



The Announcer



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Year A

PENTECOST SUNDAY

28TH MAY 2023

Gospel: *John 20: 19-23*

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

Happy Pentecost! Happy Birthday! Today we celebrate our spiritual birthday when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and launched the Church. As the people of God, we cannot survive without the Holy Spirit. The life-giving effect of the Spirit is like the water that saturates dry and unproductive ground, and enables life to grow. Jesus makes this clear in his proclamation at the Temple in Jerusalem on the last day of the Festival of Booths: *'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me. Let him come and drink who believes in me. As scripture says, from his breast shall flow fountains of living water.'* Life can take a terrible toll on us, but however terrible, it cannot take away from us Jesus' invitation to



drink of his 'water of life'. This is true freedom, and it is totally life-giving. St John the Baptist had announced prophetically that Jesus would be the one to baptise in the Holy Spirit. The Baptist's baptism of repentance prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. It was however only after the climax of this ministry, after Jesus' crucifixion, that God's spirit was poured out. St John the Evangelist comments on Jesus' words above: *'He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified'*. St John doesn't mean that the Spirit didn't exist when he says *'for there was no Spirit as yet'*. He means that the Spirit had not been poured out because Jesus had not yet gone to the cross and been raised from the dead. As we saw last Sunday, Jesus' glorification was his death, resurrection and ascension. A similar paradigm works in our lives. As we repent and honour Jesus in our lives, we give Him glory and the Spirit responds, because we are aligning ourselves with the work of the Spirit, for the Spirit never glorifies himself, only Christ. Beware of those who emphasise the work of the Spirit at the expense of Jesus. The Spirit is totally Jesus centred and Jesus is cross-centred. *'He will glorify me'*, Jesus says. This is why the Spirit works to glorify Christ through lives that are repentant. That is why the Spirit anoints the apostles in today's gospel with the power to forgive sins for those who repent, and to withhold forgiveness from those who do not. St Paul, in his Corinthian epistle today reminds us that the Spirit does not serve our selfish gratification, for he is altruistic. Through baptism in the Spirit the whole Church is fashioned as a unity out of diversity, enabling every member to function, just as a body does through its different members. Regardless of the different ways in which the Spirit is given to each person or the particular purpose for which the Spirit is given, *'in one Spirit we were all baptised, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink'*. The Spirit invites us to do more than believe in Jesus. We are to become like him. It is not just a question of belief, for, as St John points out, those who believed in him had still to receive. It is to the one who believes that Jesus says *'let him come and drink'*, therefore it is possible to believe in Jesus but not *'come and drink'*. Didn't the apostles come across believers who had not yet received the Spirit? In our Christian baptism we are already given the Spirit, but the Spirit wants to be released in our lives. What good is flowing water if it is held in the pipes? Yet allowing the Spirit to work is not like turning on the tap. We can no more determine the move of God's Spirit, then we can determine the pressure or flow of water, but we can desire and ask. *'How much more will my Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?'* says the Lord. *'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.'*

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on **Monday and Tuesday evening**.



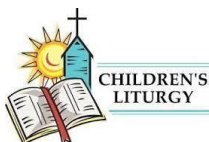
MASS on **Tuesday morning** will be at 8am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30am.

FIRST FRIDAY Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday evening. Exposition will take place at 6pm.

WENDY PYPER formerly of Bourne Close died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 6th June** at 10am. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass that morning. *May she rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Wendy Pyper, Bernie Meaney and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Miss Nanny Brien, Jan Dukta, Eileen Kelly, Pasqualina Hussein, David Lloyd-Jones, Donato Fonzo, Anne Smith, Giuseppina Conti, Alfonso Tagliavore, Vincenzo & Pasquale Ricotta Bill Pollard and Ken Parker. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be taking place at the **9.15am Mass** **this Sunday** and 11th and 25th June and 9th July.



MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing **4th & 18th June**. Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

'SINNERS CALLED TO HOLINESS': 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 lead a reflection on the **15th June** at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH from 11am-3pm. Refreshments are available, but please bring your own lunch. The days are free but donations are welcome. To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrim-church-tickets-629250403897>



'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the

back of church, if you wish to complete one. Please hand the completed copy into the presbytery.

CORPUS CHRISTI is on **Sunday 11th June** and there will be Adoration in the presbytery garden from 8-10pm, or in the church if wet.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 23rd September**. Mass that evening will therefore be at 8.30pm. More details will follow.



ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION will take place on **Saturday 10th June** at **3pm** in the church. This will be followed by Mass and then coffee in the crypt. All are welcome to attend.



FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain. Chaplains are: **Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Felix Adiele 01279-973183.**

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th June** at **7.30pm** in the crypt.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The last session will be on **Tuesday 6th June** at **7pm** in the church. It is necessary that your sponsor (or, if your sponsor is not available, then please attend with a

parent who will clearly explain to the sponsor afterwards the procedure) turns up at 7.45pm in the church for the rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:

Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together with a photo of the candidate. The programme will begin in early October and more details will follow in due course.



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BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 17th June at 11.30am** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the

SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL have nursery tours available. Please contact the school office on 01992 463549 or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk for further details.

GOVERNING BODY OF ST CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Walsh on 01992.467309.



ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are looking for a cleaner for two hours per week. If you are interested, please contact the Under 5's on 460614.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD Campaign to 'support small-scale farmers around the world!' - Our global food system is broken! One-tenth of the world go hungry whilst one-third of all food produced is wasted and giant corporations make huge profits. The way we produce food damages our planet too. But many of the small-scale farmers are pushing for alternatives that are good for people and planet. It's vital for us to support them in order to fix the global food system. One weekend in July, parishioners will be asked to sign a giant letter to the World Bank. More of which later!



CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH: You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on **Saturday 10th June** for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run

from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC: Instead of holding a Parish BBQ this year, we are thinking of holding a Parish picnic on **Sunday 13th August in the presbytery garden**. This would involve bringing food to share with others. In order to get a rough idea on numbers, if you would like to attend, can you please contact the presbytery.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 28th June 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.

ASYLUM SEEKERS: There are still over 300 asylum seekers living in temporary accommodation locally. Volunteers are needed to help sort clothes at the Cheshunt Marriott on a Wednesday and Friday between 10am-2pm. If you are able to help, even for one hour, please contact Rubbina on 07944 887103. All visitors must have some authorisation, such as a recent DBS check (within 3 yrs) or at least a letter from your Parish Priest.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Hard copies of the newspaper have now been made available to purchase. However, we will only purchase a few if there is a need for them. If you are interested in buying a weekly copy, please contact the presbytery.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé and Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Anna Gianfrancesco RIP</i></p>	<p>Page 288 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i></p>	<p>Ps 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</p>
<p>Sun 28th May PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i></p>
<p>Mon 29th May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Ann & Bill Haze RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Tues 30th May 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Trevor Baldwin RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel: John 20: 19-23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i></p>
<p>Wed 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Dante Necchi-Ghira RIP anniv</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A)</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Gospel: John 3: 16-18</p>
<p>Thurs 1st June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Lucelle, Anthony & Pat West</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
<p>Friday 2nd June Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Anne Smith RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i></p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Alberto Beschizza RIP</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Mary Fernandez RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 4th June MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP anniv</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	
<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
<p>Tues 30th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 30th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p>	<p>Wed 31st NO Brownies, crypt</p>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*