

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Solemnity of Pentecost 31 May 2020

“In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens,
and one Spirit was given to us all.” 1 Corinthians 12, 13

Father Patrick would like to thank all those parishioners who were so generous to him on the occasion of Easter and to those who remembered him on the occasion of his birthday. He is also very grateful to those members of the parish community who responded to his request for suggestions regarding how we, as a parish family, might manage the relaxation of the lockdown restrictions [bearing in mind that the Archdiocese will be giving us a lead on this sensitive matter]. He will be in touch with them all again soon. On Pentecost Sunday Mass will be offered for the People of the Parish: in thanksgiving for the journey we have undertaken so far and as an expression of faith and hope in our future.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently.

Two funerals took place last week: On Tuesday May 26th that of Joaquin Sanchez Rodriguez and on Thursday May 28th that of Mary Clyne.

The funeral of Maureen Kinnon who died recently is scheduled to take place at Henley Road Cemetery on Thursday 4th June.

We pray for all those who mourn their passing. 'Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. May they rest in peace and rise in glory'.

IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

Fr Giles Goward, Parish Priest at Our Lady and St Anne from 2005-2013, has been appointed as Rector of St Mary's College Oscott and will take up his post on June 28th. We send him our congratulations and assure him of our prayers for this next stage in his ministry.

**"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth."**

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

Solemnity of Pentecost (Year A – Matthew): The graphic account of the first Pentecost provided by the Acts of the Apostles strikes a particularly sad chord with most of us this year. We find the Apostles and disciples gathered in prayer, the Holy Spirit takes them by storm and enflames their hearts, and they break out from the upper room which had kept them prisoners to proclaim the wonders of God to all and sundry. There was no social distancing either in the Cenacle where they had assembled nor in the bustling streets of Jerusalem, heaving with pilgrims from all over the world. We who are tamed by the coronavirus have particular reason to envy the first disciples and those privileged to hear them speaking in their own languages. Those pilgrims of whom Acts inform us were in Jerusalem to give thanks to God for the covenant sealed between him, Moses and the Jewish people of old. Its terms were preserved in the Torah (Jewish law) and fidelity to the law was interpreted as fidelity to the covenant. But now on the day of Pentecost with the arrival of the Spirit a new covenant was sealed between God and his people, which bestowed on them a new freedom. The Spirit took possession of them and energised them to bear witness to their new-found faith in the risen Lord and go out and tell everyone about God's love. Jesus had sealed the new covenant on the altar of the cross, the day of Pentecost was when it unleashed all its power. The Church was born, so the Eastern Fathers tell us from the pierced side of the crucified Christ, but it was on Pentecost that it became manifest to the world. And the story recounted by Acts reminds us that God's family is made up of nations and peoples without number, a comforting image for us who in this parish family welcome such a large number of individuals and families from all over the world, united in their Catholic faith, in that same faith shared with the Successor of Peter and all other Catholic communities across the globe.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2, 1 – 11: The author describes the Pentecost experience: the outpouring of the Spirit and how those who received it realized just how they were transformed. The wind propelled them out into the world, the tongues of fire warmed their hearts, their minds were enlightened such that they now understood what had heretofore been a mystery to them. And then they brought the message of the risen Lord to the people of the city, people from all over the Mediterranean world and the Near East. We are now used to everyone understanding English (the second language of virtually all of humanity) but how extraordinary it must have been for those pilgrims to hear God being praised in their own language.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12, 3 - 7. 12 – 13: Diversity is something we celebrate in today's society, diversity of gifts and talents is something we have long been used to. These are given by the same Spirit and build the Church.

Gospel: John 20, 19 – 23: This short gospel links Pentecost to Easter. The risen Lord conferred on the Apostles the Spirit: they must henceforth be agents of peace and forgiveness, and it is through the Spirit's power that they can forgive sin.

Masses and Intentions

Ninth week in Ordinary time. (Psalter Week 1)

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday 30th May 10.00 Holy Souls
Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide (Exposition)

Solemnity of Pentecost

Year A

Sunday 31st May 10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 1st June 09.15 Our Lady and St Anne
Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 2nd June 09.15 Janie Dowling
Feria

Wednesday 3rd June 09.15 Barbara Dalton
Memorial of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

Thursday 4th June 08.00 John Darley
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Friday 5th June 12.30 Phil Hunt
Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Saturday 6th June 10.00 Zygmunt Powiecki
Feria (Exposition)

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Year A

Sunday 7th June 10.00 People of the Parish