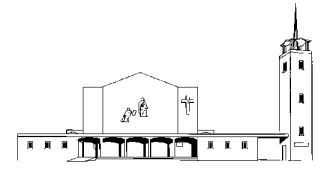




The Announcer



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YEAR B

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19TH MAY 2024

Gospel: *John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15*

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Human beings communicate, or not. If there is no communication, there can be no love, no relationship, no marriage, no family, no society, no community. Communication is of the essence of God. As we are made in God's image then we also have a built-in desire to communicate, and to create things which aid communication. Through inventions such as the telegraph, the telephone and television, communication was made possible in ways unimaginable before. How incredible is it that we are able to speak to someone within seconds living at the other end of the world, to hear and see them as if they were in the next room, and they us? This is made possible by radio waves. In the natural world we cannot see radio waves, so similarly in the spiritual we cannot see the Holy Spirit. Yet what the Holy Spirit communicates is infinitely greater than sounds made possible by vocal cords or radio waves. Language is great if you share it with others. If you don't speak the same language then you can't easily communicate. The people gathered in Jerusalem, from all over the ancient world, may have known something of koine Greek, the common language in which the scriptures were written, but that wasn't their first language. They were clearly fluent in their native tongues. Pentecost is remarkable in that the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to communicate across the language barrier. They had never learnt these different languages, and the linguistic gift was given only for that occasion. Babel was being reversed. Pentecost shows that the languages of the world are no longer an obstacle to unity and communication. That the disciples could miraculously speak in foreign languages is remarkable enough. Even more remarkable is that the nations of the world gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost had discovered a far deeper communication. They had discovered communication itself: God's self-disclosure of Himself through His Son, to die and rise again so that we could be saved from our sins and enter into the commonwealth of heaven. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit overcame more than the human barrier of language. Pentecost opened the way for overcoming the barrier of humanity-our alienation from God and from one. God's kingdom was being realised through the fashioning of a new society. The Spirit transmitted the waves of divine love, its giving and its receiving... the ebb and flow of true life. We are not truly living unless we are living in the Spirit. Life is not possible without the breath and the life-giving water of God. As St Paul says in the epistle today, *'the Spirit is our life'*. Paul is not talking about mere existence but the true life. Life in the Spirit is true because the Spirit is the Spirit of truth who continually draws us back to the Father and the Son. *'But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth'*, as Jesus tells us today in our gospel reading. To know the truth is to be set free and to know that we are infinitely loved by the Father through the Son. As our antiphon says today, *'The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us'*. So, let's rejoice on the birthday of the Church. The Spirit brings into being a family in Christ whose sole purpose is to lovingly witness to Him. Christ, the one who baptises in the Holy Spirit, means the anointed one. Christians by definition therefore are those who are anointed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We pray for more of that anointing. The ocean of God's love is limitless, so let us say, *'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love'*.
Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Nana-Kodjo Adjei,
Katelyna Biriuk, Blake
Brennan, Constance
Burns, Breege
Cormack, Olivia
Ferraro, Mariella
Giardina, Bonnie
Gillett, Samuel
Murphy-Giraldo, Ava Grace
Haastrup, Luca Ingraio, Aliyah Leukes, Aine-Mae
McCarthy, Luca Morreale, Darcey Oxley, Jack
Rafferty, Elena Rubino, Valentino Urso and Edoardo Vinci.



PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Dario Minichiello, Luciana Gianfrancesco Maurice Cattini and Domenico Crolla and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Felice La Corte, Elizabeth Sloan, Barbara Murphy, Darrel Divers, Girolamo Ferraro and Arthur McCafferty. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

DARIO MINICHELLO of Beech Walk, died recently. His Requiem will be on **Wednesday 5th June at 11am.**

MAURICE CATTINI of Granville Gardens, Hoddesdon died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 11th June at 2pm.**

DOMENICO CROLLA died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 24th May at 11.30am at St Joseph's, Waltham Cross.** *May they rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **Sunday, 2nd, 16th & 30th June at the 9.15am Mass.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9.15am Mass are needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately.** Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue. Next dates: **9th & 23rd June.**

PRAYER GROUP will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Please note there will be no meeting in June.

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



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 21st September.** More details to follow.

'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church. If you wish

VOCATIONS 'COME AND SEE': Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to the Vocations Team's 'Come and See' Vocation morning 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 register attendance, please contact Canon Roger Taylor at rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

is for the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

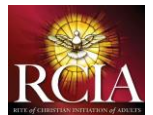
PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

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

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 19th June from 7-8pm** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

RCIA: ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues on the **21st May at 7.30pm in the crypt.** This is for those seeking full communion with the Church and those who wish to renew their faith. Please do come along.



SCHOOLS

GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Augustine's School are looking for a Foundation Governor (Immediate start). Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. All skills are welcome, including HR, SEND and SAFEGUARDING. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Fr Julian or the school know. For more information, please visit <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>



SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

'LOVE IN ACTION' VOLUNTEERING AWARDS are back! To nominate a volunteer or volunteer team, and for more information, please visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/awards or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk. Nominations close on the 30th June.



MISSIO: In 2023, our parish raised £6,409.58 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Augustine's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 29th May** from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you've experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th June at 2pm** in the presbytery.



BROXBORNE COMMUNITY CHOIR will be "Starting the Summer with a song" and performing a concert on **Saturday 1st June at 3pm**, Christ Church Ware. Adults £10, children under 16 free. Tickets available from Gabby on 07875221543.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing Mass in Blue (Jazz Mass), Songs & Sonnets, on **Saturday 8th June 7.30pm** at the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £20 and can be purchased from Theresa Casbard 07742022223 or Anne Byrne 467097.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie & Angelo Lenguito & Alex Thomson. Thank you for your help.

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

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. 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

NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



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



Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure, come, Thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, such refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, visit now these hearts of Thine and our inmost being fill.
If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, all our good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour Thy dew; wash the stains of sin away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen; warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.
We pray Thee, we who evermore Thee confess and Thee adore, with Thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; give us life with Thee on high; give us joys that never end.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 18th May Saint John I, Pope and Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP anniv</i>	Page 286 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Sun 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Rita & Bob McWalters</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Gomez Family intentions</i>	2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25 <i>The fruit of the Spirit.</i>
Mon 20th May Mary, Mother of the Church 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass People with respiratory diseases 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
Tues 21st May Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Daniel RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15 <i>The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.</i>
Wed 22nd May Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20
Thurs 23rd May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Kathleen Callanan</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 24th May (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Lyn Carroll RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 25th May Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Lazaro Pedrotti RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 26th May MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Vincenzo Lombardi RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 21st 1pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 21st 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Tues 21st 7.30pm RCIA, crypt Wed 22nd 6pm Brownies, crypt

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