

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

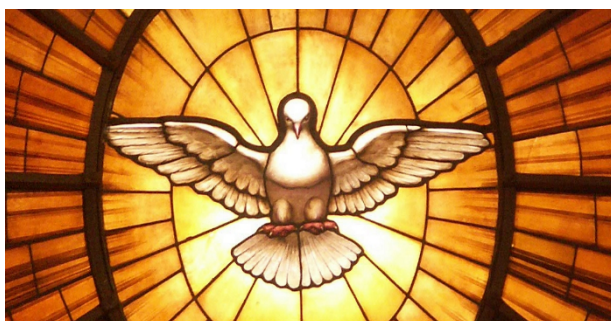
**VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS**

In many ways, the Scriptures of the Easter season have prepared us for today's celebration of Pentecost. Readings for this great solemnity synthesize and expand many themes already presented.

In Acts, Luke, who frequently refers to the Holy Spirit, describes the first disciples' astounding and disorienting experience of God's presence fully released in them after Christ's resurrection. Wind and fire are frequently biblical symbols of God's presence. Here as elsewhere, these images remind us that, while divine presence is manifest among us, we can never grasp or control it. The Spirit works, but as the Spirit chooses.

As on several previous Sundays, the reading from John comes from Jesus' farewell speech to the disciples shortly before his crucifixion. In a poignant farewell discourse, a leader soon to depart advises his insecure followers about how they are to continue his work. Jesus reassures the disciples that while he will no longer be with them in ways they have previously experienced, he will ask the Father to send "another Advocate to be with [them] always" (Jn 14:16). With the counsel and comfort of this Advocate, the Spirit, at their side, they will be empowered to remember and carry out Jesus' command to love as he loved.

In his letter, Paul instructs Christians about the all-embracing gift and demand of living in "the spirit" are easily misunderstood, for in Greek thought, flesh and spirit were conceived as distinct parts of a human person. But Paul speaks in his native Semitic mode, which views a human being as a unified whole; for him, "flesh" and "spirit" are life orientations that either exclude Christ or make him life's centre. Those "in the spirit" (8:9) address God with the intimate term "Abba" (8:15); they are also called to live and suffer and live anew like Christ.



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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Cycle C)**

**Parish Diary**

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>10.00 am &amp; 6.30 pm</b>
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>9.00 am – Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Adoration following 9.00 am Mass</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am</b>
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<b>After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)</b>

**Liturgical Calendar**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday (C) – Solemnity (Day of Prayer for the Church)</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest (National Feast)</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St Barnabas, Apostle</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity (C) Solemnity</b>

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Evelyn Golding – RIP (donor – Ellen Bishop) For Parishioners</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Jim Shanahan – RIP/6<sup>th</sup> Anni (donor – May Shanahan)</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>For Parishioners</b>

**Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.**

**Parish Notice Board**

**English Martyrs Confirmandi 2022**

**Please remember in your prayers the faith filled young men and women from our parish who will be bestowed with the Holy Spirit at St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, next weekend. May this blessed occasion bring an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our whole parish community.**

**Readers**

**English Martyrs are in urgent need of readers. If you feel you are able to help with this, please contact the office or leave your details with Father Jean. Many thanks.**

### Gift Aid

Continued thanks to those who have joined the Gift Aid scheme. If you use un-numbered envelopes, please remember to either put your Gift Aid number or your name on the envelope otherwise we will not be able to identify the donor and reclaim the tax on the donation. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Daphne, who will pass on your details to the Gift Aid Organiser.

### Social Committee

We are looking for volunteers for our social committee to join us in fund raising events. Please leave your name and number on the list at the back of the church.

### Office Vocations Promotions

The Next "Enquirers' Evening" For Those Considering Or Interested In A Vocation To The priesthood is on Tuesday 7th June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr John Armitage.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### Parish Finance:

29.05.22- Gift Aid: £74.60    Loose Plate: £200.58    Total: £275.18

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D'Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### Communication Desk

#### Recital

Please do join us next Wednesday 8 June at 1pm – 1.45pm for a lovely Lunchtime HARP Recital which will be performed by Caroline Nielssen-Breman who recently finished her studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. I understand that one of the pieces she composed herself. As soon as I have details of her Programme, I will let you know. For those of you who have not been before, we have adequate parking in the Cathedral grounds. There is no admission fee, but we do welcome any donation you can afford to give. Refreshments are served afterwards in our adjacent Song School.

#### Your Sins Are Forgiven – A Study Day From Gidea Park

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

#### Corpus Christi Procession

The Mid-Essex Deanery Procession for Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. For details, please see the noticeboard.

#### St Bon's Alumni Event - 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm

All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: [www.stbons.org/alumni](http://www.stbons.org/alumni) - Email any questions to [alumni@stbons.org](mailto:alumni@stbons.org)

### The Passage

I'm writing on behalf of The Passage to invite you and your parishioners to attend our Secret Garden Party on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm-9pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic and soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle & auction. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

### Faith Lift Days

The next in our series of successful FAITH LIFT DAYS at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow nearer the time.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

### Late Vocation To The Priesthood

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend.

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

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