

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

9th June 2019

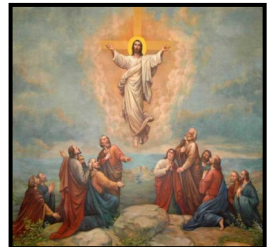
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The Gospel reading for the Feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'. On the feast of Pentecost, we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world.

Our Gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained.

***Do I allow the Holy Spirit to transform my life?
Do I seek the peace and forgiveness offered to me
through prayer and the sacraments?
Pray for the whole church, that Christians everywhere
will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit.
Pray that the Easter gifts of Christ will always be with us.***



OFFERTORY - 26TH MAY: Envelopes: £572.98. Loose Plate: £248.50. Standing Orders: £743.73. Total: £1,565.21. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE: Envelopes £188.50. Loose plate £69.43. Total £257.93. Thank you.

OFFERTORY - 2ND JUNE: Envelopes: £682.25. Loose Plate: £283.44. Standing Orders: £743.73. Total: £1,709.42. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS: Envelopes £175.50. Loose plate £108.06. Total £283.56. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Those of our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers: Mary Rooney, Peter Beard, Maria Hoefft, Megan Delaney, Mary McGrath, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Sandra Gilbert, Frances Weaver, Chris Brodie, Janet Cash, Rachel Stokes, Isaac Barry, Maria Wray, Barbara Brabon, Margaret Butler, Josie Pullum, Bob Bothello and Brenda Sewell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Douse, Winefrede Williamson, John Corley, Phyllis Preston, Kathleen Wildish, Catherine Pearson, Michael Anderson, Jean Beagley, George Westall, Ken Gray, Nicholas Angel and Kay Stephens. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Will be available after the **9.00am and 11.00am Masses**, in the hall.

FUNERAL: The Requiem Mass for **Elizabeth (Lily) Jarvis**, is on **Monday 10th June**, at **9.30am**, in the church, followed by burial at Braintree Cemetery. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. All friends and family are welcome. Family flowers only. Donations to Dementia UK.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: FRIDAY 14TH JUNE: Pray for the needs of our Parish - **10.00am - 1.00pm**. Please come for one hour if you can.

CONFIRMATION: We offer our congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates who will be Confirmed on **Pentecost Sunday - 6.00pm and 9.00am Masses**. We thank our Catechist, Sharon Mussett, for all her hard work and time spent in preparing the candidates for this special Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all the children making their First Holy Communion, at the **9.00am and 11.00am Masses**, this weekend. We wish to thank all the Catechists for their dedication, time and hard work in preparing the children for this special occasion.

DEANERY MASS: On **Friday 26th July**, at **7.30pm**, we will be holding a Deanery Mass in our church. All welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: Parish Barbecue - **Sunday 14th July**.

FOODBANK: The latest poster is on the noticeboard and shopping lists are available for your convenience. Thank you for your continuing support.

RACE NIGHT: Fundraising social event on **Saturday 15th June**, held in St Francis School. Doors open at **7.00pm** and the first race is at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £10, which includes a Fish/Sausage/Veggie Burger & Chips supper. See flyers, at the back of church, for more details plus opportunities for sponsorship, to be a horse owner (£5) and a jockey (£3). Over 18s only. Could your company sponsor a race for £40? An advert will be placed in the Race Night Programme and any advertising resources can be used on the night. For more details, call Greg Howell on 07730303799.

BREAKFAST ALPHA: On **Saturdays**, at **8.45am**, at The Hut, 2 St Michaels Road, Braintree (opposite the Fountain). This is a lively Youth Alpha group aged 11 – 15 and there is a crèche for younger children. Helpers also welcome. For more details, contact Kate on 07967796227.

HALSTEAD PARISH: Are hosting 'Music for a Summer's Evening'. Organ playing by David Felstead. On **Saturday 22nd June**, at **7.30pm**. All welcome.

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR: On **Wednesday 12th June** at **7.00pm**, at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, **Fr David** will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Refreshments provided.

BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY: Are holding their last concert of their 50th Anniversary year on **Sunday 30th June**, a **4.00pm**, in our church. The programme will include light choral favourites from Elgar to Penny Lane. Tickets £10 - from R&T's Café, Manor Street - 349968 - or available on the door.

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT: On **Sunday 9th June**, in Trafalgar Square, join thousands of others to celebrate your faith. This is a family friendly festival from **12noon-4.00pm** or **4.00-6.00pm** for the Ecumenical Service. Please visit: www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare. Our Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary Tour being the main part of the presentation. If you would like to attend, please contact Adele at adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Mid Essex Deanery invite you to join them, in taking part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford on **Sunday 16th June** at **3.00pm**. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford, the Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests from the Mid Essex Deanery. The procession is accompanied by a marching band, catholic groups and organisations, first communion children, lay people and their families. Don't miss this extraordinary event, bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For further information please contact Des Kelly by email at kelly.clan@btinternet.com.

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER: Family Funday, on **Sunday 23rd June**, **10.00am-4.00pm**, in Weavers Park, Braintree. Organised by the Braintree Islamic Centre. Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Arts/Crafts Stalls, Games, Food Stalls, Barbecue and much more!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th June Vigil Mass	6.00pm	50th Wedding Anniversary Intentions for Anne and Ken Hill
Sunday 9th June PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Irene McCarthy RIP (A) (Rodway)
Monday 10th June Mary, Mother of the Church REQUIEM MASS	9.30am	Elizabeth (Lily) Jarvis RIP
Tuesday 11th June St Barnabas	9.30am	Ints Josie Hill (Baker)
Wednesday 12th June	9.30am	Ints Janet Cash (Hill)
Thursday 13th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	9.30am	Lily Jarvis RIP (Pannell)
Friday 14th June Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament	9.30am	Nora Carroll RIP (Cunningham)
Saturday 15th June	9.30am	Dilys Fowles RIP (O'Hanlon)
Saturday 15th June Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ken Gray RIP (A) (Meek)
Sunday 16th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Samantha Rogers RIP (A) (Wallis)

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 13th June	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 18th June	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 14th June	7.30pm

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