



# St Teresa's Newsletter

19th May 2024  
Pentecost Sunday (B)

WEEKDAY READINGS: YEAR 2 , PSALTER WEEK 3

SUNDAY MASS: 5.30pm(Sat.), 8am, 10.30am, 12.30pm  
(Polish)

LIVE-STREAM: See our website or YouTube Channel.

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Saturday after 10am Mass

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection., Jesus appears to them while they are gathered together, even though the doors are locked out of fear of the Jewish leaders. He greets them with peace, showing his compassion and understanding of their fear and uncertainty. The disciples were afraid, but Jesus' presence brings them peace. The Holy Spirit, which Jesus breathes upon them, is the source of true peace and empowerment. It signifies a new beginning for the disciples, empowering them to carry out the mission of spreading the Gospel and reconciling people to God. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with great power, empowering them to boldly proclaim the Gospel in different languages. This event

marks the birth of the Christian Church and the beginning of its mission to the world. We too are called to be witnesses of Christ's love and forgiveness in the world. The Holy Spirit equips us with the gifts and courage we need to fulfil our purpose and spread the message of salvation to all nations. Many of the gifts of the Spirit in the second reading are about a deep unity among us – trust, love, patience. These and other gifts of the Spirit bring unity at a deep level in families, friendships, all kinds of relationships and communities. Today is a time for us to celebrate who we are and to rediscover what it means to be the people of God. Down through the centuries the Holy Spirit has guided the church. We have the witness of many generous and heroic people who have been 'led by the Spirit'



and whose lives have given eloquent testimony to the power of God at work in them. We take heart and invoke the Spirit of God that we may be filled with a joyful appreciation of who we are and what we have to give. This brings with it many challenges, since for many religious people their faith acts as a sort of security blanket, offering certainty and security. The good news is not about how things were in the past but about the Spirit of God at work now and always. As we celebrate Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow it to work in and through us for the glory of God.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 18th May

10.00am *Holy Souls*

5.30pm Vigil *Ambrose Jessie Farthing and Family RIP*

### Sunday 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

8.00am *People of the Parish*

9.15am Wye *Holy Souls (St Mary's Brook)*

10.30am *Delphine David RIP*

12.30pm **Mass in Polish:** *Soul of Lukasz RIP*

3.00pm **CONFIRMATION MASS:** *For Candidates, Families and Catechists*

### Monday 20th May MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

10.00am *Holy Souls*

### Tuesday 21st May

10.00am *Marie Gass RIP*

### Wednesday 22nd May SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

10.00am *Marie Gass RIP*

11.30am **FUNERAL:** *Anthony Kirwan RIP*

### Thursday 23rd May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

10.00am *Eva Billington RIP*

### Friday 24th May

10.00am *William Day*

### Saturday 25th May SAINT BEDE

10.00am **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** *For First Holy Communion Children their Families and Catechists*

1.30pm **BAPTISMS:** *Rhaven Diaz, Rafael Diaz and Catherine Osinkoya*

5.30pm *Birthday Blessings for Anne*

### Sunday 26th May The Most Holy Trinity (B)

8.00am *Leslie Toke RIP*

9.15am Wye **NO MASS**

10.30am *Arthur Vann RIP*

12.30pm *Mass in Polish: People of the Parish*

3.00pm **Mass in Syro-Malankara**



19th May Pentecost Sunday (B) Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103(104); 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 15:26-27,16:12-15

26th May-The Most Holy Trinity (B) Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 32(33); Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

**MONTH OF MARY** The month of May is a time when the people of God express with intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. May is dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the mother of God and Mother of the Church. **The Rosary will be said after the 10.00am Mass Monday-Saturday in the month of May.**

**PENTECOST** This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our young Parishioners. This weekend we pray especially for the 17 young Candidates who are being Confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful to the Parents who kept their baptismal promises to lead their children in faith. May the many graces and the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit empower them to become fully like Jesus, so going to the world to give a good witness to his love.

