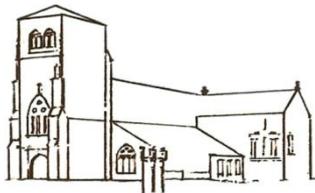


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Pentecost Sunday

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Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –
...Pray for the one person you find difficult to get on with

Today's **Scripture readings** *“The Spirit yields a harvest of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. Since we live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be our rule of life”.* (Today's second reading)

After Easter Pentecost is the greatest feast in the Church's year. The coming of the Spirit is the direct response to the victory of Jesus at Easter and his return to the Father. *“Unless I go the Father”,* Jesus said, *“the Spirit will not come”.* If the Spirit were not to come there would be no salvation. Yet again the Father pours out his love on us in abundance. Jesus confronted evil in his life and death. He overcame it with his Resurrection. The Spirit communicates the fruits of grace released through Jesus, and enables us to become ever more an image of Jesus, that we may communicate his love and his promises to others.

Pentecost was a Jewish feast which celebrated the gift of the Law on Mount Sinai and the choice God had made of the people of Israel as his special people. For the Christian the gift has been transformed into the Holy Spirit. He has chosen the new Israel, those who believe in the salvation God has brought to the whole human race through the saving work of Jesus. What was a feast of the Law has become a feast of the Spirit.



While the gifts of the Spirit come to us individually they are intended for the good of us all, for building up the whole Church. The words above, from St. Paul to the Christians in Galatia, today's second reading, express clearly the fruits of true fidelity to the promptings of God's Spirit.

Jesus promises another Advocate, the one who answers the cry of the poor. Jesus himself is the first advocate. This advocate, the Spirit, will *“be with you for ever”.* He will also have the mission to *“teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you”.*

Our parish prayer

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we celebrate every weekend -
on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m.
There will be an opportunity for **confession** during these times.

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Trish Riley
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Patrick Oshanyinhisi
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Charles Doyle (ill)
Thursday	12.00	Eddie Barrett
Friday	9.30 a.m.	School Mass celebrating the First Holy Communion children
	12.00	Requiem Mass for Tracey Cushion
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Carol Rigby

There is a **Funeral** this week, a Requiem Mass for Tracey Cushion, on Friday at 12.00 noon. Some people will remember Tracy as Tracy Snowball. May she rest in peace. Please pray for her mother and family.

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer - Philip Wrench, Kelly Wilson, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Selamawit, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them.

Please pray for those who have died –Tracy Cushion

The next **Parish Assembly** will be on 14th.July.

The **Prayer Group** will meet in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

The **Men's Group** will meet Monday, 21st. May, 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

The next **Justice & Peace** group is next Thursday, 24th.May in St. Bernard's

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£440.82**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,065.62**. Thank you all very much.

Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates for the pilgrimage are now confirmed 21st-28th. February, 2019. People from other parishes have been contacting us requesting a booking form. I am happy for them to go but I don't want you, our own parishioners , to miss out. There are booking forms available in church. Please book now if you can so that the room situation can be secured. A £200 deposit is required.

Eucharistic Congress. Our five parish representatives at the Eucharistic Congress are Mike Armstrong, Margaret Kane. Maureen Murphy, Patrick Murphy and Pauline Taylor.

Blood on Netanyahu's hands. Although both events were staged for the benefit of the television cameras, Monday's coverage of the mass demonstration by Palestinians on the Gaza border, and the simultaneous dedication of a new United States embassy in Jerusalem, was painful to watch. While Benjamin Netanyahu rejoiced, saying "Today we make history," Israeli marksmen were shooting dead at least 58 Arabs in cold blood and injuring hundreds more.

Whatever the provocation, it cannot have been proportionate to deploy snipers on carefully prepared earthworks, in order to deter thousands by shooting hundreds. Yet that was the official Israeli explanation of the tactics used. If not discouraged by seeing their friends mown down, the rioters might have broken through the border fences, and might then have gone on to kill Israeli citizens living on the other side, he said. But that was no excuse for deliberately planning a massacre. That the Palestinian leadership could have foreseen the outcome does not diminish Israeli guilt.

The broadcast coverage suggested very strongly to the watching world that Israel holds Palestinian life very cheap. It was appalling for Mr Netanyahu to be seen to be beaming and rejoicing amidst such bloodshed. If he thought the decision to move the American embassy to Jerusalem represented a moral victory for his hard-line policies he was mistaken. What was plainly happening on the Gaza border, of which he must have had foreknowledge, made it an utter moral defeat.

