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MASS TIMES

Sunday

8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday No Mass

Friday 7.00 pm

Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

PENTECOST SUNDAY

27/28 May 2023

Sat 27 St Augustine of Canterbury,

Feast 4.30 Confessions

5.30 Vigil Mass and Rosary

Chris Taylor RIP (Birthday Anniv)

SUNDAY 28 May

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Solemnity

8.00 Mass Audrey Da Costa

10.00 Parish Mass

with First Communions

For the First Communion children

Monday 29 Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church, Memorial

[Bank Holiday] 9.30 Mass and Rosary

Maria Shukla (Thanksgiving)

Tues 30 Feria of Week 8 of the Year

9.30 Mass and Rosary

Sabina Coutinho RIP (Anniv)

Wed 31 The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin, Feast Day of Prayer

for the Rome Synod in October

9.30 Mass and Rosary

People of the parish

Thurs 1 June Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eternal High Priest, Feast

No Mass Day

Fri 2 Sts Marcellinus and Peter,

Memorial Friday abstinence

7pm Mass

and Litany of the Sacred Heart

William Fahey RIP (Birthday Anniv)

Sat 3 St Charles Lwanga and

companions, Memorial

4.30 Confessions

5.30 Vigil Mass Nancy & Michael Quille

RIP (Anniv)

SUNDAY 4 June

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, Solemnity

8.00 Mass

Mr & Mrs James & Mary McDermott

10.00 Parish Mass

People of the parish

WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new or an occasional worshipper. **Please take this newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

◆ **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.

After the prayer, please prepare for Mass in silence.

◆ **ORDER OF MASS** See the gold *Parish Mass Book* – start on **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers, go to **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. Today's readings are as follows:

For the Vigil, **pp.284-285**. For Sunday: **pp.288-291**. In all Masses the **psalm response** is, '**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**'

◆ **The Pentecost Sequence**, a hymn special to today, sung after the 2nd Reading, can be found on **p.289** or at **Hymn 301**.

◆ **The REGINA CAELI** is said after Sunday 8am Mass (**see below**); and sung after the 10 am Mass (**see separate sheet**).

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. **All He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.**

Has risen as He said, alleluia. **All Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia. **All For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

All 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.

◆ **AFTER MASS** in the hall there will be an opportunity to share refreshments, and congratulate the boys and welcome them into full communion! Please do join us before heading home.

REFLECTIONS on today's readings The stunning account of the Descent of the Holy Spirit can ring out again this year. The Holy Spirit takes the apostles and disciples by storm, ignites their hearts, and sends them from the upper room—which since the Crucifixion of Jesus had been a kind of 'safe house'—to proclaim the wonders of God to all and sundry. There was no social distancing outside the apostolic 'bubble' in the bustling streets of Jerusalem, heaving with pilgrims from all over the world for the second greatest pilgrim festival of the Jews. The pilgrims 'from every nation under heaven' were in Jerusalem to give thanks to God for the covenant sealed between Him and

the Jewish people during their Exodus from Egypt. Its terms were preserved in the Torah (Jewish law), and obedience to the law was interpreted as faithfulness to the covenant. But now on the day of Pentecost with the arrival of the Spirit a *new covenant* was sealed between God and his people, through Jesus the new and greater Moses and the law of the Spirit. The Spirit took possession of them and energised them to bear witness to their new-found faith in the Risen Saviour, and go out and tell everyone about God's mighty work in Him.

The Church was born, so the Eastern Fathers tell us from the pierced side of the crucified Christ, but it was on Pentecost that it was manifest—visibly and audibly—to the world at large. And the story recounted by Acts reminds us that God's family is made up of nations and peoples without boundaries, a strong image for any parish family that embraces individuals and families from all over the world, united in the Catholic faith, shared Catholic bishops and communities across the globe.

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.1–11 The author describes the Pentecost experience: the outpouring of the Spirit and how those who received it realized just how they were transformed. The tongues of fire ignited their hearts, the wind propelled them onto the streets, the Spirit enlightened them so that they understood what had previously been obscure to them. They brought the message of the risen Saviour not only to Jerusalem, but to people from all over the ancient Mediterranean and Near East. Virtually all of humanity now seems to have English as their second language (surely a reason for such pressure of immigration); but how extraordinary it must have been for those pilgrims to hear God being praised in their *own* language.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3–7, 12–13 Difference is something today's globalized society celebrates; a diversity of gifts and talents is something we have long been used to. The diverse gifts of *holiness* are all given by the same Spirit, and can be discerned if they *build up*, rather than *divide*, the Body of the Church.

Gospel: John 20.19–23 This short gospel links Pentecost to Easter. The risen Lord breathed the Divine and promised Spirit on the Apostles: they must henceforth be agents of peace and forgiveness, and it is through the Spirit's power that they can forgive sin.

FUTURE EVENTS

Next Wednesday 31 May, Feast of the Visitation, the Church is invited to keep a moment of prayer for the Church's 'Synodal Journey'. The Synod meets in October. We shall include a dedicated prayer at the end of Mass that day. Please can we say the Angelus together, wherever we all are, at 12 noon?

June has become known as the '**month of the Sacred Heart**', due to the fact that the feasts of Corpus Christi and of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during it. There will be an opportunity to say the Litany of the Sacred Heart (which may be new to some) each Friday after Mass.

Thursday 1 June Blessed Carlo Acutis's mother, Antonia Salzano, will be speaking at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Gdn) after the 6.30 Mass. See the poster in the narthex for details.

3rd–11th June The London Eucharistic Octave 2023 "Celebrating the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church" All events will take place at Corpus Christi Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB, except for the afternoon Procession on Sunday 11th, which departs from Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ See the poster in the narthex, or use this code ...



16th June St Luke Hospice MIDNIGHT WALK is back! This is their major fundraising event. The biggest in Harrow and Brent. St Luke's is our nearest hospice, and well worth Catholic support. The walk starts at 10pm on Friday 16 June at Byron Hall HA3 5BD. You can book on www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk.

Appeal to help with Lourdes ministry Our trusty thurifer, **Emma Nwawulor**, is volunteering to take care of vulnerable pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, working on a hospital ward in Lourdes from 21 July - 28 July 2023. As she will be volunteering, she needs to raise money both for herself and contributions to diocesan costs. *She needs to raise £1000. Can you possibly help her? Donations can be made direct to Emma – or anonymously through Fr Jonathan if you prefer.*

Architectural Assistance – Do you have, or do you know anyone with, an architectural design background? Who can help think through a small project to develop our church facilities? Anyone interested, be they parishioners or extended family/friends, is asked to contact Fr Jonathan or Tony Murphy, directly or via the parish email.

Readers Rota

27 May 5.30 Noretta Reece 28 May 8.00 Amalie Direkze 10.00 Derrick Pereira & family, Patrick & Joseph Arthur
3 June 5.30 Martin Rush 4 June 8.00 Rose Okosi 10.00 Robert Chandler, Tim & Mel Goodger

Church Cleaning Rota 3 June Team C: Dominick Martins and Derrick & Elaine Pereira

10 June Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam