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**Evening Mass Thursdays 6pm.**  
**Saturday 8:15 pm & Sunday 9am & 11am.**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025**



**'That they may all be one' Jn 17:21**

Congratulations to our young people confirmed on Saturday 31st May by Bishop Nicholas Hudson.

We, like them, are called to receive the Holy Spirit and to continue to pray for his gift in the lead up to Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit makes us one with Christ and in Him.

He shares with us the love of Christ and the glory which is in loving as Christ has loved us.

Come Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. O Lord send for your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God who by the light of the Holy Spirit have instructed the minds of your faithful grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ our Lord.

"Holy Spirit, guide me, strengthen me, and fill me with your love and wisdom."

**Mass Schedule**

Sat 31st May THE VISITATION OF BVM	8:30pm Neocatechumenate
Sun 1st June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am Pavlo Zakusilo RIP 11am Pro Populo
Mon 2nd June	NO MASS 8:00pm Mission of Hope
Tue 3rd June St Charles Lwanga	12:30 Stephen Willis RIP
Wed 4th June	12:30 .Maria & Eamonn Intentio
Thu 5th June St Boniface	12:30 Camilo Baquero RIP 6:00 D Darcey Int.
Fri 6th June	12:30 P Gargal Int.

**Catholic Communications Network**

There will be a retiring collection this Sunday to support the Bishops' work to communicate news relating to the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Thanks for your contribution

The Offertory collections for APRIL were:

Contactless Giving	£334.00
Sunday Masses	£1144.38
Standing Orders	£1763.00
<b>Total OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£3241.38</b>

Thank you for your generosity.

**MISSION OF HOPE**  
**Mondays**  
**At 8PM**  
**Come and see that**  
**CHRIST, OUR HOPE IS**  
**RISEN!**

**Mondays**                      **8PM**  
**2dn JUNE: Who is Jesus?**  
**9th JUNE: Good News!**  
**16th JUNE: A way FORWARD.**



**Popular Mission this Sunday at 2pm** in the square at the junction of Great Titchfield Road and Market Place. Everyone welcome to join us and bear witness to the hope we have in Christ.

# Raging Fire

*Beloved,*

The first organ that developed in our body was the heart.

According to the philosopher Byung-Chul Han

*'without deep emotion, thought cannot begin... What first stirs one to think and question is deep emotion.'* *Dilexit Nos* [DN] 16.

Our hearts have forgotten, not known or known only 'half-heartedly' the transformative depths of emotion unleashed as a response to the love of God.

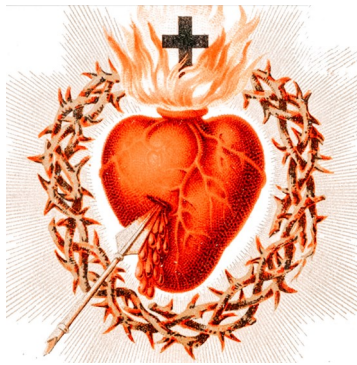
Not for nothing, does the Church pray specially at this time: *'Come Holy Spirit, fill with your love the hearts you have created'*.

This is not 'sentimentality'.

The word that reveals the heart of God is the cross. And the cross it is anything but sentimental. *'It is love, sheer love'* DN 46.

Through the cross we can grasp the reality that lives for all eternity in God.

This reality is fire. The fire of the Holy Spirit.



In contact with fire, we spontaneously shout "ouch".

In contact with the fire of the Holy Spirit, we spontaneously shout

"Abba". *'The Spirit unites us to the sentiments of Christ through grace'* DN 76. He pours the love that God has for us into our hearts and this love -infinite as it is- overflows becoming love for God, neighbour and self.

The battle against consumerism, frenetic activism, superficiality, toxic habits, disordered affections and meaninglessness is a battle for our hearts.

We should pray for "raging fire" because *"faith is in the intellect, in such a way as to provoke affection... love"* DN 26.

May the "raging fire" of the Holy Spirit make our hearts like the heart of Christ: his greatest work of art, his finest masterpiece.

PS: Our late Pope Francis gifted us with a wonderful encyclical, issued on October 24 2024, about the Sacred Heart entitled: *'Dilexit Nos'*. We hope to be able to examine it further throughout June, month of the Sacred Heart.

*Fr Oscar*