

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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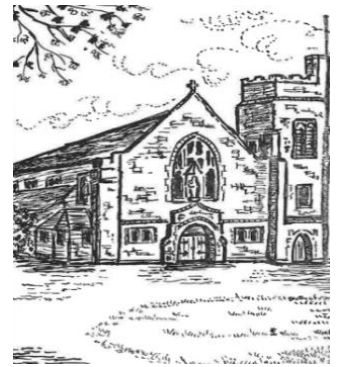
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## PENTECOST

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On the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Church commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, gathered around the Mother of the Lord. This most significant manifestation of the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture is recorded at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2. The first Pentecost is seen as the day the Church, newly endowed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, began her sacred mission of evangelization mandated by Christ. The Church's liturgy celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost fifty days after Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentecoste* meaning “fiftieth.” So, today, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We remember the courage He gives us to speak God’s word and live out His love. We remind ourselves to seek His presence in our lives, especially when we feel alone or afraid. And we commit to being His witnesses in the world, living out the Gospel in our actions and relationships. Let us embrace the Spirit’s power within us, and let us share His love with everyone we meet.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in your prayers our young people of the Parish who are being confirmed this weekend. We pray that they too will embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and let Him be their guide throughout their lives.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** On Saturday next weekend, a group of our parishioners will join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We wish them a safe journey and ask them to pray for our community here at that most holy shrine.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish office will be closed until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June as Laura is away. Please email the office for any urgent enquiries.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last week’s second collection raised £318.43 for World Communications. Thank you for your generosity.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (28)**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we are reflecting on the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and its summons to proclaim "the joy of the Gospel" in the here and now of this, our present age. We can easily grow discouraged in these times when God seems to have no place and the deepest desires of the human heart often appear to be stifled by an obsession with money and power. Yet, Saint Paul reminds us that in God's plan, this is the favourable time, the day of salvation. Apostolic zeal, thus, impels us, who have known the transforming grace of God's word and the joy of the Gospel, to find new ways to bring that treasure to the places where we live, study and work, and to embody with our lives, especially through respect, compassion, and the gentleness of our words, the love of Jesus for every individual. May we, through our daily encounters, become witnesses of hope and bearers of the Gospel, who inspire all we meet to open wide the door to the One who alone can give joy and peace today and always.

**MONTH OF MARY** The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). So, during this month of May, the Church encourages Catholics to take out their rosary beads and pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother for the different needs we have- for ourselves, our families, our community and for those in any kind of help. With this in mind, we will pray a decade of the Rosary before each Sunday Mass throughout May.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We have beautiful gifts and cards on display: pop into the Repository and have a look! But if you don't see what you want you can browse through our catalogue, and we can order it for you!

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** We welcome Imelda Summerfield & Lukasz Szutarski who were Baptised recently and are now a beloved members of God's Holy Family.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** James Mylod RIP who has died recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers.

*Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.*

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:** On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP-** Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 5th June, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**IONA FAMILY SOCIAL CLUB:** The Iona family social club are open for new members. Lots of social events and all major sports events are shown. All are welcome.

**DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

### **YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL**

This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

**REVIVE. DISCOVER. EMPOWER.** Retreat for Young Adults, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to revive, discover and empower you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

**FINANCES:** You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



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## SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	The Foley Family RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Pentecost	19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b> Mary, Mother of the Church	20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Eileen Curtin Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Fr Patrick Salmon RIP
<b>Thursday</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Mother of God
		<b>9.45am-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary Walsh Int
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Rose Yates RIP
<b>Saturday</b> St Bede the Venerable  Vigil Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Maurice Smiddy RIP
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	Confessions
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Maria 'Connie' Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> The Most Holy Trinity	26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Sheila & Hector Brunton RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Francis Olumide Oluyemi RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners

**Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890**

*Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.*

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