**A big thank you** for the Confirmation Prayer Sponsors who spiritually supported the young candidates on their journey and sponsored a small gift.

**PLEASE NOTE** there will be no tea or coffee after the 10.30am or 12.30pm Masses on Sunday 19th May. We will be preparing the hall for the Confirmation Party.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** Saturday 25th May at 10.00am and Saturday 1st June at 10.00am. Please keep our young people in your Prayers.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION (E.W)** 6th/7th July. In collaboration with Ashford Borough Council. The church is collecting broken or unused items such as: laptops, mobiles, desk top computers, electronic mouse, cables/leads. All data is wiped from any item received. These can be left in the small hall before and after all Masses on the 6th/7th July. Many Thanks.

**GUM** Recently, we've noticed an increase in the presence of chewing gum left on our seats and carpets. We understand that accidents can happen, but ask for your cooperation in ensuring that chewing gum is disposed of properly. It creates an inconvenience for our cleaning staff, but it also detracts from the peaceful environment we strive to maintain within our sacred space. We kindly request that you refrain from chewing gum inside the church.

## PLEASE SUPPORT US!

**JUST GIVING** for our **Roof Fund** is a simple process of donation by bank transfer, Google pay, debit card, or Pay Pal. Gift Aid option is available.

**EASY FUNDRAISING** is a simple and regular way whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday this system raise some funds for the church. This way when you spend money on shopping at eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, M&S, amazon and many more, we get donation with no extra cost for you.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**BOOKING A MASS.** Mass Intentions can be celebrated for deceased members of family or friends, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick and any other particular need. If you would like a Mass said please let the **OFFICE** know. **ONLINE or CONTACTLESS DONATIONS now available.**

Please note that the **contactless machine** in the porch is purely for roof donations **not for Mass bookings.**

**COLLECTION FOR THE POOR** Please deliver the items when you come to Mass and put in the box provided in the porch. This will be on a regular basis each weekend. Remember, little but often makes the difference. We are collecting certain items please see the list below:

**Food:** Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, only UHT milk, fruit juice/squash. **Household items:** (see list on CARITAS Board in the Porch). **No clothing or Toys at this time.**

**Next CAFÉ Caritas** - Saturday 25th May and th June at 10.30am. Please come along for a chat and cuppa and make friends. You are very welcome to invite someone (not required to be a Catholic or of any faith) and share time together. **CARITAS** The next Caritas Group meeting on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm.



**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** a journey filled with spiritual enrichment and community bonding. The trip promises a day of reflection, prayer, and camaraderie as we explore this significant pilgrimage site together. We will be joining the Union Catholic Mothers Mass when we arrive. Date: 2nd July, Departure: 6:00 am by coach Return: 8:00 pm, Coach Cost: £35 per person.



Badges for the day to enter the shrine they cost £8 this needs to be in by Sunday. The coach money needs to be in by 1st June. Please pay at the Parish Office. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to Anne Urgohide or contact the Parish Office/Louise.

**ST AMBROSE WYE** There is a further review being undertaken of St Ambrose, Wye. No decision has yet been made. This will be made by the Diocese and Bishop Paul Hendricks. Further updates will follow.

**CAFOD** invites you to take part in an exciting family event: the 'Big Pilgrimage' on Saturday 1st June taking place in and around St George's Cathedral. To learn more, sign up, and participate, please see here: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/sponsored-challenge-events/pilgrimages/the-big-pilgrimage>.

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.**



**BAPTISM of Children.** Please fill the online Baptismal Application Form (see our website) and we will contact you with the date for the baptismal preparation course (usually first Monday of the month at 7pm).

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** gathers Primary School age children for a special Liturgy of the Word offered at the 10.30am Mass. You may register your child on the day. The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday **26th May PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE ON TIME TO THE SESSION.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024:** First Holy Communion Days Saturday **25h May/ 1st June** at 10.00am in the Church .

**CONFIRMATION 2023/2024:** The next meeting for Candidates will be Thursday **23rd May at 7.30pm** . This will be a fun evening!

