SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: 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,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading: ***Acts 2:1-11***

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104(103)

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: ***Romans 8:8-17***

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Sequence: Veni, sancte Spiritus

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,
Dost 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 thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

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

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

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

Thou, on us 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.

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 14:15-16, 23b-26***

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

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.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 8th June 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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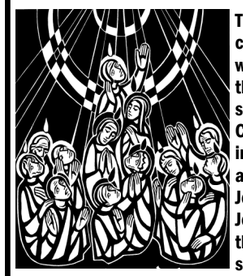
Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 8 June	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Sean Farrell RIP
9.45am	Dee Kelly Loader RIP
11.15am	Frank Rowan RIP
5.30pm	Patrick Rice
Mon 9 June	**Mary, Mother of the Church**
9.30am	Conversion of Sinners
Tues 10 June	**Feria**
9.30am	Sally Fernandes Ints.
Weds 11 June	**S.Barnabas**
9.30am	Holy Souls
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Gertrude Kenny RIP
Thurs 12 June	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**
9.30am	Eileen Ryan RIP
Fri 13 June	**S.Anthony of Padua**
9.30am	Rajiv Dubey & Family Ints.
Sat 14 June	**Of Our Lady**
9.30pm	Holy Souls
Sun 15 June	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
6.15pm	Bosco Fernandes Ints.
8.30am	Ismael Gonzalez RIP
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Francis Waddington RIP
5.30pm	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.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*
God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:8-17*
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

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.
HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm -6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*
DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.
ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Aaran Thayaparan, John, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Anne Neylon, Catherine Corcoran, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Rocco Karaiskos*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Gertrude Kenny, Martin McDonagh, Anthony Hennessy, Marjory Horeau*

RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Jason Valadares & Stacie Saldanha*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Dee Kelly Loader, Eileen Ryan, James Darby*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Eileen Kidd Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of James Darby RIP

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for June
That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
By Saint Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

After his death and resurrection Jesus promised his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. "*Receive the Holy Spirit!"* he said. Jesus knew his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to *wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high* (Luke 24:49). Why did they need such *power from on high*? Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry at the River Jordan, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Christ to enable us to live a new way of life – a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom. The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. The Prophet Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These are the gifts we also receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The gift of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus *"breathed"* on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is now an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. If you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus simply ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit.

NEWS UPDATE

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? It always helps us to get to know you and also your family if you register with us. We can then send you information about the parish and opportunities. Registration forms can be found at the back of Church

THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS will now be Monday–Friday 10.00am-2.00pm.

FUNERAL MASS of Gertrude Kenny on Wednesday 11th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL LITURGY of Anthony Hennessy on Friday 20th June at 12 noon followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION 2025 - Congratulations to all those receiving the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this weekend. The final session of this year's Confirmation Programme, **Feedback & Celebration**, takes place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 16th June at 7.30pm** followed by the **Going forth Mass**, on **Sunday 22nd June at 5.30pm**, when the Newly Confirmed are presented with their **Confirmation Certificates**. If you might consider helping our young people prepare for Confirmation next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The **FHC Evaluation Session (for Parents/Carers only)** on **Tuesday 10th June at 7pm** is followed by the **FHC Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 15th June at 9.45am** when all the children put on their FHC outfits again for Mass followed by a celebration in the Hall. If you would like to help with the FHC Programme next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

SVP BINGO NIGHT. Saturday 14 June at 7:30pm. Parish Centre. Cash prizes. Raffle. Tea and coffee. £10 per book. All proceeds go towards the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

RETROUVAILLE helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next live face to face weekend date: 20th – 22nd June. https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of July. Please contact the Parish Office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 15th June
Corpus Christi Sunday 22nd June
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 27th June
Ss.Peter and Paul Sunday 29th June

ST GEORGE'S will be hosting the St Edmund Campion Relic on Tuesday 8th July at 9:30am Mass. Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for this initiative.

MYSTERY TOUR: Our famous day out (organised by the Knights of St Columba) on **Saturday 21st June** . Coach leaves St. George's at 9.00am, Cost: £25.00. Tickets (available now) must be purchased from the Parish Office in advance. *First come, first served*. You never know where you'll end up....!

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more, please simply contact Cheryl on 07941 002161

CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY: It's a kindness when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. A waste bin is available for any rubbish at the entrance to the church... oh, and one other thing, please don't leave anything behind, it's amazing what we find.. glasses, purses, phones and car keys. Thank you for helping to look after our lovely church, you are brilliant!..

HELP - the flower ladies need volunteers to join the Flower Team. No experience needed. Flowers are arranged every Friday morning after Mass. Meet in the Parish Hall; refreshments provided. Speak to Margaret or Lucy or just turn up if you can help!

EXAMINATION TIME: We pray for our young people sitting their examinations at this time. If you are finding it all a bit stressful - utilise your faith! Say a prayer asking for the intercessions of Blessed Mary, Seat of all Wisdom, who unties knots! There is even a special saint for exams—St Joseph of Cupertino. You'll find prayers to him in a basket at the back of the church.

THE END OF AN ERA...our collection for TONI, our parish secretary, who retired recently after 30+ years in the office, remains open and donations can be dropped into the Parish Office Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm.

RETREAT AFTERNOON on Thursday 12th June, 2-4pm, at the Page Centre, Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill. An afternoon of reflection led by Audrey Hamilton with short sessions interspersed with time and space for quiet. See poster in the Parish Centre notice board for further details.

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 5th July 2025. Raffle tickets on sale after all masses on the weekend of the 15th and 22nd June 2025. All proceeds go towards the school PSA.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to Poland following in the footsteps of Pope St. John Paul II. The dates set are 13th-18th October. Booking forms and the itinerary are now all available in the porch/church. April 1st was the initial date for completion, so if you would like to go, please get going! YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES The remainder of these are now in the Parish Office. If you didn't collect yours over the past weekends, that's where they'll be, so do come and collect yours as soon as possible.

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the Café/Bar in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

SUPPORTING YOU WHILST IN HOSPITAL - If you, or a loved one, are heading to hospital and would like a little pastoral & sacramental support whilst you are there, please let us know so we can ensure this is provided. There is a Catholic Chaplain resident at Northwick Park Hospital.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in West Acton are currently looking to recruit a class teacher for September 2025. For more details please visit the school website. Applications from ECTs are warmly welcomed. www.holyfamilyealing.co.uk

PENTECOST WORD SEARCH

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