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24th May 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which brings us to the end of the Easter Season. Christ has completed His earthly mission, and having ascended to the Father, He entrusts the Church to continue His work of sanctifying all people – from every tribe, tongue, people and nation. We, the members who make up the Church are called, at this time in history, to witness to our faith.

None of us is capable of doing this on our own. We need the gift of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the fearful Apostles and transformed them into courageous witnesses, who would give their lives totally for Christ. Down the ages, many have followed their example and became martyrs for the faith. In our time, Christian martyrdom is back. Thousands are being killed for the faith, especially across the Middle East and Africa, and as the West becomes increasingly hostile to Christ and His Church, we will need to be ready to stand up for the faith.

The Holy Spirit will help us to do this. We are in need of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit keeps us connected and guides us in God's ways. One of the purposes of prayer is to try to hear God's voice within, and to follow His lead. The Holy Spirit prays deep within us and prompts us to do God's will.

Often we may find prayer difficult, or experience moments of dryness. Even though we try, words may not come easily and we may be tempted to give up. But St Paul says that the Holy Spirit comes to help us in our weakness, so even when we cannot find words to pray, the Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

At the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the apostles the gift of speech, allowing the people to understand the message of the Gospel being proclaimed in their own language. This miracle shows that, from the very beginning, the Church exists for all people. She is universal. She speaks to all people, overcoming ethnic and linguistic barriers and can be understood by all.

So as the Church today, how are we to carry out the mission? The testimony of a good life will speak more powerfully than arguments or ideas alone, no matter how brilliant. For this reason, we hear St Paul today, giving us a list of the virtues that characterise the Christian life. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit guides us, then these fruits will fill our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control. By contrast, the selfish life, the life that cares not about others, will demonstrate the vices that destroy human society and relationships, like sexual irresponsibility, jealousy, quarrels and so on. But since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit!

Today, the feast of Pentecost, we rejoice to be members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and to share in His Spirit. We pray that we will be purified of our vices, and will grow in the virtues – the fruits of the Spirit. We are called to witness to the Lord by the simplicity of our lives, and as the members of the Church, to walk in the Spirit, who will lead us into all truth. And the truth will set us free to be His sons and daughters.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SCHOOLS: This weekend our schools finish for the midterm break. We hope that our students and staff will have a restful holiday.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MASSES: This bank holiday Monday (25th May) the morning Masses will be as normal, 7am and 9.15am.

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 54 young people who are to be confirmed this Sunday at 3.00pm. Please pray for them and for their families.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Many thanks to all those who prepared and participated in our 5th annual procession in honour of Our Lady, which took place last Sunday. If anyone has nice photographs, please send them to parishoffice@olsg.co.uk and we can include them on the web site.

FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING: A Mass of thanksgiving for the all the children who received their First Holy Communion this year will take place on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday 7th June at 10am.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new offertory envelopes are now available in the Church porch. Please take your box if you are enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme.

VOCATIONS GROUP: The next meeting of the Vocations group will be on Saturday 30th May, 4-5pm in the Church meeting room. The group is open to young people from year 6 upwards and will be a place to consider and pray about our universal call to holiness, and within that context, the particular state in life God is calling us to.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be an appeal and second collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor on the weekend of 13th/14th June. You can read about their work on <http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/>

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The 6th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 6th June. St Joseph's Leyton has arranged a coach and there are still some seats remaining. If you would like to go please contact the Leyton Parish office on 0208 539 2908. Each seat costs £15.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, 22-27 SEPTEMBER: Please note final bookings are now being taken for anyone still wishing to travel. There will be a meeting on Sunday 26th July, 3pm in the Parish Hall, to discuss final travel arrangements. Payment for coach travel to Gatwick will be finalized here. Further enquiries contact: Stella 0208 527 3879.

FINANCE MEETING: The next meeting of the finance committee is Monday 1st June at 8pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next meeting of the maintenance committee will take place on Monday 15th June at 8pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There are currently some slots available for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, 12-1pm, 1-2pm and 3pm-4pm. We do require at least a couple of people to be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you are able to commit some time in prayer with the Lord, please leave your details on the sign up sheet by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY: The School of Community is a group that meets weekly for one hour on Thursdays (6.15pm-7.15pm). The aim of the group is to pray together and discern the action of Christ in our everyday lives and show how our faith is relevant in daily life. No formal commitment is required to join the group; participants are free to come, as they are able. For more information contact walthamstow.soc@gmail.com

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. Thank you to all those who completed the Gift Aid forms last week; they will be distributed again this week for those who did not have a chance to complete them. This will help us to update our database. The Gift Aid Scheme provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools. For more information please contact Hana on 07939 485957.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: PENTECOST SUNDAY at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May 2015, 7.30-9.00pm. Come and celebrate Pentecost with us.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Boyce Chandisingh, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 29th May at 11am.

Fr Jim McCormack, who served as a priest of the diocese for over 50 years, including some years in Ilford and Chingford. His body will be received into Our Lady of Light & St Osyth's Church, Clacton-on-Sea, on Monday 1st June at 4.30pm and his Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 11.30am.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – MAY:

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| Hospital | 3/5 B | 10/5 D | 17/5 A | 24/5 B | 31/5 D |
| Counting | 3/5 E | 10/5 B | 17/5 D | 24/5 F | 31/5 E |
| Christian Kitchen | 2/5 Nor1 | 9/5 B | 16/5 Nor2 | 23/5 C | 30/5 D |

**The offertory collection for last week was £1540.98
Thank you for your generosity.**

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

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| 6.00pm | Hannah Goughan (RIP) |
| Sun 24 th May | Pentecost Sunday |
| 8.30am | Sr Jacinta D'Souza (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Gussie & Joe Kinnane (RIP) |
| 12.00pm | Norris Levine (Ints) |
| 3.00pm | <i>Confirmation Mass: Confirmation Candidates (Ints)</i> |
| 6:30pm | <i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i> |
| Mon 25 th May | St Bede the Venerable |
| 7.00am | Malucha Sanches (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Darren Rodrigues (Ints) |
| Tue 26 th May | St Philip Neri |
| 7.00am | John Joannou (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Yvette Veronica Browne (RIP) |
| Wed 27 th May | St Augustine of Canterbury |
| 7.00am | Romeo & Delmira Rodrigues (RIP) |
| 9.15am | All dearly departed of Agnelo & Louella Rodrigues |
| Thu 28 th May | Feria |
| 7.00am | Innocent (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Catherine Nedelec (Ints) |
| Fri 29 th May | Feria |
| 7.00am | Sr Mary (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Paul Scott (RIP) |
| Sat 30 th May | Feria |
| 10.00am | Deceased members of Tully family, Gordons and Sweeneys (RIP) |
| 6.00pm | Richard Balfe (RIP) |
| Sun 31 st May | The Most Holy Trinity |
| 8.30am | Felicia Lopes (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Parish |
| 12.00pm | Dorothy Preville (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, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Ann Hutton, Comfort Kwawu.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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)