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NEWSLETTER

5TH JUNE 2022 ✦ PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am-5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year C Ps Week 2

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Response: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia!*

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

28/29 May 2022

Envelopes	£ 184.40
Loose	£ 489.89
Total	£ 674.29

Church Cleaning 2: J O'Connell, J Sellings, P Goodfellow (Wednesday)

For all queries regarding Parish accounts, Gift Aid, Weekly envelopes, Standing orders and so on, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday Obligation: The bishops of England & Wales have issued a joined letter stating that since the pandemic has abated somewhat the obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and holy days is restored as of this Sunday, Pentecost. Please note that those who are ill or are shielding with good reason are always excused their obligation.

First Holy Communion 2022: The rehearsals for the final First Holy Communion Mass will be on Friday, 10th June, at 4:30pm in the Church.

Platinum Jubilee: Prayers for Her Majesty the Queen at the end of all Masses this weekend in honour of her Platinum Jubilee. The National Anthem will also be sung.

Priest: O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

People: And hear us on the day we call upon you.

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come before you.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The National Anthem follows:

God save our gracious Queen!

Long live our noble Queen!

God save the Queen!

Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store

On her be pleased to pour,

Long may she reign.

May she defend our laws,

And ever give us cause,

To sing with heart and voice,

God save the Queen.

11:30 Mass: Those who usually attend the 11:30am Mass on Sunday should note that this Sunday the parish First Holy Communion will be taking place in that Mass. All are welcome to attend and the Mass should not be enormously longer but those who are worried about getting a seat or parking may wish to attend the 6pm or 9:30am Masses instead.

Church Bell fund and the Ukraine Crisis fund: At the weekend of 8th and 9th May'22, a team of parishioners covered three Masses to sell cakes and spicy food. Beyond all our expectations, they managed to sell £1250 worth of food items. This amount has been split between the two causes, £750

towards Church Bell fund has been given to Fr Christian & £500 towards British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis fund which has been paid online and a copy of the payment confirmation has been received by the Parish Office.

REGULAR NOTICES

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration (White) forms are available in the Church porch or please email the Parish Office.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: NEW Weekly Donation Envelopes start TODAY! A big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish through Standing Order, Weekly Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Scheme, Blue Envelopes and to all those who are planning to join. Please continue your support.

1. If you would like **"Weekly Donation Envelopes"** or would like to setup **Standing Order**, please complete the *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Blue) Form* available in the Church Porch OR please contact the Parish office, call: 01932783507 or Email: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk OR please visit our Parish Website – [DONATE/Donate to our Parish](#).

2. If you are a **TAX PAYER**, please consider joining the **"Gift Aid Scheme"** by completing the same form.

3. You **DO NOT** need to be a *Tax Payer* in order to set up or request for *Standing Order or Weekly Donation Envelopes*

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the [blue envelopes](#) are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Altar Servers: Online applications to begin serving at Mass are now open for applicants under 18 and over 18. Applicants should have received their First Holy Communion. Prior experience is welcomed but not required. Please visit [Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups /First Holy Communion](#)

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups](#).

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: [Every Sunday after 9:30am](#) Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.

All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

Becoming Catholic 2021-22: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

First Holy Communion 2022: [Mass Attendance cards](#)

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stamps/Stickers will not be issued for a missed Sunday.
5. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a new Attendance Card.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

Today is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally also called Whitsun in England. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the upper room.

The Holy Spirit, promised by Christ now arrives to bring inspiration and passion to the disciples who convert as many as five thousand people. This is why today is often called "the birthday of the Church."

But who is the Holy Spirit? We are more familiar with the two other persons of the Holy Trinity: God the Father and God the Son. They seem easier to envision because they speak to us directly. The Holy Spirit is, however, God just as much as they are, but He does not interact with us in quite the same way.

The Holy Spirit is, above all, He who makes known. As St Paul says quite plainly "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." In ancient times the Holy Spirit spoke "through the prophets", as we say in the Creed. But since Pentecost the Holy Spirit has been the one who reveals Christ in our hearts. The Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself, as Christ says He "will not speak on His own." Rather, He is the grace poured into our hearts to give us the gift of faith. Christ tells us that "the world cannot receive [the Spirit], because it neither sees Him nor knows Him," but that those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells within them.

If the Spirit dwells within all the baptised He is truly the Spirit of the Body of Christ (which is the Church). And this role is not just a meaningless title. The Holy Spirit has an extremely important role in the life of the Church. It is the Spirit who guides the Church throughout the ages and allows us to know the will of God.

How? Firstly, it is the Spirit who inspires the Scriptures. The authority of the Bible is His authority. Secondly, the Spirit speaks to us in Sacred Tradition, that is to say the teaching and way of life which the Apostles handed down to us to be preserved till the end of time through the Magisterium (authoritative teaching) of the Church, which He guides. Thirdly, we know the Spirit in prayer. Most particularly we know Him in the sacraments, through the words and symbols inspired by the Holy Spirit which put us into communion with Christ. But not only there, also whenever and wherever we pray and call to Him for inspiration. Finally, the Holy Spirit inspires the different gifts which the saints have had over the centuries and the glorious achievements of them and their assistants. We need only think of the endless array of Catholic martyrs, missionaries, monks, hermits, educators, medics and monarchs who have for twenty centuries been the love of Christ to the world.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Marie Hook, Yolanda Albutt, Gerald (Gerry) O'Brien.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+