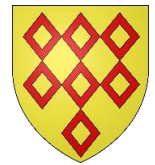


# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 18-19 May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

**Word for the Week:** “Strive for holiness, without which no one will see the Lord!” *Hebr 12.14*

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
<b>Confessions</b> Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
<b>Sat 18</b> 5.30pm R: <i>Joyful</i>	<i>Pope John I, Memorial</i> <b>Vigil Mass of Pentecost</b> – Ileana Amandini (special intention) followed by Rosary
<b>SUN 19</b> 8am 10am R: <i>Glorious</i>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>Mass</b> – Iulian Silochi (recently deceased) <b>Parish Mass</b> – Aoife Torpy (Thanksgiving)
<b>Mon 20</b> 9.30am 11.00am R: <i>Joyful</i>	ORDINARY TIME begins Mary, Mother of the Church, <i>Memorial</i> <b>Mass &amp; Rosary</b> – Sabina Coutinho RIP (Anniv) <b>Funeral Mass</b> for Terry Stapleton
<b>Tues 21</b> 9.30am R: <i>Sorrowful</i>	<i>Feria of 7th week in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – for the well-being of the Colimao family
<b>Wed 22</b> 9.30am R: <i>Glorious</i>	<i>St Rita of Cascia, Memorial</i> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – for all victims of domestic abuse
<b>Thurs 23</b> R: <i>Luminous</i>	<b>Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast</b> <b>No Mass day</b> [Gospel: Mark 14.22-25] <i>Please use the Prayer opposite today.</i>
<b>Fri 24</b> 7pm R: <i>Sorrowful</i>	<i>Feria of 7th week in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – for those displaced or killed in Brazilian floods <i>Friday abstinence</i>
<b>Sat 25</b> 5.30pm R: <i>Joyful</i>	<i>St Bede the Venerable, Memorial</i> <b>Vigil Mass of Pentecost</b> – for the health & well-being of Baby Mahon (born at 32 weeks) and his family followed by Rosary
<b>SUN 26</b> 8am 10am R: <i>Glorious</i>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> <b>Mass</b> Alec Moody RIP <b>Parish Mass</b> – with <i>First Holy Communion</i> for Emiliana, Ben, Naim, Zach, Matteo, Elijah, Imogen, Aoife, Stefania

◆ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all enquiries direct to Fr Jonathan or the Parish Office

◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director ◆ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

◆ **Please give your FIRST NEW FIVER** to kids disabled in West Bank and Gaza conflicts. On 5 June 2024 the first new banknotes with the portrait of the King will come out. Why not promise yourself you'll give it to support these kids direct via ABCD? Thank you.



**A WARM WELCOME**, especially if you are new to the parish. Please take this newsletter home. **Use it in your prayers.**

◆ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children happy and quiet. Feel free to walk them *at the back of the church* (the service is amplified into the Narthex too). But please do not let them distract others. And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you.

◆ **To be said before Mass** **ALMIGHTY God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the **pew card**.

**Scripture readings** can be found on **pp.286-8** of the *Parish Mass Book* for the **Vigil**; and on **pp.290-293** for Masses on **Sunday**

**Psalm response:** **Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!**

**All sing:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your | faith- ful; and kindle in them | the fire- of Your love." Alleluia!**

◆ **To be said or sung after all Sunday Masses:**

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**R** EGINA caeli \* laetare, alleluia: Qui-a quem meru- isti portare,  
 alleluia: Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alle-luia: Ora pro nobis De-um, allelu-ia.

**Priest:** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**All** **For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

Together, let us pray: **O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

◆ **NB Please now take all blue Parish Mass Books to the tables in the Narthex.** From next Sunday we start the one that will take us to Advent.

◆ **A Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI** LORD JESUS CHRIST, Eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross, and through the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of all our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master. May they preach the gospel with a pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own heart: single-minded in service to you and the church, and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests – and the flocks entrusted to their care – to the fulness of eternal life where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit: one God for ever.



**REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures** The early Christians were profoundly sure that Jesus who by His death had reconciled the world to God was both seated in glory at the right hand of God and present and active in their midst. What was begun in the resurrection was fulfilled in the receiving of the powerful Spirit. It parallels Israelite understanding. The Exodus from Egypt, which Passover (*Pesach*) celebrates, marked the beginning of *physical* freedom for God's people. But *Pentecost* (*Shavuot*) reminded them that physical liberation and redemption, was incomplete without the *spiritual* salvation—given on Sinai—in God's Law.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.1–11** Luke closed his Gospel with Jesus's command to the apostles: "Stay in the city until the power comes from on high." (Lk 24.49). But the sights and sounds of that Pentecost would have been no surprise to them. The ancient Israelite feast of Pentecost commemorated the giving of God's Law (His greatest gift) on Mount Sinai in fire, darkness, and whirlwind (*Ex* 19, 16; *Hebr* 12.18). And now, the new defining gift of God—His Spirit and Christ's law of charity —is described in similar

ways. Some thought that the Christians were drunk; but others *understood* the truth of what was happening – and they believed.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5.16–25** There was a dispute in the church at Galatia about the ancient Israelite law. *Did a pagan first have to become a Jew (and be circumcised) in order to become a disciple of Christ?* It troubled (and divided) the early Church. St Paul's answer explained the precedence of the Holy Spirit over the Sacred Law. He lists the sins that occur when a local church is *not led* by the Spirit; and, also, the gifts that the Spirit gives to communities that *are guided* by Him.

