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## Pentecost Sunday

### 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

(Sunday cycle year C, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 2)



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love*

Living God, you have created all that is. Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us, that we may proclaim your good news in ways and words that all will understand and believe. Amen.

## THIS WEEK

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Saturday of Easter 7
	10.30am	Abbot's intentions ( <i>Blessing of the sick during Mass</i> )	
	6.00pm	Philip Leather	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (memorial)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Archbishop John's intentions	Feria (week 10)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Vocations	St Barnabas (memorial)
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pope's intentions	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest (feast)
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls	St Anthony of Padua (memorial)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Recently deceased members of the EBC	BVM
	<b>SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE</b>		<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Stephen Dowse	

**First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass**

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>		L Gardner		L Gardner	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>		K Snape		M Gardner	
Bidding prayers	Fr Raphael	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>		G Hopkinson		P Fawcett	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>		R Conboy		B Gore	
Bidding prayers	L Russell	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C Moffatt & C Williamson

**Last weekend attendance: 120, collection £302.94 – thank you!**

**Thank you also for the second collection for World Communication Sunday of £67.25**

**Readings: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13, John 20:19-23.**

*Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for ... it was for faith that our ancestors were commended.* (Heb. 11:1-2)

The *Letter to the Hebrews* (not in today's Mass) continues with a litany of holy and devout figures of faith in the OT: from Abel to Abraham, David, Samuel and the prophets, concluding with the thought that these were all heroes of faith in promises that they were not to receive in this life since God had *made provision for them to reach perfection along with us*.

So, for example, Abraham did not live long enough to see the land promised to him and his descendants; and although God showed him it, Moses did not live long enough to enter the promised land towards which he was leading God's people.

Implicit in all this was the gradual realization that the promised land, and the perfections promised, must be beyond this temporal and very imperfect world – hence the *provision for us to have something better*; the better being that all who hope in faith for those promises, will find their faith fulfilled partially in this life but fully in the next.

Our pilgrimage to the fulfilment of those promises in faith is a work in progress under the guiding hand of the Father, through his Son in the grace of the Holy Spirit whose feast we are celebrating today.

It was the Spirit who (though unrecognized as such) led those great biblical figures towards an unknown but hoped for future; the same Spirit who in its fulness, revealed itself to those people in our first reading, uniting

them as one in understanding and who, in today's Gospel, transformed those fearful and trembling disciples, cowering in the upper room, to become courageous, fearless preachers of the *Good News*, willing to go anywhere and to any lengths, even death, to spread it.

As we look around and see so much violence, suffering and death, we may despair of any of God's promises ever being fulfilled.

However, as disciples of Christ and members of his body, we follow in the footsteps of those great figures who went before us with *faith in things as yet unseen but hoped for*.

Thus, all our prayers on this the feast of Pentecost call upon God to send his Spirit to sanctify and renew us, to console and purify us, to heal and comfort us when we die.

But most importantly, in this jubilee year of *Hope*, we pray for the Spirit to keep us ever *faithful* to the *promises* of God ... as yet *unseen*, but in which we continue to *hope*.

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## Reflections

*To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'. We must never just 'get along.'* (Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati)

*It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.* (St Francis Xavier)

*Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed ... and became the Father of many nations as he had been promised.* (Rm 4:18)

*And so, we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for while visible things last only for a time, invisible things are eternal.* (2 Cor. 4:18)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael.

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## This week's commemorations

**Mary, Mother of the Church** is a celebration only added to the universal calendar in 2018 which helps us to remember that: '...growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross; to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Redeemed for she is the Virgin who makes her offering to God.' (From the Decree)

**St Barnabas** (whose name means Son of Encouragement or Consolation) was a Jewish Cypriot who introduced the new convert St Paul to the Apostles and accompanied him on his first missionary journey before they separated over what is described as a violent quarrel. (Acts 15: 38) It is encouraging or even consoling to know that even the greatest of saints can quarrel and fall out.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest** reminds us of His Priestly mediation between God and man, heaven and earth and our participation in His ministry.

**St Anthony of Padua** (1195-1231) Began as an Augustinian but later became a Franciscan and after ordination was commended for his learning, eloquent preaching and winning countenance.

At some point, a novice tired of the Franciscan life made off with Anthony's Psalter book which contained his teaching notes and comments and which was valuable to him. Anthony prayed for its return and the novice stopped in his tracks, returned the book and resumed his novitiate hence the tradition of praying to him for lost items. (Another tradition says that a novice simply took the Psalter without permission.)

St Anthony's Bread recalls his compassion for the poor and he died at the early age of 36 and is a Doctor of the Church.

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Please keep your eye on the "**TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS**" section of our website – it will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.

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There will be a **FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**.

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**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. There will be a **Second Collection next weekend** to support the Church's work in this area.

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The next **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** meeting will be **Thursday next week** (19<sup>th</sup>). First Holy Communions will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10.30am Mass.

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**PLEASE PRAY** for those who are sick or housebound including Ann Green, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time. We've also been asked to pray for the daughter of a parishioner who is having a difficult pregnancy.

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**100 CLUB:** The winner for week 26 is number 24, Cathy Kershaw. If the proposed closure goes ahead, this will be our last block of 10 weeks and those who paid for the full year will be refunded the unused subs. If, as we all hope, the parish doesn't close down, the 100 Club will continue as now.

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**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** During Ordinary Time (Summer), ie up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

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### **Bidding Prayers Pentecost Sunday**

**Priest:** Let us call upon the Spirit of Pentecost to inspire our petitions to the Father through his Son Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** Strengthened by the Spirit of Pentecost, may Pope Leo guide the flock entrusted to his care in faith and the hope of things yet unseen. Lord, in your mercy.

Give to world leaders the Spirit's gifts and fruits of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, charity and the desire for peace. Lord, in your mercy.

For those of our parish suffering in any way: may the Spirit of Pentecost bring them consolation, courage and hope. Lord, in your mercy.

May the hearts of all of us gathered here in faith and hope be open to the gifts and fruits of the Spirit as we unite our prayers with those of Mary: Hail Mary ...

Now, for a moment of silent prayer.

**Priest:** Father, you sent the Holy Spirit among us to empower us to proclaim your goodness to the world. May he dwell in our hearts as we journey in faith towards the fulfilment of things as yet unseen but in which we dare to hope, through Christ our Lord.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.