

Please pray for: Marianne Elliott, Ken and Sheila Green, Melanie Kraan, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pe-laez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Leonard Cabral, Keith Murray, Alcinda Ramos, Maria Stella Bastiampillai, Margaret Mulhall, Fr Bryan Jones, Pat Galvin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Hedy Tremayne, Bill Taylor, Alfred Lewis, baby Santa Cruz de Souza, Ellen Regan, Fr Pat Sammon (former Parish Priest), Samira Awad, James Flynn, Kathleen Lavin, Pat Hynes, Mary Josephine Michael, Dominic John Kennedy, Mary Ellen Byrne, Arturo Caridade and Laurance D'Colyse



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PENTECOST SUNDAY - A

Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23

31st May 2020

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BOOKING A MASS INTENTION DURING THIS PERIOD

Masses continue to be said in private for the intentions that have been booked each day. Masses are available from June onwards therefore, if you would like to book a Mass intention you can do so via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by phone (020) 8997 3164. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm which day has been booked. Payment can be made once we are able to re-open the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

To a very special couple who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Saturday.

May God continue to bless you and fill your life with love and happiness.

MASS INTENTIONS - COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASSES

As public Masses cannot be celebrated at this time, it is generally no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. This might mean that some Masses which were to be celebrated for a special intention will now not be celebrated. In these situations, and only whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for a Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention.

If you have arranged to have a Saturday or Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	30	John and Christine Matthias RIP
Sunday	31	The Li Family
		In thanksgiving of marriage
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Monday	1	People of the Parish
Tuesday	2	-
Wednesday	3	NO MASS
Thursday	4	-
Friday	5	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Saturday	6	Laurance D'Colyse RIP
		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Sunday	7	Evelyn Silva RIP (Anniversary)
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With the great feast of Pentecost the Church takes us to the climax of the Easter season. The Easter celebrations are all connected; Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension, Pentecost, they are all one saving action of Christ.

At Pentecost we receive the spirit that joins us with Christ's mystery of salvation. It is the Holy Spirit that connects us with the new and resurrected life of Christ. Pentecost means 50, a period of 50 days passed from the resurrection of the Lord to the explosion of that resurrection inside the hearts of the disciples. Let's welcome the gift of the Spirit of the risen Lord—that life-giving spirit into our hearts.

The spirit that at the very beginning of creation the Bible says it swept over the waters, the spirit that brought order out of chaos, being out of nothingness, life from death.

The spirit that God breathed into Adam and became a living being. The spirit that spoke through the prophets to prepare the word for the coming of the saviour.

The same spirit that descended upon the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary and she conceived Jesus in her womb. The spirit that descended upon Christ himself at his baptism in the Jordan and was at work all through his public ministry, casting out demons, healing the sick, raising the dead.

The spirit that descended into the tomb where Jesus laid and raised his body back to life.

That is the same spirit that descended on the morning of Pentecost upon Mary and the disciples giving them the strength and the courage to leave the upper room and spread throughout the whole world the gospel of salvation: That Christ has died and that he is risen, alive, calling you and me to share his new and resurrected life.

As we prepare for the reopening of Churches for "individual prayer", we hope in June, in phase 2 of the easing of restrictions, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the weeks ahead. Let us welcome the Holy Spirit so that we may live with more love in our hearts - love for God, love for others; so that we may show more patience, more kindness, more goodness in our families; so that we may be a more faithful, more gentle and self-controlled person.

Fr Agustin

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

The following resources are available to help us prepare for the great feast of Pentecost. These include a novena from the 'Thy Kingdom Come' website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/pentecost-novena/> Fr Pat Browne and Patrick Van Der Vost have prepared a video meditation on the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, using Christian art and music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca6ccFiilc8> and Cardinal Vincent has also prepared a special message <https://vimeo.com/421046273> The 2 videos are also available on the Diocese of Westminster website.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

*Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom**, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,*

*the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,*

*the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,*

*the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,*

*the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,*

*and the Spirit of **Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.*

Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



PENTECOST SUNDAY ROSARY RALLY

31 May 2020 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Following the call of Pope Francis for families to pray the Rosary together during the month of May, a Rosary Rally has been organised inviting the faithful across England, Wales and Scotland to pray the Rosary on Pentecost Sunday from 9am to 9pm.

The faithful in the Diocese of Westminster are invited to pray the Rosary from 5pm to 6pm on this day, alone, as a family, or as a group connecting virtually.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We hope that over the last few weeks, you have been able to access the weekly parish newsletter on our website. We have also been distributing paper copies to those parishioners we know about, who do not have access to the internet. If you cannot access the internet and would like to receive the newsletter, or know of someone else who would like a copy, please contact the parish office and we'll aim to get one to you/them.

#FAITHINLOCKDOWN

In Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day this year, he encourages us to tell good stories: *'Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us.'*

In response to this call, a new social media campaign has been launched, encouraging us to share our stories of faith by using the hashtag **#FaithInLockdown** in particular stories about how we have been keeping the flame of faith alive during lockdown.

For examples of the stories received so far, take a look at the social wall the diocese has created. You can view the collection of stories [here](#) in full.

Share what you have been doing with us

We know there have been many good things happening across our parish; how you've been keeping in touch with each other, helping with shopping, maintaining gardens, etc. We too have been trying to keep in touch with you by phone, bringing our parish website back to life! and distributing newsletters to those who cannot access the internet.

Even if you are not on social media, we would love to hear your stories/receive your pictures. How was Easter for you? Do you have anything planned for Pentecost? How have you been keeping the faith alive with your children?

This Sunday we would be gathering in our Peace Garden for our annual **Pentecost Party**. Sadly, that will not be possible this year, but that doesn't mean we can't each have our own 'party' to celebrate the birth of the church - Let us know how you'll be celebrating Pentecost.

If you would like to share your story on social media, don't forget the hashtag **#FaithInLockdown**. Alternatively, you can email the parish office at perivale@rcdow.org.uk

We'll review your story and then, with your permission, share it in our newsletter and with the diocese ... it could appear on the diocese social wall!

(Please be mindful of online safety if you are going to post online. Be careful about what you share. Don't reveal sensitive personal information that can be used by someone else to identify you. Remember what goes online, stays online!)

GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLICS ON ORGAN DONATION

On 20 May, an opt-out system for organ donation was introduced in England, meaning that all adults will now be considered donors in the event of death, unless they have recorded a decision not to donate or are in one of the excluded groups.

The Catholic Church has consistently encouraged its followers to consider organ donation and the act of donating organs before or after death has been considered a gift and an intrinsic good. However, a system of presumed consent risks taking away the right of the individual to exercise this decision, and therefore potentially undermines the concept of donation as a gift.

The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have produced Guidelines for Catholics on Organ Donation, and how to record this decision online via the Organ Donation Register (ODR). The ODR also allows you to record your faith beliefs so that they may be respected in the event of death and organ donation. *(Excerpt from Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website)*

To read the guidelines, please visit the website

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/organ-donation-guidelines-200520/>