

Refreshments are available after 9am Sunday Mass in the St Bernard's hall. Thank you to the volunteers who facilitate this.



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Waterside Parish NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th May 2023: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday Masses: 9am at St Bernard's and 11am at St Michael's

Weekday Masses: Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 9am at St Michael's

Wednesday – 9am at St Bernard's followed by Adoration and Grandparents' Group

Confessions: Saturday after 9am Mass (St Michael's) "Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." Pope John Paul II

We keep our First Holy Communion candidates in our prayers as they prepare to receive the second Sacrament of Initiation on the feast of Corpus Christi, 11th June: **Daniel, Daniel, Eryk, Jaspar, Santiago, Sofia and Vivienne.**

We invoke the intercession of Blessed Imelda Lambertini, patroness of Holy Communicants, as they prepare for this special day.

It will be lovely to have two new members of the Icons of Mary group, which meets on the third Saturday of each month. This is our parish group for girls who have made their first Holy Communion, providing fellowship within our community to continue their faith development once Holy Communion classes are completed.

At Pentecost, the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection, His promise to send us another Advocate is fulfilled. Fr Tom Kleinschmidt OMC offers this commentary on our Diocesan [Liturgy Project](http://www.theliturgyproject.com) website... What stands out is this special phrase: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit is the Gift of the Father and the Son. Jesus breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." We can only receive the Holy Spirit as pure gift."

www.theliturgyproject.com

Along with Pope Francis, Bishop Philip urges us to pray the Rosary daily – "The Rosary, which developed in the High Middle Ages period, is a wonderful prayer to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil." Here is a link to some information provided in eNews to support anyone new to the Rosary:

[The Rosary – FREE Download!](#)
[\(mailchi.mp\)](#)

*Fr Marinko Sakota, OFM, wrote an article in the recent edition of *The Children of Medjugorje* publication in which he says:*

'People seem to be turning a blind eye to the wrong direction we as humanity have gone. Admittedly, many are becoming more and more aware that we have to make a big turn in our relationship with nature... However, the first and most important turn we must make is not about our relationship with nature, but our relationship with God. We have moved away from God – this is the cause of all our serious problems. Moving away from God causes the loss of personal peace, peace between people and an unacceptable relationship with nature. That is why the most important call of Our Lady, both in Fatima and in Medjugorje, is: "Convert!"'

We keep in our prayers the sick and housebound members of the parish:

John Allen and Pauline Moore

Please note that a GDPR issue has been drawn to our attention. We must now have express permission from the sick person to name him or her in this section of the parish newsletter. If we don't have a signed Parish Registration Form, it will be very difficult to include the sick in this section of the newsletter.

We pray for the dear departed of the parish and for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

28th: Anna Miller (2011)

29th: Kevin Deloughery (2001) Elisabeth Lawrence (2004)

30th: Adam Ravenscroft (1980) George Potter (2000) Martin Connor (2001) Stanley Edwards (2002) Rose Edwards (2009)

31st: Ethel Dennison (1979)

1st: Anne Bradley (1981) Peter McManus (1997) Mary Chamberlain (2005) Philip Gray (2016)

2nd: Ethel Ward (1983) Samuel Wilson (1993) Michael Monaghan (1998)

3rd: Timothy O'Brien (1978) Ethel Judge (1980) Edith Jackson (1986) Theresa Chainey (2016)

Pious tradition holds that Jesus promised St. Gertrude that a thousand souls would be released from purgatory each time the following prayer is said devoutly: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Bishop Philip's observation on the birthday of the Church:

Today is "Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, when we celebrate the descent of the Advocate Christ promised, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, Who hovered over the chaos at the world's creation, Who spoke of old through the prophets, Who overshadowed the womb of the Blessed Virgin and Who filled and animated the Heart of Christ. At Pentecost that Spirit descended upon Our Lady, St. Peter and the Apostles to begin the re-creation of the world and to initiate the life and mission of the Church. Pentecost is the Church's birthday. [Today], and all this week, let us thank God that we belong to Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The Church exists across space-time as a Sacrament, that is, a sign and an instrument to gather the world into unity, to give people the gifts of eternal life and to send them out to serve the poor and needy."

Don't forget that a plenary indulgence is available today by reciting the Veni, sancte Spiritus publicly (at Mass) and fulfilling all of the usual conditions!

Collections 21st May 2023:

St Michael's £102.20

St Bernard's £73.00

Envelopes £186.00

Second collection £131.51

Donations received directly into the parish bank account for April amounted to **£1,277.**

On 23rd May Pope Francis said:

"The Holy Spirit keeps faith ever young. He does not bind Himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings the relevance of Jesus, risen and living, into our world today."

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Cornerstone Hythe URC Women's Guild invites the Women's Fellowship of the Waterside Catholic Parish to their Anniversary Service on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 2.30pm.

The service will be followed by tea in the hall.

Please RSVP by 1st June to Mrs Joy Funnell 17 Fern Road Hythe SO45 5EG/ 023 8084 3404/joy@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk

100 Club

The next draw for the 100 club will be next Sunday, 4th June, after the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's church.

Some thoughts on this week's Bible readings

From Scott Hahn, as recommended by the Bishop's eNews:

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see [Leviticus 23:15–21](#); [Deuteronomy 16:9–11](#)).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see [2 Corinthians 3:2–8](#); [Romans 8:2](#)).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see [1 Corinthians 15:45, 47](#)).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also [John 7:37–39](#)).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 6:15](#)). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see [1 Corinthians 10:4](#)), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit."

The St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology (where Scott Hahn's presentations are recorded) is a rich resource - [St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#)

Observations of a parishioner who joined our new group – Cooking with Fe – on 16th May:

"I wasn't too sure what to expect, but I, along with 9 other parishioners attended this first sociable workshop given by Fe. I have limited cooking skills so I tend to stick to the same tried and trusted recipes, however now I would confidently attempt the delicious pork spring rolls Fe showed us how to make. I even had a go at assembling and rolling up the spring rolls! Fe had lots of good tips on cooking, draining off the excess oil after cooking, and freezing the spring rolls. Naturally we tasted the finished cooked product and could take some home.

Tea and coffee were also provided so it was an opportunity to meet new people and have a chat with people I don't see very often. People started leaving at about 11.00 and the hall was clear by about 11.30. Fe is happy to demonstrate and pass on her skills for other recipes (I'd like to learn how she makes her delicious chocolate cookies) so come along to the next session on **Tuesday 20th June** and invite a friend, neighbour or family member. Thank you Fe."

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MASS READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence: Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul's delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet

Pleasant coolness in the heat

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay

All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew

On our dryness pour thy dew

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will

Melt the frozen, warm the chill

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die

Give us life with thee on high

Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'