



Sunday 23rd May 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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THIS WEEK

Sun 23 May 6.15pm (Vigil)	PENTECOST SUNDAY Luis Santiago Dias RIP & Maura Terezinha Dias RIP Thanksgiving Jose Fernandes RIP & Pascoal Fernandes RIP Casandra Louis & Showcat Dar Ints THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 24 May 9.30am	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Denis Harkin
Tues 25 May 9.30am	S. Bede, the Venerable Simon Valles RIP
Weds 26 May 9.30am	S. Phillip Nerl Francisco Barretto RIP
Thurs 27 May 9.30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Private intention
Fri 28 May 9.30am 11.30am	Of the Holy Spirit Salvador Fernandes RIP FUNERAL MASS Eileen Fulgoni RIP
Sat 29 May 9.30am	St Paul VI Maureen Isaacs RIP
Sun 30 May 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Francis Anselmo Fernandes RIP & Joe McGuinn RIP Lionel Stonehouse RIP Lily & Colin Mutukisna RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



TODAY'S MASS



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The gospel today reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls"

St. Peter Damian

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocaly DCA, Frances Sequeira

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eileen Fulgoni

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED Leslie Sequeira

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR May

The World of Finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

SANCTUARY LAMP

For the Parish

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

All preparing for Confirmation

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the wonderful good news that the risen Lord has poured out his Spirit upon us, first of all to convince us of his victory over sin and death, and then to enable us to continue his work of salvation by our own love and

As fragile human beings, we know the experience of living in fear and of being anxious and worried about many things, some of which exist only in our imagination. Jesus, having absorbed the ultimate violence, offers us his peace and thereby enables us to be confident and joyful in the face of even severe uncertainty and threat. This represents a real experience of liberation from the paralysis of fear—a paralysis that often prevents us from doing beautiful and risky things, like giving cut flowers!

With this peace and joy comes the obligation to share our blessings with others. It was once thought that the command of Jesus to forgive or retain sins was addressed only to priests and referred only to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Now it is clear that this charge is addressed to all the followers of Jesus. We must all accept the wonderful and awesome responsibility of offering or withholding forgiveness. In this case, the sin of omission looms large and should make us all examine our consciences in regard to the many times that we may have persisted in nursing old injuries or have refused to make allowance for extenuating circumstances in the lives of those we call sinners.

In this regard, we should recall the very strong words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: *“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.”* (Matthew 7: 1-2) When we face the final judgment, we all hope to have a merciful judge and now we know how to assure that happy outcome.

It is, of course, very difficult to achieve such an ideal of forgiveness. And that is why Jesus offers us the Holy Spirit who, if given half a chance, will empower us to become the kind of gentle, caring, and compassionate persons that can make a real difference in a world that desperately needs the witness of love and forgiveness.

Let us all rejoice in this wonderful gift of the Spirit.

NEWS UPDATE



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5.30pm

The church will open on:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) Open 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.30pm close at 6.15pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

NEW CHANGES TO OUR MASS TIMES & LITURGY

After 17th May the government rules for places of worship have slightly changed.

- ◆ The use of hand sanitisers will continue to be available for those entering churches and people are encouraged to use it.
- ◆ The wearing of face coverings, remains at least for now in place (apart from those who are exempt).
- ◆ Cleaning once a day for most surfaces people touch. Cleaning more often on a Sunday.
- ◆ Social distancing continues.
- ◆ Holy water stoups remain out of use.
- ◆ Track & trace remains in place.
- ◆ Congregational singing is still prohibited; small groups may sing. More guidance will be provided before 21st June.
- ◆ The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- ◆ Holy Communion remains under one kind only.

AFTER 21st JUNE If all goes according to plan...

- ◆ We will reintroduce the second reading at Sunday Mass and relax any other recommendations in the guidance given to use.
- ◆ Confessions and Benediction will return on Saturday evening.
- ◆ The Church will be open daily.
- ◆ Altar Servers will be encouraged to return.
- ◆ Choirs & singing are dependant on the government guidance.
- ◆ The daily rosary and other devotions will be permitted again in church.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN TO MASS FOR A LONG TIME WHY NOT GENTLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN. YOU MIGHT EVEN ACCOMPANY THEM TO MASS>

THE PARISH CENTRE will reopen properly in September once all the risk assessments and guidance have been received.

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spaces are currently available In Year 2 and Year 4 at our popular successful Parish School. For further information please contact the School Office by email at office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk or by phone on 020 8422 1272.

FUNERAL MASS OF EILEEN FULGONI on Friday 27th May at 11.30am followed by burial at Carpenders Park. May she rest in peace.

THIS SUNDAY—PENTECOST— there is a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal. You can take a copy, if you are so minded, and this can be found as you leave the church.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for use to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

HAVE YOU HAD THE VACCINE ? Please do think carefully about it as it protects you and also you infecting others. This is important for us as a community and now moving forward.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to Parents/Carers, Catechists, Stewards & all those who made it possible to celebrate this year's First Holy Communion Masses at the Parish. All being well we shall be providing details of next year's First Holy Communion Programme (for children in Year 3) before the end of the Summer Term. We would be delighted to welcome some additional helpers to the team. If you might consider helping as a Catechist next year please contact peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - We are delighted that Bishop John Sherrington will be joining the candidates this week. At this session, on **Monday 24th May at 7.30pm**, the Bishop will speak about his role at Confirmation and talk to the candidates about their chosen Confirmation Name. Although restrictions have been eased on the use of face coverings in secondary schools, **the Diocese still requires our young people to wear face-coverings at Confirmation Sessions** (unless exempt). Parents/Carers are reminded that a temperature-check of the candidates will be taken before entry to the Parish Centre. Thank you for helping the candidates arrive in good time for the start of the session.

HOLY BAPTISM: As from 17th May we can recommence celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Church. We are currently working through the list of families awaiting Holy Baptism for their children. Some now have dates in the diary. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be trying to attending Mass here, as a matter of course, before requesting this important

Sacrament for their children. Fr Julio is coordinating all baptism requests so please be in touch with him.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS These should have either been delivered or posted to you. If you have not received them please let us know. By the way, we only send them out to those who request them or have received them previously. In order to be part of the envelope giving scheme all you need to do is simply to send us an email making that request.

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during April and beyond.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

CORONAVIRUS is bringing shocking devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give Please keep praying for the people of India and for all those affected by the pandemic in the UK and across the world

THE GREAT SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI is fast approaching on Sunday 6th June. The annual Quarant'Ore (40 hours) at our Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from Thur 3rd June - Sat 5th June. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7.00am until Midnight. Go to maldenlane.org.uk/forty for more information.

IN PREPARATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI at St George's there will be adoration every morning from 9.00-9.30am from Monday 31st May until Saturday 5th June.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Antiphon Wisdom 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial psalm: 103

*R./ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *R./*

2. You take back your Spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your Spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *R./*

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *R./*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human

body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Pentecost Sequence

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height.
Thy pure beaming radiance give.*

*If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.*

*Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come, with treasures which
endure;
Come, thou Light of all that live!*

*Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew,
Wash the stains of guilt away.*

*Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.*

*Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend.*

*Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost
being fill.*

*Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them
the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.