



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

31 MAY 2020

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FOLLOWING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE SAYING SUNDAY / DAILY MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS.

KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olioonline.co.uk>

30 Sat Vigil of Pentecost	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
31 Sun Pentecost Sunday	10.00	Tony Fazal – RIP, 7 th Yr (<i>P. Fazal</i>)
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>

WEEKDAY MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

1 Mon <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30	Winifride Fynn – RIP (FM)
2 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anonymous – WB (<i>MacLeod</i>)
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
3 Wed <i>Ss Charles Lwanga & Co.</i>	9.30	David T. Davies – RIP (<i>J. Crowley</i>)
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
4 Thurs <i>Jesus, Eternal High Priest</i>	7.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
	9.30	Florence Stroud & Relations (FM)
5 Fri <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30	Arthur & Helen Wright (FM)
6 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Jim Horgan – RIP (<i>J. Gynne</i>)

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

6 Sat <i>Vigil of Holy Trinity</i>	18.30	Richard & Irene Rodrigues & Family – WB
7 Sun <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	10.00	Boffa Goggin Baird Family (<i>Kathy</i>)
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>

OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK

That, as they make effort to ease the lockdown, the Holy Spirit may guide world leaders, especially in our country to take seriously the need to reopen our churches for prayers and worship.

PENTECOST: LET US BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT








Dear friends, Pentecost is a very important Christian feast. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary, the apostles and disciples of Jesus – and indeed, on the Church. The first *Christian Pentecost* is recounted in Acts 2. It took place fifty days after Jesus' resurrection from death, that is, ten days after his ascension. The *Christian Pentecost* is inspired by the Jewish *Festival of the Weeks*, originally, a harvest feast celebrating the *first fruits* (Ex 26:16; 34:22; Nm 28:26; Deut 6:9). It was celebrated *fifty days* after the grain harvest (Lv 23:16), hence the name *Pentecost* was used to describe it by the translators of the Hebrew Bible into Greek (*the Septuagint*). Later, the Jews also marked the renewal of the covenant with Noah (Gn 9:8-17) and after AD70, the giving of the *Torah* (the Law) to Moses on Sinai during this feast.

The Jewish Pentecost provides some significant symbols for the appreciation of *Christian Pentecost*. First, the fifty days between the harvest of grains and the *feast of weeks* coincide with the fifty days between the resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his followers. Second, the mighty wind that blew through the Upper Room mimics as it were – more specularly though – the sound from the waving of fresh leaves in thanksgiving at the festival of weeks. Third, the centrality of the first fruits in the festival of weeks is paralleled by the descent of the Holy Spirit and its manifold gifts on *Pentecost*. Eucharistic Prayer IV, therefore, affirms that the Holy Spirit is sent from the Father “*as the first fruits for those who believe.*” Paul uses *the first fruits* to describe the resurrected Christ in 1 Co 15:20. Similarly, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Peter and his companions were completely transformed into confident and courageous witnesses to the Resurrection. And together with about three thousand converts, they constituted the (new) first fruits of the Spirit. Fourth, the mighty wind and thunder that shook the Upper Room parallels the great theophany at Sinai when, fifty days after the Passover in Egypt, God gave the Law (the Ten Commandments) to the people of Israel through Moses (Ex 19). Contemplating the coincidence between these two events draws us even more to the essential difference between them: The law upon which the covenant with the people of Israel was made was written on tablets of stone. But the new law, “*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus [which] has set you free from the law of sin and death*” (Rm 8:2), is written in people's heart. This makes clear, according to Fr Cantalamessa, that the Holy Spirit is “*the new law of Christianity, the interior law ...the very principle of the new covenant... Salvation.*” This new law is love. “I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34). The starting point of this love is not oneself or others, but God who loves us first (1 Jn 4:10). And it flows from recognising that one is loved unconditionally and without limit by a loving God. The Holy Spirit is the guarantor of this love. As Fr, as St Paul says, “*the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us*” (Rm 5:5). This love is not an object or a feeling. It is a person. The Holy Spirit! God himself!

Thankfully, as Christians we receive this divine gift especially through baptism and confirmation (and holy orders) and through the other sacraments. We also receive it through prayer and reading and meditation on God's word as well as in ways that may be unknown to us for the spirit blows wherever it wills. The celebration of Pentecost, therefore, encourages us to remain open to receiving the Holy Spirit or renewing our contact with, or our experience of him. **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Exodus 34: 4-6,8-9
2ND READING	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
GOSPEL	John 3: 16-18

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died: Anton Sebastian, Aideen Phillips, Eamon Collender, Aurelio Reyes, Patricia Birse, Michael Pierson, Roy Gear, Rosaria Civitillo, Margo Martin, Patricia Simms, Rev Peter Holmes, Roy Watkins, Suzanne Godwin, Shelagh Crook, Margaret Smith and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen</p>	ROSARY SERVICE TODAY	
	<p>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, and Ann-Marie Deasy.</p>	 INSPIRED BY THE WORD	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		<p>Do you have an artistic talent? Perhaps you haven't discovered it yet.</p> <p>We are spending more time at home and this gives us an opportunity to investigate our hidden talents. Do you like to sketch, paint, sew, practise calligraphy or woodworking? Why not use this lockdown time to create something beautiful by illustrating a passage from the Bible? When we are finally able to celebrate Mass together again it would be wonderful to do so in a Church adorned with the fruits of our labour.</p> <p>Why not have a go? Encourage your children to use the Bible as a source of inspiration for their drawings. Use any medium to illustrate your favourite verse.</p> <p>Any Question? Please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary McDermott 07557057083!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is the Year of the Word – Corona virus can't stop us celebrating it!</p>	
	<p><i>In this time of uncertainty and as we will no longer have a weekly collection, please seriously consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), cash donation (envelope through Presbytery door) or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05. Thank you.</i></p> <p><i>Please, if you are not a member of the gift aid scheme, kindly add NGA to your payment reference.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	PARTICIPATION AT MASS THIS PERIOD	
INFANT BAPTISM		<p>I would really encourage you during this lockdown, to follow a livestreaming of the Mass in the parish and, among others, pray with me and all our parishioners for all who are affected by the spread of this virus, and for a speedy end to it. Visit https://olionline.co.uk/our-parish/home-resources/</p>	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA</p>	THANK YOU FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		<p>OLI Covid-19 Volunteer Group is organising daily collection of food items for Kingston Foodbank. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) & 313 Ewell Road. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee.</p>	
	<p>1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.</p>	IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		<p>If you give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we encourage you to switch to monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the Gift Aid section of the Parish website or obtained from Allan Cook tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8399 4368. For 2nd collections and to give to the clergy at Easter and Christmas, you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving.</p>	
	<p>Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA</p>	<p>Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank (details on the left column); please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid).</p>	
ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MASTER		DONATING TO THE LENTEN PROJECT:	
<p>Archbishop John Wilson has written a letter to the Prime Minister (and to every Member of Parliament within the Archdiocese) making a passionate plea for the need to reopen our churches for prayer and worship in some form in the light of Government's plans for progressive easing of the lockdown from the 1st of June. A copy is available on the parish website.</p> <p>I would like to encourage all to pray for Archbishop John and other Church leaders as they continue to dialogue with the Government to facilitate the reopening of our churches.</p>		<p>Please sponsor by leaving donations at the presbytery. Or using the Justgiving site https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject</p>	
OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP		LENTEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
<p>Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821</p>		<p>1. Family Quiz: Postponed until further notice 2. Jumble Sale: Postponed until further notice</p>	