



Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



PENTECOST

24th May 26



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 Lord is risen, Alleluia! Easter has fifty days, the last is today. Alleluia!

Pentecost is when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wear something red.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham with the Ordinariate is this week 26-28 May. See poster for more information. There's still time...

The Ordinariate's Festival is in Eastbourne this year 13-15 October. See eastbourneordinariate.org.uk

We Believe is a festival in Birmingham 24-27 July webeliefefestival.com

Easter lilies in memory of loved ones - their names will be on the altar until Pentecost.

AI & Evangelisation. A Conference at Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, Saturday 6th June, 09:30 – 16.00 rcai.magnicharity.org

Richard Evans Funeral Mass will be on Tue 26th May at Clare Priory, Suffolk at 14.30 .
Lord, for your faith life changed, not ended.

Mary's Month of May continues. Honour her in a special. *Never was there a thing brought to her intercession went left unaided.*

Rosaries are available if you do not have one. Pray it each day in Mary's Month.

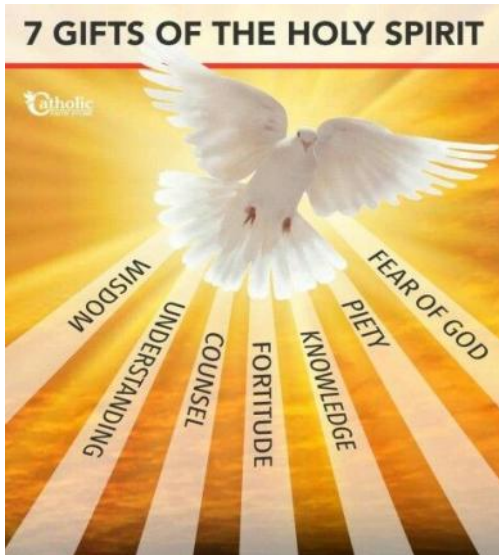
Sanctity of Life Pilgrimage on Saturday, the 1st August to Walsingham in reparation for abortion, all mothers and fathers facing this very difficult decision. prolifepilgrimage.org

Iwan has been with us in placement for a year now. My, how times flies when you're having fun! Next Sunday will be his last with us. Keep him in your prayers and all those preparing to be Priests of Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions can be requested at any time on-line. There are also envelopes at the back.

Do you keep the Eucharistic Fast? Catholics should fast, ie not eat or drink anything, for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. It's the simplest way of preparing to receive the Lord.





This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between 10th May and 13th June.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word *pentecoste*, meaning 50th. The reason Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter comes from a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah

to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

So what happens at Pentecost? In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. The main event of Pentecost, the strong driving wind and tongues of fire, takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following, Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands, continue through verse 41.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also tells the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cuts them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorts them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

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**Fruits of the Spirit
Word Search**



The fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

- ✕ FAITHFULNESS
- ✕ GENTLENESS
- ✕ GOODNESS
- ✕ JOY
- ✕ KINDNESS
- ✕ LOVE
- ✕ PATIENCE
- ✕ PEACE
- ✕ SELF-CONTROL

You can look them up Galatians 5:22-23

Come

*Holy
Spirit*



**ANNUAL
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SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

DEPARTING 3.30PM

FROM OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
AND ST GREGORY, WARWICK STREET, SOHO, W1B 5LZ

TOWARDS ST JAMES'S SPANISH PLACE
VIA THE UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL,
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

I - te, missa est, alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia.

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday PENTECOST	09.30 11.00	Blessings for Margaret Parishioners
Mon 25th <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		
Tues 26th <i>St Philp Neri</i>	13.05	Richard Evans ✕ <i>funeral today</i>
Wed 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	13.05	Michael Daly ✕ <i>d. 2021 foundation</i>
Thur 28th <i>OLJC, Eternal High Priest</i>	13.05	Catherine Green <i>foundation</i>
Fri 29th <i>(Pope St Paul VI)</i>	13.05	Holy Souls ✕
Sat 30th <i>of Our Lady</i>	10.30†	Peter Pearson ✕ <i>d.2008</i>
Next Sunday MOST HOLY TRINITY	09.30 11.00	James Finn <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Exodus 34:4-6.8-9 2Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

† **Mass in the Ordinarate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £1,425.54 (cash £56.54 card £789.00 standing orders £580) €5

Communication £75.04 (cash £20.04 card £55.00) **Thank you**

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 Representatives: Pamela Gatti, Aminata Keita & Daniela Guzzardo.
www.preciousblood.org.uk/safeguarding

Holy Father's Intention for May 2026: *That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip Gerlomes OP, Iwan Williams

Peace: In Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie, Fr Alan,

Recently Departed: Raymond Ashworth *priest*, Richard Evans

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