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NEWSLETTER

28TH MAY 2023 ✦ PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

Bank Holiday - Monday 29th May, Mass at 11am.

ROSARY: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.



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

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.

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.288

Preface: THE MYSTERY OF PENTECOST, pg.76

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

20/21 May 2023

Envelopes £ 263.00

Loose £ 506.79

Total £ 769.79

Church Cleaning Team 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

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

Corpus Christi Procession: The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession on the afternoon of Sunday 11th June at 3pm. It will be within the church, and will probably take under half an hour. This should be a wonderful way for the parish to express its love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The First Holy Communion children will also join the procession as a joint thanksgiving.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals: The rehearsal for our First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday will be at 4:30pm this Friday (2nd June) in the church. Only children who are receiving their Communion on Sunday 4th June should attend.

First Holy Communion Mass: First Holy Communions will be received at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday, 4th June. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

Thank you for your generosity: We have raised for *Priest Training Fund* £608.43, *CAFOD Family Fast Day- Lent Appeal* £135 & *Cardinal's Lenten Appeal* £65.

Funerals: Peter Gerald Barnes on 31st May at 10:30am & Christine Stacey - 2nd June 2023 at 10:30am.

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: 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. 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 visit our Parish Website.

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 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](#)

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

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

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month - the next date is 9th June 2023 - Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15PM in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50. RSVP to

place your food order by Wednesday 7th June to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

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 2022-23: 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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Parish Schools: St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic College (Secondary) are this parish's two Catholic Schools, though some parishioners have children at Catholic secondary schools outside the parish bounds. Both are thriving schools. All Catholics are encouraged to have their children educated in a Catholic context.

Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Catholic Schools

- Parents are requested to contact the School Office first to learn about the School admissions & visit <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions>.

- For Secondary Transfer Year 7 (Sept -Oct), Reception (Nov - Jan) & Nursery (Feb- Apr),** please keep reading the Newsletter near the time for Online appointment(s) with the Priest via Parish website.

For School Years (Yr1 to Yr6) & other school years, please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

EVENTS

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

An Evening with Antonia Salzano: As advised in Westminster Information, Antonia Salzano, the mother of Carlo Acutis, will visit the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, 7.30pm-9pm on 31st May, as part of her visit to London. The evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Attached is a poster for the notice board.

Called to action by our faith – Saturday 10th June: You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite here.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **Divine Mercy Retreat 2023** at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory Quex Road Kilburn London NW6 4PS on Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will

include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

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:

Elaine Callow, Iris Maton, Helena Eakins, Catherine (Kay) Burbage, David Hardman, Peter Barnes, Christine Stacey.

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