

Tuesday 8.00pm:
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PARISH DIARY
Parish Prayer Group
Parish Men's Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Simon Stock

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £627.08 Loose £604.96
Retiring collection (World Communications Day)
Gift Aid £36.50 Loose £55.93

The retiring collection this weekend is for CAFOD.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Maureen Allen, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith, Kenneth Albert Peacock, Michael Humphries, Eileen Renner, Elisabeth Lamb, Leslie Wiseman, Amelia Neve, Ann Sewell-Knight, John Kissane, Eleanor Condron, Elizabeth Brannelly, Eleanor McLeod, Kathleen Mary Little, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to be called in for counting. If you have an APF box, please could you bring it to Mass next weekend and leave it on the table at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand table ready for collection. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX. Some boxes have been handed in with no name given, so if you have delivered a box but not received it back, that would be why! Please let Francesca know if this is the case, phone no. 07813-777408.

St Catherine's School

On Saturday 18th June St Catherine's School, Twickenham is holding a Year 5 activities morning and an open afternoon for both Prep and Senior levels. For further information see the church notice board.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 15th May 2016		
Pentecost Sunday (C)		
Saturday	9.30am	May McCambridge
	6.30pm	John Marshall
Sunday	9.00am	Philo Braganza
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Peace in the World
Monday	9.30am	Christians in the Holy Land
Tuesday	9.30am	Barbara Clarke
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am	Private Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Pauline Welham
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. It is a mistake to see this coming as something that happened long ago and can never happen again. Through the prayer of the Church, the Holy Spirit comes to us today. Let us dispose ourselves to receive the Spirit.

Trinity Sunday

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion.

Mission Appeal

Next weekend we shall welcome the Combioni Missionaries who will deliver an appeal on behalf of the missions.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion

A big thank you is due to the teachers who prepared the children for their first Holy Communion on each of the past two Sundays. Both masses were very special and happy occasions. Congratulations to all the children and to their parents and families who supported them.

Joel Night Shelter

Congratulations and thanks to the children from our Confirmation Group who raised £330 for the Joel Community Services Kingston Night Shelter. Donations such as this are greatly valued by the shelter and go towards caring for some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please enter via the presbytery.

Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be this **Wednesday (18th May)** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm**. All men of the parish are invited to join us for a friendly and relaxed evening lubricated by a pint or two.

Spirit in the City – Festival of Mercy

The Festival of Mercy is a Catholic faith celebration in the heart of London. It will take place from **Wednesday 1st June** to **Friday 3rd June**. This is the programme: **Wednesday** UK premiere of film "Full of Grace" about the last days of the Virgin Mary as she helps the early Church regain its original encounter with the Lord. Prince Charles Cinema off Leicester Square at 6.00pm for **6.30pm**. Cost £15.00. **Thursday** and **Friday** Evangelisation in the streets plus Eucharistic adoration in Notre Dame de France Church off Leicester Square – **2.00pm** to **5.00pm**. Evening prayer, mass, prayer and worship or talk from **5.40pm** onwards. For further details see the notice at the back of the church.

Celebrate Twickenham – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With Your God

This faith-filled event for all will take place on **18th & 19th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 3 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, mass, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and relaxation. There is a full programme for young people over the age of 4 plus a warm, welcoming crèche. Tickets cost £40.00 for adults, £20.00 for 18–21 year olds and £10.00 for children in nursery to year 13. The crèche for children of 4 and under is free. For details see the flyers at the back of the church or speak to John de Quidt.

REFLECTION

A new language

On Pentecost Day the apostles spoke a new language. What was this new language? It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of cooperation rather than of competition; the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance; the language of hope rather than of despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate.

Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages

learned to profess one faith, to the praise and the glory of God.

That is the real miracle of Pentecost,

And it is a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.

Fr F McCarthy S.D.B

First Reading: Acts 2: 1–11

Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the apostles on Pentecost Day and the powerful effect it had on them. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was one of the three major pilgrim festivals of Israel. The fact that it was a pilgrim feast explains why devout Jews from every nation were in Jerusalem at this time. Since the account in Greek does not use gender-specific language we can conclude that women, men and children were all present.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8–17

This reading consists of three different, yet related, themes: an acclamation that Jesus is Lord; a clear statement that there is a variety of gifts within the Christian community; the body metaphor that characterises that diversity of gifts. The metaphor of the human body emphasises the importance of unity in diversity rather than uniformity.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19–23

In his Gospel, John treats the resurrection and the bestowal of the Spirit on the disciples as having occurred on the same day, since we are told the event took place 'on the evening of the first day of the week' (verse 9). However, it is important to point out that there was not a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Holy Spirit. Luke and John have the same overall message: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church. Each of them has his own particular theological emphasis. Now the design of God has been brought to a conclusion as God sends his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power and the disciples of Jesus are authorised to continue the mission of Jesus.