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Pentecost Sunday Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost <u>literally</u> means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai

The event: On the day of Pentecost: 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as tongues of fire. 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. 3) The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus. The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: 1) As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. c) Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. d) Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by changing bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity, through Epiclesis. e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church community holy. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. 5) As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass from Boby Thomas	Saturday 27 th St Augustine of Canterbury Born 6 th century. In 595 he was Prior of St Andrew's Abbey in Rome. Pope Gregory the Great saw Anglo-Saxon slaves and said, "not Anglos but angels". Sent Augustine on a mission to England. Helped by Frankish clergy as his interpreters & introduction to pagan King Ethelbert whose wife was a Frankish Christian. He landed on Isle of Thanet near Ramsgate and met by King Ethelbert in 1597. Example of Augustine and his monks holy and simply lives converted King Ethelbert. Gave land at Canterbury where Augustine founded monastery of St Peter and St Paul, later St Augustine's Abbey, and introduced Rule of St Benedict. Started building cathedrals in Canterbury and London. He revitalised Christianity in south England from Roman times.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 28 th May Pentecost Sunday
First Communion Training 4.45 to 5.45 6.30pm Mass	Monday 29 th Blessed Richard Thirkeld Born near Darlington in County Durham. Studied at Oxford University. In 1565 left to study in France and ordained as an old man in 1579. Returned to England in York. Confessor to St Margaret Clitherow in York and helped in the education in secret of those preparing to become Christians. Ministered in secret for 4 years and was very popular. Arrested. In prison in York. Ministered to prisoners. Executed in secret due to his popularity on 29 th May 1583.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 30th St Joan of Arc Born in 1412 to a peasant farming family in France. When Joan was 3 years old King Henry V of England won the Battle of Agincourt and took the throne of France from King Charles VI. His son the Dauphin claimed the throne on the death of Henry V in 1422. In England Henry VI was an infant aged one, and his Protector, claimed the throne of France in his name. The Dauphin could not be crowned as both Paris and Rheims were still in English hands. Aged 14 Joan heard voices saying "save France". She went to the Dauphin at court at Chinon Castle in Loire valley. He eventually gave her an army to relieve the siege of Orleans. Wearing a white suit of armour and carrying a standard with the words "Jesus, Maria", nobleman followed her as they thought that Joan was divinely inspired. 2 days later Orleans was relieved. The Dauphin was crowned at Reims in 1429 with Joan standing beside him. Returned to fighting the English. Wounded and captured. King Charles made no attempt to rescue her. Corrupt trial found her guilty of witchcraft. Burnt at the stake in the market place at Rouen. King Henry VI's secretary said, "We are lost. We have burned a saint".

	Wednesday 31 st Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth The visit of Mary to Elizabeth who most probably was her aunt or even great aunt as Mary was in her early teens and Elizabeth was in her 50's or 60's. She left Nazareth after being told at the Annunciation she was to be the mother of Jesus and hearing Elizabeth was miraculously pregnant with John the Baptist at her age. Almost						
6.30 pm Mass	certainly Joseph would have accompanied her on the over 100 miles journey for the two teenagers.						
10 am Mass	Thursday 1st June St Justin Born in the 1 st century in Palestine to a Greek Roman pagan diplomat. Studied Greek philosophy, particularly Plato. At age 30 met a Syrian Christian philosopher and was converted. Then travelled as philosopher preaching Christianity. Started school in Rome to						
	study Platonic Christian philosophy and practice Christian devotions. He wrote three great works. Arrested with six companions and asked to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. When they refused were scourged and suffered martyrdom.						
NO MASS	successor Charles Lwanga also a convert, secretly baptised four of the young "pages" and others became Christians. Eventually four adults and seventeen young "page" servants were all martyred. Safeguard g till 3 pm onfessions Saturday 3 rd St Marcellinus and St Peter 4 th century priest and ordained exorcist. Both suffered martyrdom by Roman Emperor Diocletian who was trying to eliminate Christianity and establish his pagan gods. Marcellinus was a priest in Rome who had built up a Christian community. Peter was a						
10 am: Safeguard Training till 3 pm 6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass							
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 4 th June The Most Holy Trinity Alfred Baker RIP (80 th Birthday)						

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Your prayers are needed for the following people							
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan				

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT



Race for Life for Cancer Research by Liz Challand and her two daughters. Chance of great prize opposite with £10 tickets

In memory of Michael, a family friend who lost his courageous battle to cancer a month ago aged just 33, on 21st May. I will be taking part in my 21st and final Race for Life for Cancer Research UK in Winchester, along with my two daughters. For our fundraiser we are raffling an array of prizes, with this wonderful luxury hamper as first prize, crammed with delicious treats, champagne and wine from Harrods, Fortnum and Mason, M&S and Waitrose. Tickets are available to you for a donation of £10 per ticket via our Cancer Research UK fundraising page, where you can also see 2nd and 3rd prizes on:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elizabeths-race-for-life-327469445.

The raffle will take place at 8pm on the 28th May and the winners posted on my page. Your donations will raise much needed funds for this vital research. Please feel free to share this information. Thank you Liz.

Last chance to book for Safeguarding Training for SVP parish is on Saturday 3rd June

Morning session for "Child Protection" is from 10 am to 12 noon

The afternoon session for "Working with Adults at Risk" is from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Safeguarding training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk. You do not need to attend both sessions if you only work with one of those groups e.g. Children's liturgists who only work with children at the church only need to attend the morning session. In accordance with the National Safequarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training. If you wish to attend please email: lizchalland@btinternet.com

An alternative is available at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead SL6 4PY on Saturday 17th June 2023

Next SVP Social will be on Wednesday 7th June - 1 to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet others for refreshments and a chat. Come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Parish collection for last weekend 20th and 21st May

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Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money			

SPECIAL COLLECTION

	Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
	£82	£20.50	£168.15	£242.54	£51.98	£565.17		£59	£25.26	£649.43