

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Pentecost Festival, Pentecost Sunday May 28th: This is the annual event at which we celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity both through liturgy and in socials.

- **We shall have only the vigil (Sat. 6.30pm) Mass and the 11.30am (Sunday) Mass of the event that weekend.**
- **Dress Code:** Traditional
- **Mass:** Our Liturgy will cover most of our respective mother-tongues. **Bidding prayers** will be spoken in various languages. Languages that have not been used in previous Pentecost celebrations should please indicate interest.
- **Socials 1 Meal:** We shall rely mainly on food donations from parishioners for the day so we expect each parishioner or family to provide some food and refreshment items. A sheet will be provided behind for people to indicate the food and/or drinks they will be providing.
- **Socials 1 Entertainment:** As part of the social activities, we will be having Cake sales, Tombola, Raffle draw, BBQ and many different fun activities for all.

Donations of any bottles of drinks for the Tombola and freshly baked cakes for sale to raise funds for the parish are welcomed. Raffle Tickets will be on sale from this weekend.

Funeral Mass for Henry (Harry) Herlihy will take place on the 23rd of May 2023 at 12noon. We will continue to keep his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

Mass for new Catholics will take place on **May 20th at 6pm** and it will be celebrated by Cardinal Nichols in Westminster Cathedral. Those in our parish who were baptised or Received into the Church at Easter to attend along with their parish catechists, families and friends.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: May 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

The Summit 2023 Youth Night For Teens 14-18: Organised by Westminster Youth Ministry and it will be hosted by St Joseph Confirmation group. It will be an evening of Fun, Feast and Faith. Date Friday 9th June 7pm-9pm. See poster on the notice board for more information..

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: May 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

Christian Stewardship: 7th May 2023 Envelopes: £166 Loose: £400.95 Contactless: £80.00. Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,956.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

May Diary

Saturday 27th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**
 Sunday 28th 11.30am – **Parish Community Pentecost Mass followed by Socials in the Parish Car park.**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

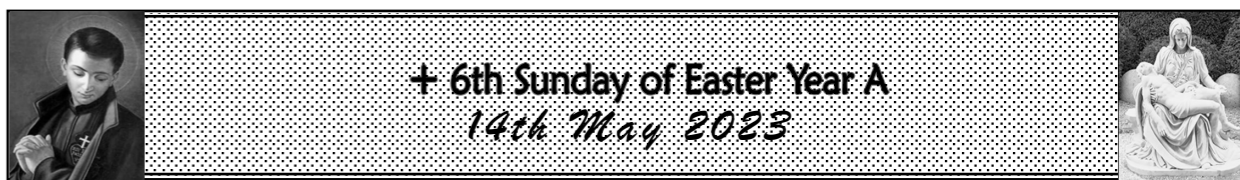
Food For Thought

John 7:38

"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."



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We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

THE WORLDVIEW OF THE BELIEVER

The human quest for meaning puts us into a belief system which fundamentally defines one as a theist or an atheist. The latter holds, among others, that the world is strictly material and there is no such thing as the supernatural; that God does not exist! This position appears to have gained a lot of adherents lately with the astronomical rise in the indices that drives materialism and unbridled consumerism which have been aggravated by the effects of the world wars and the damage done to humanity by fundamentalists in the name of religion. Despite the beliefs of the atheist, there abound a wide range of extraordinary phenomena that science has not been able to explain. In the scientific domain, there are the inexplicable inner dynamics of quantum mechanics, the nature of consciousness – the fact that we are more than complex robots or zombies and the wonders of the star jelly and the Hessdalen Light. In the secular world, there is the ever growing puzzle surrounding near-death experiences and poltergeist. From the religious universe comes the demand by the Catholic Church that what is attested to as a miracle required for elevation to sainthood be of the nature that is beyond scientific explanation. Hundreds of such cases abound, including the Shroud of Turin, the Stigmata of Pio and many reports of the Bleeding Hosts from different parts of the world. Obviously, the nature of religious truth is such that we need 'spiritual eyes' to see them and the discernment of the Holy Spirit to contextualize the in God's eternal plan for human salvation. Thus, Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit cannot be received by the world because it neither sees him nor knows him. Herein lies the difference between the worldviews of the believer and the unbeliever – the capacity to see beyond the material – the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Mass Times & Intentions 14th – 20th May 2023

- Sat 13th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Bridget Keohane (RIP), May Fayers birthday, Marion O'Sullivan (INT)
- Sun 14th 9:00am:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emma Etim & family, Ikpeme & Mag family, Etemma Henshaw, Eugene & Anna Ryan, (INT)
- 11:30am:** Madeleine McHugh, Augustin & Magdalena Jn Baptiste, Azariah Conall Jn Baptiste, Mylene Luce (RIP), Mary & Peter Hehir (ANN), Ignatius Etukudoh (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Essien-Oku family, Fr Vincent Waiga (INT)
- Mon 15th 12 noon:** Danielle Clark, Jim O'Neill (RIP)
- Tue 16th 12 noon:** Martin O'Dea (ANN), Alan Ross (INT)
- Wed 17th 12 noon:** Spiritans & Marists Communities, Archway
- Thur 18th The Ascension of the Lord : Masses at 12 noon and 7:00pm**
- Fri 19th 12 noon:** Ann Colbert (1st) (ANN)
- Sat 20th St Bernadine of Siena 12 noon:** Callum Norris (RIP), Norah Keogh, Ann Colbert (ANN), Ella, Harry, Marie & Kevin (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuaka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard, proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people. Alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we may keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 8: 5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 65)

R. **Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
Shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him?'

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him, but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him. **R.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	June	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,

We bless You,

We adore you,

We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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• Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.

• There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.

• Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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