**Gospel: John 15.26f; 16.12–15** Jesus promises his disciples that they will not be left to their own devices. The 'other' Advocate will come, dwell in them, 'guide them in all the truth' (v.13). It is quite impossible today, even for AI, to know 'all the truth'. Christians do not believe (like the world does believe) that humanity advances *toward* truth, by dialogue and cooperation. We believe it is the Holy Spirit—living in, and moving between, Christians—that enables them to understand what is happening; and, in the length of time, to apprehend the deepest truth of the Saviour's teaching.



Details - top, from **Christ's Baptism** by Piero della Francesca c1440; and bottom, from **Pentecost** by Juan Bautista Maino, c1615

♦ **Please pray** daily for our **Confirmation candidates** Irene, Magdalena, André, Joseph, Zachary; Rocco, Holly, Lauren, Karen, Rocco, Connor, Ioanna, Jack, Robin:

+ *In the name of the Father ...* **HOLY FATHER**, pour out your blessing on all those in our parish preparing for Confirmation. Draw them to Yourself, give them understanding of mind and heart, and through them bless their families. *Through Christ. Amen.*

♦ **Free most Friday mornings? 'Friday Friends'**, a group that meets 11am-1pm in our Hall, is an outreach from the parish, somewhere for adults and pensioners (not necessarily church members) to get together, share knowledge, relax, talk, and feel supported. You—or someone you might mention it to—would be very welcome to come along, to be on the receiving end, or even on the hosting end. See Lily or Tanya for more information.

♦ **Thank you** to everybody who helps out with **hospitality after the 10am Mass**. It is really worthwhile community-building time, and a good way to contribute practically to parish life. We want to expand the team who set up before, and serve after, Mass – men included! You would be shown how everything works. Please contact Claudette or Nori for more, and become a Parish Barista!

♦ **"Pray for one another**, that you may be healed." (*Ims* 5.16; but also *Eph* 6.18, *Col* 1.9, *Matt* 5.44; *1Tim* 2.1 etc etc). God shows Himself in many ways when people praying together and for each other. We rightly pray for the departed. But the *living* also need *each other's* prayers – the families, the singles, and the children, who make up our parish, even if you only half know each other, or are not sure of one another's names. There is no prayer more powerful than at Mass. Beloved, let us *surprise* one another, and *encourage* one another, **by offering Mass intentions for one another**.

♦ **Please support** Emma Nwawulor to **help sick pilgrims** in Lourdes in July. It can't happen without sponsorship. There are envelopes at the back for any help you can give, or if you prefer contactless donation use the QR code on the Narthex noticeboard.

**Votive lights** burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for Bishop-elect Jim Curry (to be ordained 18 June)  
at *St William and St Catherine*: for Hostage release and a peace process in the Holy Land

<b>Readers</b> 18 May	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
19 May	8am	Daphne Byron
	10am	Anna Acuti, Maureen Ruane, Robert Chandler
25 May	5.30pm	Daniela Amasanti-DeBono,
26 May	8am	Joseph Arthur
	10am	Nwawulor family, Pereira family

**Church Cleaning Rota**

**25 May Team C** Dominick Martins, Derrick & Elaine Pereira  
**30 Mar Team A** Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle,  
Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

**Weekly Almsgiving on 12/05/2024**

Loose Plate	£ 289.51
Envelopes	£ 302.10
Standing Orders & Online	£ 110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 701.61</b>

♦ **Scripture readings at Mass** See [NewLectionary.org](http://NewLectionary.org) Whatever we do in terms of congregational books, we shall need copies of the official publication for the ambo. 5 volumes of lectionary, and a Book of Gospels. The cost to parishes £927 with discount is quite a stretch. Are you able to help us, by making this, or sharing it with others, as a 'legacy gift'. Please speak to me if you think you might .... FrJ

♦ **Holy Communion at home** Please use the forms in the Narthex if you want to alert Fr Jonathan to EITHER someone who might want this ministry, who hasn't spoken up; OR your desire to serve (whether or not you've done so before) as an 'Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion'. DBS clearance is required for this ministry, but don't let that put you off. FrJG