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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
 19th May 2024  
**Happy Birthday Church!**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May** for the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

<b>Sun 19th</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M C Coutinho R.I.P.; A J Borges R.I.P.; B Lawrence Int Fr S Flannery R.I.P.; J Murphy R.I.P. V Okafor R.I.P. People of the Parish; T Evans R.I.P.	
<b>Mon 20th</b>	Mary, Mother of the Church	A Savage R.I.P.; M McDonald R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 21st</b>	Feria	K O'Donnell R.I.P.;	
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	St Rita of Cascia	Fr S Flannery R.I.P.; J O'Sullivan R.I.P.	<b>Confirmation Candidates 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	Sr R Jordan Int	<b>Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri 24th</b>	Feria	T McGovern R.I.P.; D Outred Thanks	
<b>Sat 25th</b>	St Bede The	Sick & Housebound of the Parish; P D'Souza Int	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>

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**Spirit of Unity**

The effect of the **Holy Spirit** at the first Pentecost was to create unity – the incident of people understanding different languages should not be taken literally, but that some deep divisions among people can be overcome by the **Spirit of God**. Many of the gifts of the **Spirit** in the second reading are about a deep unity among us – trust, love, patience. These and other gifts of the **Spirit** bring unity at a deep level in families, friendships, all kinds of relationships and communities.

The effects of disunity can lead in the end to murders, violence and wars. No wonder Jesus prayed so often for unity, and his Spirit would unite us.

Disagreements may happen in the best of relationships, and lead often to peace in the end. Dividedness never leads to peace and is never from **God**.

Another unity of Pentecost was the reconciliation between Jesus' natural family and the new family of the apostles. Another gospel account says that in the upper room were people like James, his family 'brother', and Mary his mother, who was the uniting love of all Jesus' followers.



• **Month of the Holy Rosary: We are encouraged to recite the Rosary daily in our homes for the Month of May in honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary.**

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.

**REGINA COELI**

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

**R: alleluia**

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Has risen, as he said,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Pray for us to God,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

**R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!**

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **Gardner wanted** in Kingsbury area. Contact 07771936249 for details.

- **Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes** £675  
**Loose Plate:** £830 Thank you for your support

**Prayers of the Faithful (11 a.m. Mass)**

1. We pray that the Church guided by Pope Francis will continue to be moved by the Spirit and bring Christ's message to those who do not know it.
2. We pray for the leaders of governments that the Spirit will move them to build paths of peace and justice in our troubled world.
3. We pray for our Parish of English Martyrs that inspired by our diversity we may live the one faith we share.
4. May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit bring peace and unity in Christian families, that they may be true witnesses to the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. We pray that in all continents the Church will always be a sign of hope and renewal.
6. We pray for the poor and needy of our world: May they have food and comfort.
7. We pray for all who are sick and ill that God will bring them healing and for those who have died eternal joy and rest.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the*

*Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things*

*and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,*

*come spiritually into my soul*

*so that I may unite myself wholly to you now*

*and forever. Amen*

- **The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open daily Mon-Fri 12 – 1 p.m. for parishioners who need support at this time. Please contact the school 84503631 if you are unable to attend in person.

- **Donations** for the foodbank can be left at school or parish. Thank you.

- **Joan Murphy and family** would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners for their prayers, mass cards and support following the death of their beloved Jerry. A special word of thanks to all who attended the funeral. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Mass for your intentions will be offered on Sunday 9th June at 9 a.m.

- **Baptism for June** will be on the 16th after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation session on Wednesday, 12th after the 7 p.m. Mass.

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email [wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)