Pentecost Sunday

This week we celebrate a feast called Pentecost and all the little helpers, of which there are a lot this week, learn about the Holy Spirit.

https://youtu.be/rsIURohDMJI

There is also a link below to the story of Pentecost, which some of the children of the Parish helped produce last year in lockdown.

https://youtu.be/84LmG-FJqmI

Catholic Communications Network: Thank you for your donations to last weekend's second collection. The Parish raised a total £192.17. Thank you for your continued support.

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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*****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP*****

Goodluck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+ PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 23RD MAY
06:00PM BRIGIDA DI PAOLA RIP LD
09:30AM REENIE LYNCH RIP LD
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (*EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES & THEIR FAMILIES).*

MONDAY 24TH MAY
09:30AM LIZZY FLETCHER RIP A

TUESDAY 25TH MAY
09:30AM INTS OF JUDY DOKE

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY
09:30AM SUSAN KEANE RIP A

THURSDAY 27TH MAY
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 28TH MAY
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF YVONNE BYRNE

SATURDAY 29TH MAY
09:00 -11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JAN ROCHE RIP LD
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
+ MOST HOLY TRINITY
SUNDAY 30TH MAY
06:00PM ANITA SPAGNOLI RIP LD
09:30AM DEREK HONEYGOLD RIP A
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (*EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES & THEIR FAMILIES)*

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Brian Berry, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, Nicola Nunn, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Ron Johnson and Dominic Bann.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Aldo Minoli, Eric Wilby and Rudy Barnes

Christ and the Crown of Thorns Painting: Thank you to everyone for your tremendous generosity in donations to the Framing project. We are thrilled to have your support and especially to the children who also helped to contribute. The total raised was £425.91. More information to follow soon.

Confirmation Service: The Confirmation Candidates will be confirmed **Sunday 13th June** at **11:30am** Mass. We would appreciate if parishioners that are not directly involved with the Confirmation Service, to please attend an alternative mass this weekend.

Pigeon-hole message box: The internal mail system message box located inside the front door of the Narthex, is for Parishioners to pass on messages/cards/letters to fellow parishioners. There are many items that have not be collected for some time. Please can we ask everyone to check the Pigeon hole slots for any messages that may be awaiting your collection as soon as possible. Any items left will be removed. Thank you for your help.

Lost Property: Please if you have lost any items in church remember to check the lost property box in the Narthex. There are a number of Jackets, cardigans and spectacles left. These will soon be passed on to the Charity shop if not collected.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am very pleased to share with you this Pastoral Letter, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday:

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of "God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children.' In this liberty, as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

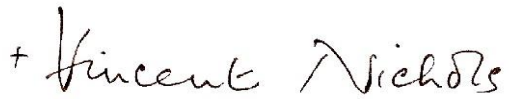
In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.

May God bless you all,



✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Archbishop of Westminster