

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 18th May/ Sunday 19th May 2024
PENTECOST (B)

What is PENTECOST?



PENTECOST comes from the Greek word “Pentecoste” meaning 50th day.

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the “BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH”.

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Olive Norman, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Danny Clifford, Joachim Mwenibandu, Anne Bardell, Sandy Matthewman and Brian Hankey.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Geary, Kevin McClements, Gina Hiskett, Patricia O'Grady, Adam Kodz, Peter Fitzsimmons, Rose Donlon, Sheila Alabaster, Alan Ellis, Dympna Patten, Maureen Trott, Cyril Swift and David Kershaw.

May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

CONFIRMATION: This Sunday at the 11.00am Mass, there will be 18 young people present for The Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Fr David

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER:

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [//cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

GIFT AID: The statements for the Tax Year Ending 5th April 2024 are now available. If any of the Gift Aid Donors would like a copy of their statement, please send a request directly to Chris Dayer (07925 361023) confirming their address.

Thank you.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Christina Duffy who died recently in Australia. Anne is the Aunt of Brigitte Duffy, please keep Brigitte and Anne Marie in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

PACT: At Pact, we are recruiting for a Head of Fundraising.

All the details for the role are here:

<https://pact.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/1468?target=internal>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Further to Fr David's announcement at the weekend regarding First Holy Communion, please contact the Presbytery on: 01376 326779. Fr David will then contact you directly. Thank you to all those parents who have been in touch this week. Fr David is working his way through the list.

SENSORY BOX AT THE BACK OF CHURCH: We are aware that there are children with additional needs coming to Mass and as a result the Parish with the help of the SVP have put together a "sensory box" that will be at the back of Church **only** at weekend Masses.

BCCS:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue.

All details can be found on the BCCS website:

www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 20th May Mary, Mother of the Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 21st May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ints Dr. Naqui, Dr. Jan and the Livewell Hub & Ints Sue and Catherine at The Salvation Army</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 22nd May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ints Sr. Rosaria (Hannah and Mary) & Ints Staff at Vision Express, Tesco</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John Angus Yule and Dorothy Yule RIP & Eileen Ellis RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 24th May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ints All Holy Souls & Ints Alison and all sufferers of FND and MND</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B) Saturday 25th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Martin Fee RIP (Josie Baker) & Ints Robert Dolan (Leech)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kathleen Murphy RIP (Shelock)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Fee RIP (The Choir) & Maggie Higgins RIP (B'day) (Mohan)</p>