

## NEWSLETTER

PENTACOST  
SUNDAY**Putting Fear to Flight**

On his way to Jerusalem Jesus declared to his disciples: *I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!* (LK12:49). These words were most visibly brought about fifty days after the Resurrection, at Pentecost. The real fire, the Holy Spirit, was brought to the earth by Christ. He did not steal it from the gods like Prometheus, according to the Greek myth, but rather made himself the mediator of the gifts of God, obtaining it for us with the greatest act of love in history: his death on the cross. In turn Jesus Christ constituted the Church as the Mystical Body so that she might extend his mission in history. *Receive the Holy Spirit*, the Lord said to the apostles on the evening of the Resurrection. Accompanying these words with an expressive gesture, he breathed on them. In this way he showed that he was communicating his Spirit to them.

Now in today's solemnity Scripture tells us once again how..to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [The first reading] recalls that the disciples had *all met in one room*. This room was the Upper Room where Jesus had eaten the Last Supper with his apostles, where he appeared to them risen-that room that had become, so to speak, the headquarters of the nascent Church.

This also applies to the Church today. It applies to us. If we want to prevent Pentecost from being reduced to a mere rite or even an evocative commemoration, but want it to be an actual event of salvation, we must prepare ourselves in devout expectation for the gift of God through humble and silent listening to his Word.

Lastly, a final thought may also be found in the account of the Acts of the Apostles: the Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus' Resurrection their fear was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those men emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the crucified and risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they felt they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of love. His infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the witness of martyrs, the courage of confessors of the faith, the undaunted zeal of missionaries, the frankness of preachers, and example of all the saints, even some who were adolescents and children. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church, which despite the limitations and sins of men and women continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

**MASS INTENTIONS****May 27th, 2023**

6pm - Ints of Christians in the Holy Land

**May 28st, 2023**

9am— Pro Populo

11 am - Ints of Fr Christopher

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm  
or by appointment.

During next week  
we will have two  
morning masses :  
on Wednesday and  
Friday

**Readings for this  
& next Sunday**

1st Reading— Acts 2; 1-11

Psalm ;1, 24, 29-31, 34

response v 30

2nd Reading -

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Sequence is read

Gospel – John 20; 19-23

1st Reading— Exodus 34: 2-6,8-9

Psalm ; Daniel 3; 52-56

response v 52

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ,

Gospel – John 3;16-18

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY;**

PARISH **BBQ** - 2 JULY - details will follow

CHURCH GARDEN CLEANING - 17 JUNE (from 11 am - 2pm) - volunteers needed

### The effects of the Holy Spirit's action

Who is there who can hear the names of the Holy Spirit and not feel exaltation in his soul, not lift his thoughts to that supreme nature? For he is called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, the upright Spirit, the guiding Spirit. His chief and distinguishing name is Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn for their sanctification; all who live virtuously seek him, and are, by his influence, refreshed and helped towards their own natural end. He is the source of holiness, the light of our understanding, for to every mind he offers his own light for the discovery of truth.

Though by nature he is inaccessible, yet through his generosity men can receive him in themselves. He fills all creatures with his power, but only those who are worthy can participate in him. But all do not share him in the same measure; he distributes his power in proportion to men's faith.

He is simple in essence, but manifold in power. He is present to each in his fullness, and in his fullness is present everywhere. He is divided, but does not suffer by the division; all share in him, but he remains whole, like a sunbeam whose kindly influence benefits each creature as though it were present to the creature alone, and shines over land and sea and dissolves in the air.

So too the Spirit is present like the sun to each individual who is capable of receiving him, and emits an influence which is sufficient to help them all, but is not divided, and they profit by sharing in him according to their natures, not according to his powers.

Through him hearts are raised on high, the weak are led by the hand, those who are advanced gain perfection. He it is who shines on those whose hearts are purified and stainless and makes them truly spiritual through the common union they have with him.

Even as bright and shining bodies, once touched by a ray of light falling on them, become even more glorious and themselves cast another light, so too souls that carry the Spirit, and are enlightened by the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and send forth grace upon others.

The grace enables them to foresee the future, to understand mysteries, to grasp hidden things to receive spiritual blessings to have their thoughts fixed on heavenly things, and to dance with the angels. So is their joy unending, so is their perseverance in God unending, so do they acquire likeness to God, so-most sublime of all-do they themselves become divine.

*St Basil the Great*

**We congratulate our Young people who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Let's keep them in our prayers.**



### A prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, faithfully serve you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Looking for a job? Why not to try to join Westminster Diocese if you have right skills.

For further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Job Title	Dept name	Closing date
DBS Administrator	Safeguarding	26/05/2023
Parish Administrator	Mill Hill	30/05/2023
Parish Support Partner	Parish Support Team	31/05/2023
Catechetical Coordinator/Pastoral Assistant	Ruislip	31/05/2023
Office Assistant	Hayes	31/05/2023
Parish Cleaner	Stoke Newington	07/06/2023
Parish Organist	Ashford St Michael	07/06/2023
Director of Education and Youth Work	Finchley East	09/06/2023
Financial Data Analyst	Finance	14/06/2023
Accounts Assistant – Parish	Finance	15/06/2023
Outreach Worker	Westminster Youth Ministry	19/06/2023
Parish and Finance Administrator	Yeading St Raphael Parish	20/06/2023
Cathedral Finance Manager	Westminster Cathedral	28/06/2023

Kindest regards, **Casey Regan | Recruitment Coordinator | Diocese of Westminster**

### Following the footsteps of the Saints

#### Called to action by our faith– Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), 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](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).

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### **BAPTISMS can happen now on Saturday morning or during any Mass (if number of guests are limited).**

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The date of the **next baptismal courses is Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 @7-9pm on zoom..** Please, drop an email to the office [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested, Later we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

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*Parish Administrator*

**The office may be contacted by phone:**

**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**Mrs Diane Winship**

Safeguarding Representative

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £540.34 envelopes: £164.00 contactless collection last weekend: £230.00 total: **£934.34**

Standing orders in February - **£5706.00**; , in March - **£3820**, in April **£4002**.

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church , we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

***Thank you for your Generosity***

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

**RICHARD HOUSE - London's first children's hospice**

Richard House is a children's hospice based in the heart of Newham that has been providing specialised free care services to seriously ill children and their families across East London communities for over 22 years. We are now supporting over 300 families and are asking you to consider supporting Richard House.

Many parents of seriously ill children are unable to work due to complex medical conditions of their children, requiring 24/7 care, We offer free specialised care to these families and hope you can help us to continue to fulfil our mission. We get limited support from local authorities, with three quarters' of the money we need is coming from fundraising alone.

More information you can find on our website at [www.richardhouse.org.uk](http://www.richardhouse.org.uk)

We hope you will consider supporting Richard House at this time!

Your sincerely, *Charlie Grey*, Community Fundraiser, [charlieg@richardhouse.org.uk](mailto:charlieg@richardhouse.org.uk)

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