True, Hamas had orchestrated a huge protest to mark the seventieth anniversary of the creation of the state of Israel; true, it was bound to get out of hand; true, too, Hamas has been losing the initiative in its long and obstinate campaign of hatred towards Israel, and wanted a spectacular event to regain world attention. Even without the moral aspect, therefore, Israel's willingness to oblige Hamas in this way is inexplicable. Given Israeli firepower, there was not the slightest chance the protests would threaten the existence of the Israeli state. The Netanyahu government appears to have concluded that a ruthless public display of lethal force would please Donald Trump and cow Israel's enemies. Now he has fresh blood on his hands.

This is not the way to peace. From the Palestinian perspective, Gaza is a prison camp and the dead and injured demonstrators were prisoners shot while trying to escape. Gaza is indeed a hell-hole under the Israeli boot, its economy in ruins and its political and cultural life stifled by a fundamentalist Islamist tyranny. Its young people have no hope of a future except the delusional one, spread by Hamas, of somehow overthrowing Israel.

Gaza is still Israel's responsibility. It claims sovereignty, controls its borders, and denies Hamas any legitimacy. Yet it cannot wash its hands of the Gaza mess, by loading blame on the shoulders of a weak, incompetent and corrupt Palestinian leadership. The ratchet of endless confrontation, where each side winds up the other to ever greater hatred, rage and fury, has to stop. Gaza provokes Israel and Israel provokes Gaza, on and on, year after
(the Tablet editorial)

Care for our common home. Donate your old clothes and home goods instead of throwing them out. When you need something, consider buying used items.

The **Catholic Pic** for May is available (free)

I understand there are places available for the Pic visit to Ladyewell on Tuesday. See Barbara at Mass if you wish to come.

Congratulations to our children who yesterday, Saturday, made their **first Holy Communion** – Kayden Abini, Jessica Bowman, Bupe Bukenya, Mary Docu, Charles Edwards, Godswill Edwards, Alara Eke, Tennessee-Joseph Fareweather, Milena Griffin, Sephora Koudou, Michael Koziolk, Daniel McKay, Mateusz Mencil, Tyrone Moses, Conner O'Rourke, Harriet Rockwood. Thank you those good people who agreed to be prayer partners for these children this week. Thank you, Deacon Francis, and the team of catechists who helped prepare the children during these months. Thank you, Frances, who prepared the children who joined the programme after it had started. Everyone please continue to pray for the children

There will be a Mass next Friday at 9.30 a.m, in which the school will be celebrating with the children. Everyone is welcome of course.

On Sunday, 10th. June, after Mass, there will be a special celebration in the Parish Rooms when we can thank those people who inspired, planned and constructed the new rooms.

Today, at 10.30 Mass, **Mary Nouhad** and **Benjamin Bahaador** will be baptised, confirmed, and make their first Holy Communion. Nouhad is from Lebanon and Bahaador from Iran. Please pray for them and accompany them on their journey. These are very difficult times for them. Their meeting with Jesus is like an oasis in a desert. We pray they will drink to the full of the waters of life.

Parish Syrian Refugee Resettlement Scheme: at Mass next weekend there will be a short appeal and collection for the scheme to bring a Syrian family out of a refugee camp to a new life in the U.K. This is a response to Pope Francis' appeal for each parish to sponsor a family. We need £9,000 to support an application. We are working with St. Charles's parish and St. James's C of E parish to raise the money, and hope you can give generously.

The Priests are live in concert at the Philharmonic Hall on Friday, 1st. June. The Phil box office number is 0151 709 3789. Proceeds are in aid of the Nugent Care Society and the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Little Mick's Spot (paws for thought). Eddie Barrett and I had a good understanding of each other and I am so sorry to hear that he has died. I wouldn't say Eddie was a dog lover but we did get on. I owe a great deal to him. It was Eddie who gave my column a direction and a boost when he suggested to me the sub title I use –*paws for thought*. Thanks, Eddie!!



I really wish my readers to see life from a dog's point of view. I shouldn't generalise because every dog is different, But I am a little dog and so I see things at my level - not very high, but I see things bigger dogs don't see - and many humans too! I also have a particular focus in life. I am very single minded, I had to make a choice the other day – to go and smell out the rats or to have some chicken. I am a hunter and I went out. I still had the chicken, mind you, when I came in. I know I have a funny shape and little legs, but over five yards I can beat any dog. That's all I need in my job. And to be quick on the turn. Eddie was a working man. I respect all the men on the sites around my house. They see me in action, my speed, my catching and returning the ball. I return their compliments. They're cracker, too.