



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Pentecost Sunday



30th May 2021



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A Novena Of Prayer & Reconciliation

Lord Jesus, you send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

May your Breath of Life bring us forgiveness and freedom from sin.

**May your Spirit of Love lead us into new depths of relationship
with you and with one another.**

**May your Church, gifted with signs and wonders,
be empowered to bring your Good News to our world. AMEN**



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is still available on Friday (21st) evening from 6.00 - 7.30pm and again on Saturday morning from 9.30am - 12noon at Christ Church. The prayer of absolution spoken by the priest in this Sacrament includes the words, "...and has sent the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins." It is within the context of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the Holy Spirit is imparted to us in the most personal of ways. In fact, it is within the celebration of this Sacrament that we can experience our own personal Pentecost!

God's purpose is to bring together all creation under the Lordship of Christ. And how does God intend to accomplish this task? Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Spirit explodes into the universe and, throughout all space and time, is the one source of all spiritual power. The Church, as the community of those who desire to associate themselves with Jesus, united by bonds of faith and love, is God's chosen means to channel the Life of the Spirit into the world.

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the inauguration of the Age of the Spirit, or the Age of the Church. We are now racing towards the end of time! Our salvation has been definitively revealed in the compassionate forgiveness of Jesus; the cost of our forgiveness has been revealed in his horrendous rejection and suffering; his victory over death is our enduring hope. The gift of the Holy Spirit brings us into these dynamics of love, communicating them to our hearts as a living hope for the world.

May the Lord have mercy on our Parish and endow us with the Power to fulfil our God-given mission.

Fr Gerard

[Bishop's Letter](#) (click)

Bishop John sends out a message
for Pentecost from the Bishops'
Conference of England and Wales.



Methodist Service. 11.00am

I am leading the Methodist Service at 11.00am on
Sunday (23rd). If you would like to attend, then
please email me so we can help the Methodists
with their registration. Thanks, Fr Gerard.

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 24th May, 2021

Monday 24th May	Tuesday 25th May	Wednesday 26th May	Thursday 27th May	Friday 28th May	Saturday 29th May	Sunday 30th May
For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here.						HS 11.15am (booking)
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)

Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 30th May, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 30th May, 11.15am](#) (click on link)

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 23rd May	Monica McArdle	Roger Lee
Next week: 30th May	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Jack Eccles; £10 Mabbon Lebbon;
£10 Jack Manley!!!
£75 towards Parish Funds. Thank you very much!

Church Collection

Last week's collection: £249.65
Standing Orders: approx. £295 p/w.

CAFOD sent a letter expressing their gratitude for a donation of **£319.00** made by the Waddington family in loving memory of Alan who died in March of this year. May the Lord bless the Waddington family for their thoughtfulness and generosity in their time of sadness.

Mass Intentions

Simon Garnett, sick
William Spillane, died recently

Book of Remembrance

May 25 James Michael Jennings
May 26 Mildred Watson,
May 27 Barbara Burnett
May 28 Colin Starkie
May 30 Claude Rushton.



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN

A Timely Reminder...

Although there is an emerging sense of freedom from Coronavirus restrictions, it is important that we remain alert and cautious in our use of the church. To enable the stewards to keep a sense of control and order, we would please ask you to use only the front door, to wait in a socially-distanced queue if a few people arrive at the same time, to sanitise your hands with the products provided, and then to be checked-in. Our faithful stewards do deserve our respect and support, and we all recognise the importance of not falling away, until Government restrictions lift, from the good practices that have kept us safe thus far. Thank you for your understanding and patience!



Monica's Children's Liturgy Video

The story of Pentecost



Sacramental Programme

We are pleased to report that the First Confessions went very well. Both head teachers, along with their deputy heads, were present as the 26 children made this important step on their journey to First Holy Communion in July. These precious children are being brought up in a confused world, and they need our sincere good example if they are going to catch a glimpse of the truth of the Catholic faith. We keep them in our prayers!