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PENTECOST SUNDAY

8th/9th June 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 294: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Next Week: Most Holy Trinity: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page: 81: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



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Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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Dear Friends,

I think it fair to state that each of us likes to receive a gift. The joy of receiving something from someone that we love is an emotion that it is difficult to describe using words.

Today is of course Pentecost Sunday. The day on which we Christians celebrate the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit by Jesus' disciples. It was a significant moment in time when God broke into humanity to fulfil a promise that Jesus made to his disciples. Jesus knew that the gift of the Holy Spirit was the best gift He could bestow upon them because it was the same Holy Spirit that had guided Jesus throughout his entire life

It shouldn't be any surprise to us that God chose the Feast of Pentecost to gift us the Holy Spirit, because for the Jews the Feast of Pentecost marked another time when God gave us the gift of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were the laws by which the people of God were to live in relationship with God, their families and society. By following these commandments, the people of God would be an example to others as to how they should conduct their lives.

Therefore, the whole Pentecost tradition includes receiving both the law and the Spirit. Both are given by God to His people to provide direction for their lives. Most of us (who are reading this) would have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit in our Baptism, and the majority of us who are baptised were baptised as infants. Perhaps the unfortunate downside of this is that we have no recollection of that moment when our godparents spoke on our behalf. As a result, we first became acquainted with God's law of love and the Holy Spirit by teachings from our parents, priests, nuns and catechists.

If any of you reading this haven't been Baptised or Confirmed please talk to Fr John in confidence so that we can put in place a programme of events to correct this situation. We are today baptising one adult and confirming another two adults, we are also baptising one baby and one child is receiving her First Holy Communion. It is perhaps appropriate that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be bestowed on these individuals on Pentecost Sunday.

As Christians, it is incumbent upon us to stand in solidarity with other Christians anywhere in the world. A sign of the Holy Spirit's unity was given to us on that Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in the form of tongues of fire and each were filled with the Holy Spirit. The passage in Acts tells us that Jews from many different countries who had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost all heard in their own language what the Spirit proclaimed through the disciples.

I'd like to finish by posing a couple of questions. Was the gift that each person heard what was proclaimed in his or her own language? Or was the gift that each individual heard the word of God spoken to him or her directly?

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass takes place next **Saturday 15th June** at the 12.00noon Mass. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next week. A reminder for parents that the photographer will be here from about 11am for individual photos.

Our warmest congratulations to Sylvie Oskerova who will receive her First Holy Communion this weekend.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation session for Group 2 will be on **Thursday 13th June** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Wiktor Zajkowski, Maya Chen, Zaira Coutinho and Orion Nika who were baptised during this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

RCIA

Our warmest congratulations to Wiktor Nika who was Baptised and to Diana Nika and Aneta Oskerova who were Confirmed this weekend and are now full members of the Catholic Church.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Dane Cimpoiias and Scarlett Thompson who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony this weekend in chapel at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. Dane is the son of Philip and the late Bernadette Cimpoiias nee Harlon.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our seven couples who attended the special Mass in Thanksgiving for Marriage on Saturday at Westminster Cathedral. The combined years of marriage was 195 years between them. Well done and God Bless you all.

PARISH NOTICES

PILGRIMAGE/HIKE TO KINDER SCOUT

We keep in prayer our group who are on their pilgrimage in the Peak District, that they have a safe and successful hike.

PENTECOST WEEK OF PRAYER

Thank you to all the groups who participated in this week of beautifully led prayers which concludes this weekend. If you are able to, try and attend the evening of worship and prayer at the Riverside Vineyard Church (TW13 7LX) which brings it all to a close on Sunday from 6.30pm

PLANT SALE

Luis and Marina will be holding a plant sale after the 9am and 11am Masses this **Sunday 9th June**.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

This eight-week Bible Study evening is well underway but you are welcome to join the sessions. Please speak to Jordan or Alai. Wednesdays from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Parish Centre. Registration is free. The workbook is £15.99. Please contact Jordan for further information. See poster in porch. Just in case you missed a session there will be a recap video shown on **Friday 14th June from 10.15am-11.15am** in the Parish Centre.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE

The Knights of St Columba set off for the pilgrimage to Aylesford next Sunday, **16th June**. The pick-up will be from the entrance to **The Green/Browells Lane between 8.30am-9.00am**. The pilgrimage Mass is at 12noon. The coach will leave Aylesford at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch and be prepared for all types of weather. Your contact for the day is Victor Olomukoro. If you have put your name down on the list but have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible.

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

The Balkan Dance Group are meeting on **Friday 21st June** in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

COFFEE MORNING/TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale on **Sunday 30th June** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Donations of cakes would be welcome. Please speak to Annie Burke.

RIVERSIDE VINEYARD STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your continued support of food and clothes for the Storehouse. The Storehouse has too many clothes and bedding items at the moment and do not need any for a while. Therefore, please do not put any clothing items in the Storehouse box.

MOVIE AFTERNOON – EVAN ALMIGHTY



The Confirmation Group are hosting a Movie evening showing **Evan Almighty** to raise funds for the Parish Centre Building Fund. **Date & Time: Sunday 23rd June 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00. There will also be refreshments and raffles. Come along and support them.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS??

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

QUIZ NIGHT

The West London Goans are having a Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips Supper on **Saturday 6th July** from 7pm to 10.30pm. Tickets: Adults: £10 for fish/chips or chicken/chips; Children: £5 chicken nuggets/chips. Contact Mary D'Souza for further information. Please bring your own drinks.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of David Crawley RIP, Bernie Driscoll RIP and Rafael Sabino RIP who died recently.

DAVID CRAWLEY RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 12th June** at 1.00pm.

The car park will be closed for the funeral, only immediate family will be allowed to park.

BERNIE DRISCOLL RIP – His Requiem will take place at St. Michael's Church, Ashford on **Monday 24th June** at 11am Please also remember in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Rafael Sabino's funeral arrangements will be confirmed next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	12.00	Sr Ita Keane RIP	
	12.45	Baptisms of Wiktor Zajkowski, Maya Chen and Zaira Coutinho	
	14.30-	Pentecost Prayer – Led by parishioners	
Sun 9	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	18.00	Valentino Dias RIP (3 rd Anniversary)	
	09.00	Mr & Mrs Wijeyakumar in Thanksgiving	
	11.00	Bridget D'Souza & Thomas Mendes RIP (Baptism of Vitor Nika & Baby Orion Nika, Confirmation of Diana Nika and Aneta Oskerova and First Holy Communion of Sylvie Oskerova)	
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)	
Mon 10	15.00	Mass in Ukrainian	
	18.00	People of the Parish	
	9.30	Starina D'Souza RIP (Birthday Remembrance)	
	Tues 11	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	Wed 12	09.30	Thomas Adebola Badejo RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 13	13.00	REQUIEM MASS – DAVID CRAWLEY RIP	
	09.30	Marcelina & Antonio Rosario RIP	
Fri 14	09.30	Teresita Logarta in Thanksgiving	
Sat 15	11.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	14.00	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass	
	17.00	Baptisms of Emily Quinzo, Troy & Kaelyn Velasquez and Baby Scarlett	
	18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sun 16	18.00	People of the Parish	
	09.00	Emita & Aquino Pereira in Thanksgiving	
	11.00	Christopher Maple in Thanksgiving	
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)	
	15.00	Mass in Malayalam	
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP	18.00	Nathalie Gnamien and Family in Thanksgiving	

Thank you for your generosity in the Easter and last week's collections:

1-2 June: Envelopes £889.25 Loose £910.15
Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,568.40**