

## 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024: PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

11am Hymns	Entrance: 302 Gloria: 998	Gospel Accl. <sup>n</sup> : <i>Sing Alleluia...</i> Communion: <i>Hymn Sheet</i>	Offertory: 984 & <i>Hymn Sheet</i> Post-Communion: 968	Memorial Accl. <sup>n</sup> : 294 Recessional: 771
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### The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

Christ promised his disciples that he would send to them the Spirit of truth, to teach them and to guide them. Today we celebrate the coming of that Holy Spirit, who brings us many good gifts. We pray that we may be open to the power of the Spirit, and that the Spirit will come anew and fill the hearts of the faithful.

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians.

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 18 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 50th Wedding Anniversary - Penny & Pete Catten Joseph Horgan RIP
Sun 19 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)</b> Florentina Vega Guillen RIP Baptist Abeyadeera RIP
<b>ORDINARY TIME AFTER EASTER</b>	
Mon 20 09:30	<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Julian Gracey RIP Rosary
Tue 21 09:30	Josephine Galea RIP Rosary
Wed 22 09:30	Wellbeing - Christine & Dave Goodwin Rosary
Thu 23 09:30	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i> Birthday Blessings - Rosemonde Assemien Rosary
Fri 24 09:30	John Warner RIP & for the family he leaves behind Exposition
Sat 25 09:30 18:30	<i>Saint Bede the Venerable</i> Jack McCarthy RIP <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Michael Lynch RIP
Sun 26 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)</b> Andrew Watts RIP Satasha Lewis RIP

#### Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

#### Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell, Patrick Watts, Tony Rawsthorne and Elisabetta de Masi.

#### Sharing the Word

**First Reading:** Luke has the giving of the Holy Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost. According to Jewish tradition, Pentecost celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Legend says a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into 70 tongues corresponding to the 70 nations of the world. This conveyed that the Law was proclaimed not only to Israel but also to all the nations. Luke follows his tradition. He has the mighty wind and the tongues of fire coming upon the group of the disciples. The universal proclamation was not of the Law but of the Good news.

**Second Reading:** Paul talks about the freedom that the Galatians received when they became the adopted children of God through baptism. But he also warns them not to abuse that freedom. To enable them to live truly in the freedom given to the children of God, they have the gift of the Spirit.

**Gospel:** At the last supper Jesus sought to prepare his disciples for a time when he will no longer be visible among them. They will need to be his eye witnesses. The Holy Spirit will help them to remember and to understand

the message he has given them. The Holy Spirit will guide them in their work.

### Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer. The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.

### Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

### First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

For those in Group A, we next meet in the Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm for rehearsals and then at 11am Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

For those in Group B, we next meet in the Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2pm for rehearsals and then at 11am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Our celebration of making your First Holy Communion is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please attend 11am Mass and then the celebration will be in the hall afterward.

### Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30pm, for rehearsals followed by the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm.

Our celebration of making your Confirmation is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please attend 11am Mass and then the celebration will be in the hall afterward.

### Repository

Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available in the repository after 11am Mass.

### Our School

Just before Easter the school had a Catholic Schools Inspection. There were two inspectors in school for two days. I am pleased to say that the report has now been published and the school is a Good Catholic school. We also received an outstanding judgement for our Catholic Life and Mission and for our Collective Worship. The staff worked hard for this and will continue to do so to ensure that the children get the best education we can give them. If you would like to read a copy of the report then please visit the school website:

<https://www.olspn.lewisham.sch.uk/>

In other news the school is now part of the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust. We are one of the founding schools alongside Bonus Pastor Catholic College, St Michael's Catholic College and St Anthony's Primary School. Over the next few months I am sure that the Trust will continue to grow.

### Simple Prayer Book

If anyone bought a Simple Prayer Book since November last year and there are some blank pages please return these to the Repository after 11am Mass on Sunday to exchange for the replacement booklets. If this is awkward then please put the faulty book in an envelope marked "Christine, Repository" and leave them on the table at the back of the church with your name inside and she will enclose the replacement books for you to collect at whatever Mass you attend.

HAVE YOU HEARD? IT'S TRENDING!  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
*praying Together*

"STRONG WOMEN AREN'T SIMPLY BORN,  
THEY ARE MADE BY STORMS THEY WALK THROUGH!"

Our first meeting is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm in the parish house. The agenda is • Opening prayer - Rosary • Icebreaker- getting to know each other • Light refreshments • short talk about the idea of CWPT- theme- Walking in Faith. • Discussions around members' expectations, thoughts, and ideas, etc. • Nominations of ad hoc executive's • AOB/ Date of next meeting. • Closing prayer

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £181 Not Gift Aided: £256

**Mass Count:** Sat (45), Sun 09.30 (104), 11.00 (85)

Second Collection

**Last week:** World Communications Sunday (£246)

**This week:** None

**Next Week:** None

Donate

**Gift Aid:** Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

**Card:** Card Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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