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Solemnity of Pentecost –23 May

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.”

Psalm 103, 30

It is with great pleasure that we can inform the parish community that following a six week absence, which sadly covered Holy Week and Easter, Fr Patrick will be resuming his parochial duties this weekend of Pentecost (Saturday 22nd May). He thanks everybody for their prayers.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the Country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. CAFOD will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres and provide PPE to frontline health workers. To donate to the appeal please [CLICK HERE](#)

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES UPDATE

This year there will be separate Masses @ 12.00 on a Sunday just for children who are making their first Holy Communion.

St Anne's School

- Y3: Sunday 20th June 2021
- Y4 & above: Sunday 27th June 2021

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddie & Mrs Carr]:

- Sunday 11th July 2021

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION - CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Further information about preparation for children currently in Y3 or above who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion but do not go to a Catholic school will be published in the near future. If you would like to register your child, email the parish office.

SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS

We are preparing to organise for people to have a seven-day lamp lit for their intention in the Shrine Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? To buy a lamp which will burn in front of our Blessed Lady will cost a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy. Please take an envelope from the window in front of the shrine and place it in the basket marked SHRINE LAMP at the back of the church.

Please make sure you write on the envelope a note stating your particular intention which will be published in our weekly bulletin and mentioned during the weekend Mass.



OUR LADY'S LAMPS

This week's lamp is lit for the intention of:

Canon Giles Goward

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The Solemnity of Pentecost (Year B – Mark):

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is how we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite prayer, "*Come Holy Spirit:*"

"Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. AMEN."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-05/gospel-commentary-20-may-2018.html>

Mass Intentions for Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Pentecost

Year B

Saturday	22 nd May	14.30	Golden Anniversary Mass for Patty & Michael Naxton
		17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	23 rd May	10.00	Canon Giles Goward RIP
Monday	24 th May	No Mass	
	<i>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		
Tuesday	25 th May	09.15	
	<i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>		
Wednesday	26 th May	<u>18.30</u>	Olga Rangel de Vicci RIP
	<i>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</i>		
Thursday	27 th May	08.00	
	<i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>		
Friday	28 th May	No Mass	
	<i>Friday of week 8 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday	29 th May	No Mass	
	<i>The solemnity of Dedication</i>		

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Year B

Saturday	29 th May	17.30	Michael O'Malley
Sunday	30 th May	10.00	People of the parish