**POST CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CARITAS** Meeting on Thursday **23rd May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All young people are invited to come along aged 14 years upwards.

**RCIA** Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or wishing to become a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a very friendly programme to introduce the Catholic faith to those adults who are seeking to be baptised or Christians who would like to become Catholic. Please contact the Parish Priest for more details.

**THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**



# Children's corner

★ Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say as you finish tonight's Together Time, and also at anytime throughout each day. ★



**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>PENTECOST GATHERED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DOORS LOCKED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>JESUS APPEARED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BREATHED SPIRIT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **u m k** in the jumbled words below to find **4** real words.

**Hukomly samukid mubreakthed Supmirkit**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on them, "Receive the \_\_\_\_\_," he \_\_\_\_\_ to them.



**EVERYONE'S INVITED!** This Sunday your church celebrates **PENTECOST!**

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church because this was the day when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago. All are warmly invited.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED**

Kathleen Wood, Philip Croft, Rosemary Sloan, William Dias, Thomas Kirby, Marta Thompson, Kathy Collar, Bernard Claw, Ann Carter, Sue Wall, Felicity Gliddon, Liam O'Connor, David Lavelle, Sarah Weston, Mark Haberland, Jane Rutter, David Robbins, Catherine Keane, Fr David Peck, Sharon Mooney, Corrine Clark, John Melsom, Bridget Day, Michelle Moore, Lynn Wheeler, Elizabeth Benson, Chrissie, Mieczyslaw Kucharski, Tommy Vanlinden, Ken Batchelor, Gillian Clark, Teresa Davies, Pat Kelly, Joyce Dennis, Carol Regan, Barry Innes, Ted, Jean Smith, Stephen Jennings, Wojciech Niewinski, Philip, Anna Gawlik, Andy Hatton, Sorrell Wootton, Mark McGarrigle, Jih young Yi, Eileen Ball, Raffi Parris, Baby Robyn, Lisa Thwaites, Ruth Perry, Margaret Kay, Simon Rose, Rosaleen Williams, Hilary Lewis, Bridget Gunn, Dorothy Wiseman, Baby L, Tina Hogben, Melanie Taylor, Joseph Kilsby.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Monica Carter, Bridget Condon-Farrall, Alan Rust, Frank Webb, Elizabeth Bodinham, Alice Christmas, Mary Corbett, Albert Easter, Dorothy Crotty, Maureen Daly, Frederick Hanson, Myles Graham, Zofia Karwinska, Mary Greenaway, Fr Edward hull, Eileen Goldup, Henry Rigden, Edward Payne, Patricia Hadlow, Ivy Walker, Terrence Matthews, Christine Herley, Pat Baker, Mary Townsend, Rosario Occhino, Dorothy Rice, Richard Daniels, Harry Smith, Barbara Hall **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time**

**RECENTLY DIED:**

**Anthony Kirwan RIP** (Funeral Wednesday 22nd May at 11.30am St Teresa's followed by Burial)

**Rita Eleanor Clark RIP** (Funeral Saturday 25th May at 10.30am Charing Crematorium)

**SAFEGUARDING**

Abuse is the violation of an individual's human and civil right, and is always harmful.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**

**JULIAN GIZZI**

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If you are concerned about a child or adult at risk, talk to your Safeguarding Representative.

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**FR ANSELM JIMOH**

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**FR MANU MATHAI**

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**FR RODNEY SCHOFIELD**

**THANK YOU**

to all who donate by Standing Order and to those who have recently signed up, as well as those who have made their donation any other way.

**SUNDAY'S OFFERING**

OFFERTORY & S/O £ TBA

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**2ND COLLECTIONS**

THIS WEEK: N/A

NEXT WEEK: N/A

**EASY WAYS TO DONATE:**

STANDING ORDER, GIFT AID, CHIP & PIN MACHINE, BASKET

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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN:**

Monday 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Wednesday 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Thursday Closed  
Friday 9.00am - 2.00pm

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