



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

Pentecost Sunday

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"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. We hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God." (Acts. 2:4; 11)

Pentecost was one of the three pilgrimage feasts of Judaism. (Ex 23:16; 34:12; Lev 23:15-21; Dt. 16:9-12). It was an important harvest feast as we see from Paul's eagerness to be in Jerusalem for it (Acts 20:16). In the Old Dispensation, the Israelites on this feast presented the first fruits of their wheat harvest and offered thanksgiving to God.

In the Christian Dispensation, Pentecost – fifty days after Easter Sunday – is now associated with the event of the descent of Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the birth of the early Christian church. This event fulfils the promise of the Advocate made by Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel reading. (Jn. 15:26-27,16:12-15) One of the many significances of this dramatic event as St Luke gives account of it in the first reading (Acts. 2:1-11), is that the Gospel message "speaks" to every human heart. Thus, differences in language, race, colour, times or creed are no barriers to God when, where and how he chooses to continue to reveal himself so that the whole human race may continue to receive the benefits of Christ death and resurrection.

In celebrating this feast today, we give thanks to God for our new birth in the Church through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit. The implication therefore is that our lives should reflect the harvest of the fruits of the Spirit as the St Paul enjoins the Christian community in the second reading. (Gal. 5:16-25) To keep the flame of the Spirit aglow, we also have to distance ourselves from the works of self-indulgence and immoral acts. We can ask for the help of this same Spirit in the words of the Psalmist: 'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'.

As we are called to witness to the fire of God (by bringing the light of the Son and the heat of the Spirit to all we meet), let us pray this line of St Paul every day this coming week and beyond: *'Since the Spirit is my life, let me be directed by the Spirit.'*

On this feast of Pentecost, we wish everyone a happy birthday in the Church!

Offertory

Loose Plate – £192.84 - Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmation

Could the parents of any young people in year 9 who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Fr. Joseph by the end of this week - 25/05/2024.

Mass Intentions for the Month of May

Sat 18 th	5.00 pm	Maurice McGrath R.I.P.
Sun 19 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish Anthony Pratt INT.
Mon 20 th	12 Noon	
Sat 25 th	5.00 pm	All the Holy Souls
Sun 26 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish John & Andrew Livingstone

Confessions at 4.15 pm on Saturdays or on request

Sacrament of Baptism – is the gateway to all other Sacraments. We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who, as a matter of fact attend Masses. As part of the preparation for a child's baptism, could the parents planning to have their baby baptised book an appointment to meet with Fr Joseph. We do need proof of baptism in the Catholic Church of at least one of the parents. Godparent(s) must be a Catholic, and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Baptism/Confirmation certificates or letter from Parish of Baptism confirming this will be required also for godparents.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish –
We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun, Lana Ridley, Susan McQuinn, Pete Harrison, John Thornton, Ashley Dew, Eileen Carlton, John Egan

Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

Ministries for the weekend in May 2024

Saturday

Reader: Sue Wright

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Todd

Sunday

9.00 am

Reader: Paul Kelly

Eucharistic Minister: Jenny Brown

10.30 am

Reader: David Leadbeater

Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary is available the following weekend 18th/19th for the week.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle lit for a Special Intention or Anniversary, please let us know. The recommended donation is £5.00.

The Holy Rosary Prayer – is said after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays. Please come and join on us to pray for peace in our world and for other intentions.

Mass Intention Envelopes – Please fill in all the details on the Mass Intention envelopes which can be found at the back of the church. You can also gift-aid your Mass offering if you are a UK tax payer; but we will need the name/address of the donor to be able to claim the gift-aid. Thank you.

Dates still available for Mass Intentions - May

Mon 20th 12 Noon

What Is a SPOG? As SPOG's we are 'Special People of God.'

SPOG is Corpus Christi's YOUTH GROUP and all young ones in Year 4 (post F.H.C.) upwards to roughly Year 8.

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm.

Dates: Wednesdays during term time.

Venue: Church Hall.

Cost: £1.50 per session.

For the younger children it can be 6.30pm to 7.30pm, parents welcome.

There's plenty of tea/coffee!

We are very fortunate to have several invaluable adult volunteers who support the group.

Any queries: contact Tricia on her mobile: 07927 313165 or email patriciaapps@aol.com.

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) -

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Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a standing order. Our bank details are as follows.

WRCDT TRING
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account Number: 91094998

Please do include your name as your reference. If you would like to gift-aid your donation please use the standing order form which can be found in the church porch. When completing the form, remember to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK tax payer. Thank you for your generosity and support to our parish.

Dates for your Diary

Choir Practice – Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm; please contact Tom (07791 748282) if you'd like to come along.

Meditation: Thursdays 8.15 pm – 10.00 pm
Everyone is welcome, the group meets in the Sacristy.

May 18th - from 8.00 am to 9.00 am - Churches Together Breakfast Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted — Set up will be around 7.45 am and the Breakfast will be at 8.00 am with prayers after breakfast. For further information please contact Patrick McLoone on 07949128562

May 22nd at 2.00 pm – Crochet & Knitting Group in the Hall

May 25th at 2.00 pm Sewing Group in the Hall

June 1st - Saturday – Corpus Christi are hosting the Churches Together Breakfast – 8.30 am – 9.30 am. More info and sign-up sheets will be given nearer the date.

June 2nd – 10.30 am Mass – First Holy Communion Mass

June 8th & 9th 2nd Collect Organist Fund

There will be a 2nd Collection for the Organist Fund.

June 29th 12.00 Noon – Tring's Justice & Peace Group will be at Tring Summer Carnival