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Pentecost Sunday– Year B

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I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (according to The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

683 "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit."¹ "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"² This knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us. By virtue of our Baptism, the first sacrament of the faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the life that originates in the Father and is offered to us in the Son.

*Baptism gives us the grace of new birth in God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit. For those who bear God's Spirit are led to the Word, that is, to the Son, and the Son presents them to the Father, and the Father confers incorruptibility on them. and it is impossible to see God's Son without the Spirit, and no one can approach the Father without the Son, for the knowledge of the Father is the Son, and the knowledge of God's Son is obtained through the Holy Spirit.*³

684 Through his grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate to us the new life, which is to "know the Father and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ."⁴

685 To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified."⁶ For this reason, the divine mystery of the Holy Spirit was already treated in the context of Trinitarian "theology." Here, however, we have to do with the Holy Spirit only in the divine "economy."

686 The Holy Spirit is at work with the Father and the Son from the beginning to the completion of the plan for our salvation. But in these "end times," ushered in by the Son's redeeming Incarnation, the Spirit is revealed and given, recognized and welcomed as a person. Now can this divine plan, accomplished in Christ, the firstborn and head of the new creation, be embodied in mankind by the outpouring of the Spirit: as the Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

688 The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

- in the Scriptures he inspired;
- in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
- in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
- in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
- in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
- in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
- in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;

- in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1830 The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

1831 *The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.* They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David.¹⁰⁹ They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.¹¹⁰

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God . . . If children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.¹¹¹

1832 *The fruits of the Spirit* are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. the tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "**charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.**"¹¹²

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

The picture: <https://pngtree.com/so/holy-spirit>

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 4

Lectionary Sundays Year B: week 8 Ordinary Time

CONFIRMATION

Saturday 18 May – All candidates to arrive by 5.45pm in Church. The Vigil is at 6.30pm.

Sunday 19 May – All candidates to meet in the hall before 10.30am. Parishioners are invited to join the Confirmed and their families in the hall for refreshments.

Please keep the 9 candidates who will be confirmed this Sunday in your prayers.

DAY OF ADORATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI **HELP NEEDED**

On **Thursday 30 May**, there will be a Day of Adoration from 10am to 7pm. We are looking for volunteers for hourly slots to be in Church whilst the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Mass will then be celebrated at 7pm. Please speak to Fr Barto if you can help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sadie Moore who has died. May she rest in peace.

THE NEW LECTIONARY & NEW HYMN BOOKS

From Advent 2024 there will be a new Lectionary. The Lectionary are the books that contain the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments. We will have to order the Ambo edition (£695) and the Book of the Gospels (£275). We have also ordered new hymn books for the Parish which cost £892. If you wish to help with some of the cost of the Lectionary or hymn books please let Fr Barto know.

The 'CTS Sunday Missal' will also be changing. There is a pre-order discount of 15%. The discounted cost is £17.00 instead of the full price of £19.95. Please email the office by **24th May** if you would like to order a copy at the discounted price.

RIDE LONDON – Sunday 26 May

The A119 (Woodford Road) will be closed to ALL traffic. You will not be able to drive to Church. Please walk to Church or attend the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm.

CAFOD SUDAN- RED FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Collections throughout May will be for the severe humanitarian crisis in Sudan. Please gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer by using the White envelopes found in the porch or <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

MAY- MONTH of THE ROSARY

We will be praying the rosary before Mass at the weekend during May. Please come along earlier to join in. Do pray the rosary at home with your family.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 22 May at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Young Adults Next meeting on Friday 31 May from 7.30pm in the hall.

Murder Mystery at the Casino, Saturday 22 June from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 must be bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Summer BBQ on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

LISTEN TO GOD

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

CHILDREN's LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941 237 743 for more information.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our parish website has been updated. Please visit to see the new look with many new items - <https://saintanneline.com/>

'REVIVE;DISCOVER;EMPOWER'

A young adults retreat at Walsingham House are weekend of 22nd – 23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME, PALAZZOLA

9th-16th September 2024 - This tour unsuitable for those with walking difficulties. Full cost, including flights, accommodation (full board) and tours £1395 - £1445 depending on single or twin/double. For further details and full timetable/itinerary please email Fr Jean-Laurent Marie dagenhamhf@brcdt.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage.

Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Mass Intentions 18th May – 26th May

Mass on **Monday** is celebrated privately. **Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.**

Saturday 9.30am Si Ling Pang RIP

Pentecost 6.30pm People of the Parish
Vigil Mass

Sunday 19th 9.30am Alyson Lamb RIP
11am Confirmation Candidates
& their families

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian
Holy Souls

Monday

Tuesday 7pm Eric Helin RIP

Wednesday 9.30am Jerome Philomin RIP

Thursday 9.30am Ann Kyndt Ints

Friday 9.30am Stephanie Kirby RIP

Saturday 9.30am Fr John Warnaby RIP

6.30pm Dec'd Burton family

Vigil Mass **Most Holy Trinity**

Sunday 26th 9.30am People of the Parish

11am Domenica Marrai RIP

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Intention for the week - "As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the

Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray for an outpouring of love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, that these gifts help us to serve the poor, broken and unborn. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick.

Anniversaries 20 May - 26 May

Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Winifred Newell, Mgr William O'Grady, Mr Fiteni, John O'Brien, Mary Cecilia Browne, Ida Page, Frances Michalitsianos, Kathleen Duggan, Edward Doyle, Laurence Meegan, Rosa Federico, Denis Brunning, Maurice Brunning, Fr Henry Peace, Fr Charles Carless, Ida Steiner, James Radley-Kane, Fr Austin Thorburn, Gertrude Garman.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 271.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on **Monday afternoons, Wednesdays and Friday mornings.**