

PENTECOST

5th June 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church. The message 'Jesus is Lord' must be preached to every corner of the earth. We cannot do this unless we receive the Holy Spirit. Today we pray that we may be open to the power of the Spirit and that he will come and fill the hearts of the faithful.



The Holy Spirit is come! Today we celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church.

Red is the liturgical colour today – it's the colour for passion (in all senses) and the colour of God's refining fire, the fire that sets our hearts aflame for love of Him. Are you wearing red to show your love?

Eastertide ends today. That's Eastertide, not Easter - there is no end to Easter, or after Easter: it's always Easter.

Pentecost means 50th - fifty days since Easter. Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations continue. We offer prayer for the Queen.

Our Junior Choir is getting established again. Children in Years 3 to 6 are still welcome to sign up on the website /choir. Or come and see!

Returning to Mass in real life. The Archbishop has sent a letter (overleaf), and asks our help and encouragement.

First Holy Communion candidates and parents are invited to meet after Sunday Mass for some final preparation.

The Pastoral & Finance Council has been reinstate post-Covid. Are you interested? Live Stream Mass will continue from MPB. It has of great comfort to those who are housebound or poorly.

Home Communion. Do you, or do you know of anyone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at Home? See FrC

A Welcome Team at Mass. Would you be part of a team to facilitate the smooth running at Mass. There is always lots of preparation before and during Mass. *See FrC*

St Joseph's Headteacher. Commit our school to your prayers. God is raising a good and faithful worker in his vineyard.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in the risen Lord Jesus.

We continue to live in challenging times. Our world is marked by the tragedy of war in Ukraine and other conflicts across the globe. We face the cost of living crisis and the impact of recovery from the pandemic which still significantly affects large numbers of people.

Amid all of this, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Easter, his triumph over sin and death. We welcome the great celebration of the feast of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the apostles, impelling them to share the Good News of the resurrection. We too need this out-pouring of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our mission to share the Gospel.

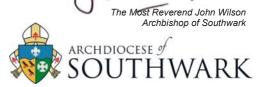
I know that many of you felt joy and relief when we were able to return to our churches after the lockdown. We wanted to return to Mass, the source of our faith; to the place where we are spiritually restored and replenished. We recognize our need to receive the Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist, with each other, especially on Sundays, the Lord's Day. Many, too, have expressed their sadness that, for various reasons, significant

numbers of our fellow Catholics have yet return to Mass on Sundays. We know that a living relationship with the Lord Jesus is essential to our lives as disciples. He alone is able to provide what is needed for each of us, supremely so in the Mass.

his Pentecost, I invite you to carry out a simple mission: this week your parish, by next Sunday, will be supplied with a short letter of invitation from me. which I invite you to share with anyone you know who has not yet returned to Mass on Sunday. This could be family, friends or neighbours. Do not be afraid, or fearful of the response. All I ask you to do is to pass on this personal invitation so that those who have not yet come back might be encouraged to rediscover the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist; that they might rekindle their relationship with the community of the Church; that they might be reminded that they are missed, appreciated and loved. Take courage and please pass on the letters which are available to anyone you think might need a word of encouragement.

With my gratitude and every blessing

Yours sincerely in Christ



come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your FORTH YOUR SPIRIT and they shall be created.

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This Week: Mass & intentions

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Mon 6th Mary, Jother of the Jurch		
Tue 7th feria of 10th week in OT	12.35	Those recently received
Wed 8th feria of 10th week in OT	12.35	FrC
Thurs 9th Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	12.35	James ¥ & family
Fri 10th feria of 10th week in OT	12.35	Tadeusz Oberc ♥
Sat 11th St Barnabas	10.00	Binoy
Next Sunday MOST HOLY TRINITY	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-15 John

John 16:12-15

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

† Mass in the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for June 2022: Families We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn David Cherry

Those received recently: Christian, Lucas, Alastair, Katherine St Joseph's School: Appointment of a new Headteacher

Peace: In Ukraine

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Betty, Lottie, Baby Giacomo, Karen, all those with Covid

Recently Departed: Gordon Thompson priest

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