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Solemnity of Pentecost, Year A

27^h – 28th May 2023

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

We are setting up a Youth Group! This will be a social space for children from Year 7 upwards. Our confirmation candidates will also be invited to join after their confirmation, even if they have a few months of Year 6 left!

It will run on the 3rd Sunday of every month, in the cenacle. We also hope to arrange trips once we get up and running. If you are an adult able to *help* us, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Clare after mass or contact her on 07900 582247. You will have to complete a safeguarding DBS check.

If you would like to *attend* our Youth group then watch this space. Details on how to register will be published soon!

PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

We need some fresh pictures for the Home screen of the parish website. If anyone has photos in .jpg format that they feel might be suitable, please email them to the parish office

ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk and include your name and contact number. Permission must be sought before any pictures of people are used on the website - if your photo contains people we will need to know their names.

Enjoy the bank holiday on Monday and half term next week. Please remember those taking exams next term in your prayers.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

14/05/23	21/05/23
C'tless: £145.00	C'less: £100.00
Loose plate £381.59	C'less Building fund £15
C'less shop £ 5.00	C'less candles £5.00
Piety shop £ 55.00	Loose plate £317.84
Weekly S Orders:£600	Catholic £139.58
	communications
	Candles £ 50.85
	Weekly S Orders: £600

REVIVE THE SINGING HEART OF ST ANNES SCHOOL

Do you play the piano?

St Anne's school are asking if there is anybody with half an hour a week to volunteer to lead a whole school session worshipping God through song.

This would involve teaching the children new worship hymns as well as some traditional hymns of the Catholic Church.

Ideally 9.30am one day a week but can be flexible if another time suits. The school would just dearly love to revive their singing heart.

Contact the school office by phone or email admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk

PARISH MUSIC GROUP

After 25 years, the leaders of the music group are stepping down at the end of July and are looking for somebody to take on the leadership of the group. If you would like to know what this might involve, speak to Cathy or Chris after Mass. They are happy to support anybody who thinks this might be something for them.

SCHOOL RE-UNION for former pupils [up to 1975] of St Anne's, English Martyrs Primary, Hugh Faringdon and St Joseph's Convent on Sat 10th June, 6:30-midnight in St Anne's School Hall.

Entry by ticket only, priced at £15 to include buffet (Please notify of any allergies to certain food). Contact: Gabriele Scicluna - tel 07778 340 444

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th June - First Holy Communion at 10am Mass

Fri 16th June - Confirmation Mass @ 7pm

18th June Glass Ensemble Concert [choir]

15th July - talk from Launchpad about their work with the homeless.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

No dedication this week

Background on the Sunday Readings

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. At 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 enough that 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.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

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 mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. 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 forgiving 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.

Taken from: Loyola press Sunday connection

Mass intentions for Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Pentecost

Year A

Saturday	27 th May	5.30pm	Sheila Hill RIP
Sunday	28 th May	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	29 th May	No Mass	
<i>Solemnity of Dedication</i>			
Tuesday	30 th May	7.30pm	Tears shed by the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Tuesday of week eight in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	31 st May	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Thursday	1 st June	9.15am	Int. of Colin & Kathleen Robertson [60 th wedding ann]
<i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>			
Friday	2 nd June	9.15am	David McCann RIP
<i>Memorial of Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>			

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Year A

Saturday	3 rd June	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	4 th June	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Ted Cotter RIP, Stephen Aldworth RIP and deceased of the Cotter family

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.