

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th May 2013

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. We easily identify with the feasts of Christmas and Easter, but Pentecost is often overlooked. And yet, it ranks with these in importance. It is the feast of the Holy Spirit, Who is the love between the Father and the Son. Just as Christ, the Son of God broke into human history at the first Christmas, so the Holy Spirit breaks into the Church at Pentecost.

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2: 1-11), tells us the events of the first Pentecost. The apostles were in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind, and tongues of fire were visible on each of their heads. Wind and fire are two of the major symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Wind is unpredictable. It blows where it wills, and can be very powerful, even destructive. When the Holy Spirit blew upon the apostles, they were shaken to the core. A huge change took place in them; they were now full of conviction and wanted to go out and preach the Gospel.

The second symbol of the Spirit is fire. Like wind, fire can be destructive. But fire can also have a cleansing effect. The fire of the Holy Spirit has this effect on us; it burns away all that is not worthy of God; our sinful ways and attitudes. But fire also gives warmth and light. Prayer kindles in us the fire of God's Spirit, and enables us to spread the warmth and light of God's love.

The world would love us to keep the faith to ourselves, to privatise it. But as the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to go out into Jerusalem and proclaim the Lordship of Christ, we are called to do the same in our own situations.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church; the day the Holy Spirit gave it the power to fulfil its mission. As members of the Church, let us pray, 'come, Holy Spirit.'

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This Wednesday 22nd May, Bishop Thomas will be making a pastoral visit to our parish and schools and will confirm 30 young people at 7.30pm. We pray that this will be a joyful occasion for our parish family.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

NEW PARISH WEB SITE: We have recently redesigned and re-launched the Parish web site. You can view it at www.olsg.co.uk. Information about the parish, including history and the weekly newsletters are available. The site has been optimised for mobile devices too. Take a look if you haven't done so yet.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Many thanks to all those who took part in our procession last Sunday. Special thanks to the staff at the school, those who prepared the booklets, those who marshalled the event, the altar servers, Communion and Confirmation candidates, musicians and flower arrangers, to those who built and carried the statue platform, the families who led us in the rosary, and the preschool staff who prepared the refreshments. The aim of the procession was to deepen our love for Our Lady, seeking her intercession for our parish, schools and families, and to witness to our faith outside the walls of the Church. If you took any good photos of the event, please email them to parishoffice@olsg.co.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: 30 young people in our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Please pray for them. For the candidates and their sponsors, there will be a practise on Monday 20th at 7pm. The Confirmation Mass itself will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas on Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm, and all parishioners are welcome.

SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Last year we had a very successful Parish mission with John Pridmore and his team. This year, because we are in the Year of Faith, we have decided to organise a parish pilgrimage to a holy place that is not too far away or too expensive for families to attend. Therefore, we are organising coaches to go to Aylesford Priory in Kent on Saturday 13th July 2013. Please watch this space for more information.

HCPT GALA DINNER AND DANCE (GROUP 161): (Fundraising to bring special children to Lourdes) - Saturday 6th July, at Holy Family Catholic School - Limited number of tickets available - £25 per person, includes 3 course meal, table wine and live band Plus much more! See Peter or Anita for more details: 07976 41 96 80

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS: Families of this year's first Communion children, please speak to Fr Maurice or Fr Mark if you wish to order more photographs.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE: The new sets of offertory envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect yours if you haven't already done so. If you wish to sign up for a set of envelopes, which will allow the parish to claim back Gift Aid, please speak to Cliff D'Souza or Eric Edwards.

HOLY FAMILY JUBILEE MASS: This year the Holy Family College celebrates its 25th jubilee. We will be holding a Mass of thanksgiving on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm, to

which all past students and all parishioners are invited.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES: Sunday evenings at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING AT SION COMMUNITY: Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place today **Sunday 19th May 2013 7.30pm to 9.00pm.** Everyone welcome.

CAFOD: Please join **CAFOD Brentwood** on **Saturday, 8th June** when tens of thousands of people from across the UK will gather in Hyde Park in London calling on world leaders to act in favour of the poorest. We will be supporting the 'Enough Food for Everyone IF....' campaign supported by over 170 charities. For more information visit: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/IF-campaign-event> or contact 02085029722 or brentwood@cafod.org.uk

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Fitzpatrick, who died last week. His remains will be brought into the Church on Thursday 23rd May at 6.00pm, and the funeral will take place on Friday 24th at 12 noon. May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – MAY

Christian Kitchen:	4/5 Nor	11/5 C	18/5 D	28/5 E
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge- 020 8527 4814	5/5 D	12/5 A	19/5 B	26/5 D

Last week's offertory collection was £1474.75
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

6.00pm	Joe Burke (RIP)
Sun 19 th May	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)</i>
8.30am	Russell Rodrigues (Ints)
10.00am	Jim Bollard (RIP)
12.00pm	Frs Maurice, Mark and Angelus
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 20 th May	<i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>
7.00am	Chris Fitzgerald (Ints)
9.15am	Mara Gener (Thanksgiving)
Tue 21 st May	<i>Ss Christopher & Magallanes</i>
7.00am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
9.15am	Mrs Pat Lindsay (RIP)
Wed 22 nd May	<i>St Rita of Cascia</i>
7.00am	Special Intention
9.15am	Benny Tuller (RIP)
Thurs 23 rd May	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Sr Bernadette McAffrey (Ints)
9.15am	Richard Balfe (RIP)
Fri 24 th May	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Paz Orantia (RIP)
9.15am	Justina Suaverdez (RIP)
Sat 25 th May	<i>St Bede</i>
10.00am	Maria Sanches (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm	Nancy Deevey (RIP)
Sun 26 th May	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
8.30am	Sheila & John Alcock (Ints)
10.00am	Mrs D Villaroel (Ints) and Domingo Villaroel (RIP)
12.00pm	Patrick D'Vaz (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Michael Fitzpatrick, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)