

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.

- Novena started on Friday 19th-27th May.
- **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**

are on sale at all Masses.

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.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: May 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: June 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

Christian Stewardship: 14th May 2023 Envelopes: £185 Loose: £375.68 Contactless: £65.00. 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

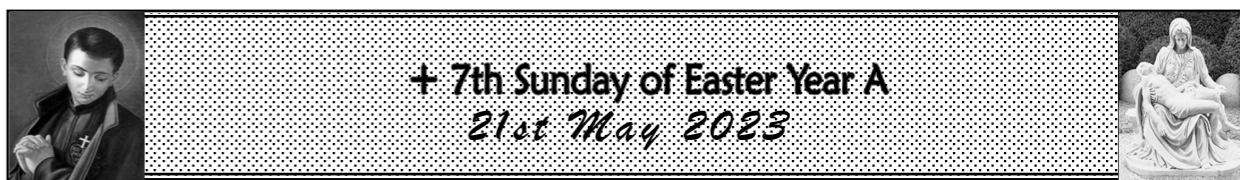
Food For Thought

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

'In this Sunday, the Sunday after Ascension, the Sunday before Pentecost. Behind us is the life of Jesus, his death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. In front of us is the unknown, the very new thing that God will do among his people. How do the disciples feel in this sort of no-man's land in time? They don't know how long they're going to be there. All they know is that in his physical form Jesus have finally left them – taken up in the brilliance of the light of heaven – and that he has told them to wait in Jerusalem where God will come to them in a new way. We've probably all experienced similar times – times that can be filled with uncertainty and anxiety. Times when we've lost someone or left something behind but aren't yet ready or able to move on into the unknown. Times between school or college and the world of work and careers. Amidst these chaos of life's experiences Jesus offers prayers for the unity of all the world and in fact of all God's creation. "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." Indeed, what would the world be like if we lived as one, just as the Father and Son live in that complete oneness? The unity that exists in the relationship between the Father and Son is a unity to which we are all called and for which we were all created. When we cease to live in that unity, we are living in a manner that is contrary to how we are called to be in this world. Where there is war, division, discord, hate, and violence, we are living in a manner that goes against the oneness and unity for which we are created to live. When we take steps toward creating peace, unity, and harmony, we are on the path to fulfilling the vocation to which we are called. How then can we as individuals, families, parishioners, and citizens work toward accomplishing these steps toward peace in our own lives? How can we live in the oneness that Jesus prayed for in the gospel so that we live as the Father and Son are one? The answer can seem so simple and obvious that we can sometimes forget or ignore the advice, or rather, commandment, we receive from the scriptures. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God."

Mass Times & Intentions 21st – 27th May 2023
Sat 20th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Richard Cleary, John Sorohan, Patrick O'Sullivan (RIP), Kathleen Panayiotou (INT)
Sun 21st 9:00am: Charles & Chriss Connell (ANN), Connell family (INT)
 11:30am: Michael & Agnes Heneghan, Ann Colbert (ANN), Ignatius Etukudoh (INT)
 6:30pm: Denis O'Gorman (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emma Etim & family, Ikpeme & Mag family, Etemma Henshaw, Helen Bassey-Osijo (INT)
Mon 22nd St Rita of Cascia 12 noon: Mary Gallagher, Alan Mullee (RIP), Joe Brickley, Teresa Reilly (ANN), Eddie Gallagher, Mullee family (INT)
Tue 23rd 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Henry (Harry) Herlihy
Wed 24th 12 noon: Bridie Monaghan, (RIP), John Beard (ANN), Bridie Bradley, Jeremy Platten (INT)
Thur 25th St Bede the Venerable 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Michael Kinsella (RIP), Pietro Piroli, Bridie McDaid (6th), (ANN), Sr. Roisin, Sr. Dolores, George Rego & family, Anna Marie Lydon (INT)
Fri 26th St Philip Neri 12 noon: Cait Sullivan, Joseph Meehane (RIP), Tom Peril, Pdraig Peril, Ann Marie Peril (ANN), Sr. Anna & Community, Fr. Gerard King (INT)
Sat 27th St Augustine of Canterbury 12 noon: David McDonagh, Martin & Winnie McDonagh (RIP)

Please Pray For:

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 Ikwuka, 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

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Martin Goba CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo
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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

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 1: 12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26)

R. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living .

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

'There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken; 'Seek his face **R.**

SECOND READING 1st Peter 4: 13-16

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ. If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished a O in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Ann Waldron
Ignatius Etukudoh
Joanna Hemingway

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Innocent Teme Teme
June/Mary A
Roxanne C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Samson Bamidele

Prayer For The Seven Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, dare to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the devotion of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and delightful, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, **R.** And enkindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, **R.** And You shall renew the face of the earth. 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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