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Newsletter


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Pentecost

Today's feast of Pentecost (or fifty days) is perhaps the most significant celebration in our life as Church. In many ways it can be seen as the true birth of Christ's Church on earth because the assembled community received God within them through the Third person of the Godhead. As promised by Jesus Himself, the Advocate (or Spirit of Truth) would be given to all of us so that we are enabled to not only find our 'way back home' to our loving Father who created us, but to find the real presence of God within us. The Jews, from ancient times, celebrate their Pentecost; their fiftieth day, otherwise known as *Shavuot*, the Feast of Weeks. This celebrates the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. We can see the parallel between the two events since the first looks forward to the latter. The giving of the Law on Sinai established God's Law within the hearts of His people but it was only the start of humanity's journey of redemption. The gift of the Law, as many of the prophets had indicated, looked forward to its completion and fulfilment in the full life of Christ and this



could only be lived out by us through receiving the new law of the Spirit. As St. Paul reminds us, the old Law brought death but the law of the Spirit brings us life. The Spirit enables us to speak the language of God's love and when God's Spirit lives in us what we are able to express comes from the core of our being. St Paul simply tells us to be what we are, to live out what we have become. In other words, to let our lives speak the language of God, the language of love.

Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Bob and Kitty Allinson RIP</i></p> <p><i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Intentions of Rob and Bernie Burns on their 60th Wedding Anniversary</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Sunday 24th May Pentecost <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Children's Liturgy Group</p>  <p>3-5.00pm Hall booked 6.00 Youth Group</p>
<p><i>No School Mass - Half Term</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Monday 25th May St. Bede the Venerable Memoria</p>	<p><i>No Dancing</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 26th May St. Philip Neri Memoria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury Feast</p>	<p><i>No Art Group</i></p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Thursday 28th May Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1 <i>No Music Group</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 29th May The Dedication of our church</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Fr. Denis O' Sullivan</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Bernie & Robbie Burns 60th Wedding Anniversary</i></p>	<p>Saturday 30th May Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Luke Reynolds</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> <i>Last day for Bags-2-School collection</i></p>	<p>Sunday 31st May The Most Holy Trinity <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope</p> 
<p>Collections £384.63 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 17th May</p>	<p>Attendance: 240</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Marie Kelly, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy.

Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Jenkinson
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Mary Griffin, Peggy Murphy, Lucy Crosbie, Cecil John Mullis, Ken Hale, Bernard Taylor

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Recently Deceased

Eddie Hoare, a long-standing parishioner of St. Joseph's, died on Thursday 21st May after a long illness. We offer our sympathies and condolences to his family. Eddie's body will be received into church on Sunday 31st May and his Funeral Service will be at 10.00am on Monday 1st June at St. Joseph's.

May he rest in peace

Baptism

Baptism Preparation Meetings: By appointment, application form having been completed. These usually take place on the last Monday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Anyone who still wishes to donate to this fund may use any CAFOD / or other envelope to send a cheque directly to their head office at:CAFOD, Romero House, 55, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

Parish Council Meeting

Any parishioners who would like an issue raised as an agenda item at our next Parish Council Meeting on 7th June, please contact any member of the council. The agenda should be published next weekend.

Safeguarding and Documentation

Could any volunteers (from CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS) who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure all documentation is up to date. Form completion will be fully explained and shouldn't be time consuming. We will guide you through it. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function.

This item remains because there are still roles which need to be covered by the Safeguarding forms.

Marriage Help and Guidance

RETROUVAILLE is a service provided by the Catholic Church to couples who are experiencing difficulties with their marriage. It has helped many couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too; no group therapy or group work involved. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend on 12th-14th June 2015, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 07887296983.

Reading at Mass

We would always welcome new readers who are willing to read at Mass. We are, perhaps, especially in need of help for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm: currently there are only two people sharing that role between them. Please give some thought as to whether you could support the liturgy in this way, and speak to Fr. Bob.

The Freedom Theatre, Palestine:

This is a community-based theatre group from Jenin Refugee Camp in the West Bank, which is performing a play called 'The Siege' at The Birmingham Rep on 4-6th June at 8pm. For more information go to the Rep's website. There are limited tickets remaining.

Next Week—31st May 2015

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jill Sheard, Paddy Taylor
Adam Borley, Tony Harris, Myrna Harwar
Paddy Close, May Murphy

Readers:

June Arran
Clare Payne
Anne Kirby

6/7th June	200 Club collections
7th June	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting
21st June	First Communions
27/28th June	Talk by ACN at all Masses
4th July	12 noon, Summer Fete
4/5th July	Collection: Peter's Pence
11/12th July	Collection: Apostleship of the Sea
25/26th July	Collection: Day for Life
26th Sept	The Circus, St. Joseph's School
22nd Oct	Confirmations

Sacred Choral Music

A Charity Concert in aid of Rufus' Friends' Fund (RFF) at St Mary's Church in Warwick on 21 June at 8.15pm. RFF is a charity named after the late Rufus Hedderwick who had severe learning difficulties. The Fund provides breaks and holidays for Warwickshire families that have a member with learning difficulties

Whitnash Big Tidy Up

The Youth Group are planning to be involved in the Whitnash Big Tidy Up on **Saturday 13th June**. We will meet at Washbourne Fields (off Landor Road) at just before **9.45am**. Please make sure you wear old clothes and gardening gloves if you have them. We will be helping the local councillors to pick up litter. Bags and other equipment will be provided. We will finish at Washbourne Close at about 11.00am and then move on to Acre Close at 11.15am. If you are unable to make the first session, perhaps you could join for the second one. This will run from 11.15am-12.30 at Acre Close.

Please let us know if you are able to help out.



History of Leamington Spa

Judith Harridge of St Peter's choir will be giving a talk in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Thursday 11th June starting at 11am; coffee and tea at 10.30am. Retired Civil Servants (and friends) are invited, cost £8 payable on the day. Please also join us for lunch afterwards in Benjamin Satchwell opposite. Contact Peter 01926 428399.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World
Sunday:	Youth Club

Discussion Groups on Evangelii Gaudium at St. Peter's

There are now to be two groups and they will meet fortnightly. Group 1 will start on Thursday 11 June and Group 2 on 18 June, starting after 12.30pm Mass at 1.30pm in the Davenport Room (please bring own lunch). See the registration sheets on the heating ducts near to the Calvary in St. Peter's.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Bags-2-School: Once again there will be a supply of bags in the porch ready to be filled with clothes, soft toys, handbags etc (but no bric-a-brac, please) to raise money for St. Joseph's school. If the supply runs out, ordinary black plastic bags will be fine. *Filled bags will be collected from the church porch on the weekend of 31st May, or dropped into school on the morning of Thursday 4th June.*

The Summer Fete: This will be on Saturday 4th July, starting at 12 noon, and will have an American Independence Day theme: any volunteers welcome! This is always a joint effort between the parish and school, so please keep the day free and help if you can. More details will follow after the planning meeting on 4th June.



The Circus is Coming! This will be at the school, booked for Saturday 26th September - 2 shows in the day. Tickets will be available at the Fete.



Recruitment supporting the Mission of the Church

You will notice two recruitment posters on our notice board. There are a variety of positions to be filled within our Archdiocese. Please do take a look.