

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Pentecost Sunday - Year B - 22nd / 23rd May 2021

Day of Prayer for the Church

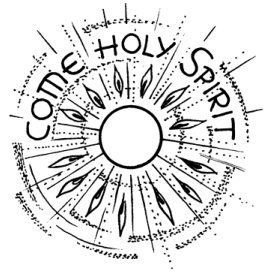
My dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost. It is a mistake to see this event, the gift of the Holy Spirit and its extraordinary effect on people, as a 'one-off'.

There is no doubt, however, that this was a definitive and consolidating moment for the Jesus 'movement'. Those early Christians did indeed experience a collective clarity in terms of the divine mystery and what it was calling them to do.

We must remember though, that the gift of the Holy Spirit is forever an abiding presence and is still very much part and parcel of our lives and the life of the church community.

As it flowed from God into the lives of those early disciples, so it does with us. We might say, "well, I don't feel it", and most of the time its presence is not an obvious one, but that does not mean to say that it is not there.



It says in the scriptures that the Holy Spirit is the revealer of things that are true and right. From my own experience this is when the Spirit has been most obvious to me and it has always been a 'penny dropping' moment where I have said to myself "now I get it". Quite often these moments have changed my understanding and vision of myself, life, and God. It is this kind of process that characterises the Christian's journey of growing in understanding and truth; such insights lead to a greater understanding of love as well!

The revealing Spirit is also our helper and guide. In the gospel Jesus refers to the Spirit as another "Advocate". The word "advocate" is derived from the Latin word *vocatus* ("call") and primarily refers to a lawyer who is called to help a person conduct a case or prepare a defence before a court. This legal terminology has been borrowed to articulate that other dimension of the Holy Spirit's mission, which is to teach and guide us in the truth. It is one thing knowing what is true in the head, but we need to know it in the heart too; the job of the Holy Spirit is to help us with that. Through knowing something in the heart, we are more likely to be inspired into action; to know something in the head is information, to know something in the heart is transformation.

It is for these reasons that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of new beginnings and opportunity; a blessing not of the privileged few who lived 2000 years ago, but for all people of every age.

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## 22nd MAY - 30th MAY 2021

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**Saturday 22nd**

6pm **Dorothy Locker RIP**

**Sunday 23rd**

Pentecost Sunday  
9am **For All Parishioners**

10.45am **Betty Compton RIP - 1st Anniv.**  
(Mary Finch and Chris Coull)

**Monday 24th**

Mary, Mother of the Church  
9.15am **Florence Mary Hill RIP** (Joan and Tony McD)

**Tuesday 25th**

St. Bede the Venerable  
9.15am **Jeremiah Joseph Lynch RIP and Sylvia Lynch RIP**  
(Kaz O'Malley)

**Wednesday 26th**

St. Philip Neri  
11.30am **Bernard Paterson RIP, and the Intentions of Jacquie**  
(Sylvia)  
7.00pm **Intentions of Confirmandi**

**Thursday 27th**

Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest  
9.15am **Ron Gravestock RIP, and Jackie, on what would have**  
**been their 60th Wedding Anniversary.**

**Friday 28th**

Feria  
**No Mass or Adoration**

**Saturday 29th**

6pm **For All Parishioners and**  
**Remembering Hilary Bliss RIP on her Birthday**  
(Trevor, Sharon, Denise, Suzanne and Families)

**Sunday 30th**

The Most Holy Trinity  
9am **Frank and Eileen Glyde RIP** (Brendan Glyde and Family)  
10.45am **Maureen Reader RIP** (Peter Reader)

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## **MASS BOOKINGS**

Gosh! We have been inundated with bookings this week!

Ok, so this weekend, the booking system will open on Sunday evening, once the email reminder is sent, for Masses on the 29th and 30th May.

The booking system will shut at 12noon on Friday as usual.

The way the system works is that a number of seats are allocated for each category - individual, couple and family. When the quota for a particular category is reached, it creates a PHONE category. This means that you will need to ring the office to book your space. It doesn't mean that we are full, it just means Sharon will need to manually book you in.

If you cannot phone, once you have booked the PHONE slot, please just email Sharon and let her know how many spaces you want. Unfortunately she cannot tell what category is full, so unless you are a regular booker, she will not know how many spaces you need.

***PS A reminder that if you cannot attend Mass and have a space booked please telephone the Presbytery asap. We are now full and need to know if spaces become available.***

## **Continued from front cover...**

This Wednesday, Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish and Confirming 3 of our young people, Charlotte, Frederico and Emma. Although the Sacrament of Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Church, we pray that it will inspire new beginnings for them on their journey of faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with them on this special moment in their lives. May they grow in faith, hope and love, living joyfully in the Lord who promises us life to the full.

God bless and have a good week,

***Fr Brett***

## **CHANGES AFOOT!**

Just like the rest of the country, we now have new guidelines in regards to what goes on in Church. We will be having a look at these and rolling them out gradually over the next few weeks.

The first reintroduction is that of the Votive Candle Stands. Please feel free to come and light a candle, but please still keep a social distance from those around you and do not congregate. Thank you.

## SVP NEWS

Please keep the usual donations coming in. They are always grateful for the following:-

***Tinned Curry, Chilli, Spaghetti Bolognaise, Beans and Sausages; Tinned Potatoes; Packet Mash; Tinned Fray Bentos Pies; Tinned Hot Dogs; Coffee; Sugar; UHT Milk; Packet Pasta and Sauce; Microwaveable Rice; Nappies Size 4, 4+, 5, 5+ and 6; Deodorant (male and female); Shampoo/Conditioner; Wet Wipes; Sweetie Treats.*** Either bring goods to the Presbytery, take them to Short Street or make a donation via Just Giving (please indicate what the donation is for)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpwestcliff>

Also, don't forget Vinnie's Pick and Mix! Their low cost food market, which takes place outside of their Short Street Centre every Friday between 11.30am and 1pm; also starting on Saturday 29th May, then every last Saturday of the month, again between 11.30am and 1pm. Yearly membership costs just £1, and that entitles you to up to 15 items of food for just £3.50 per shop.

## BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION MASS

As Fr. Brett has previously mentioned, Bishop Alan will be visiting us on Wednesday.

At the time of going to print, we still have some spaces left in the Church for the Confirmation Mass at 7pm.

If you would like to come and join in with us for this joyous celebration please ring or email Sharon as soon as possible to secure your seat.

## NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. John Downey from the Verona Fathers (Comboni Missionaries) will be here next weekend, 29th/30th May, to say Mass. He will also be appealing on their behalf. Please make sure you have your Special Gift Aid envelope, or some cash on you, to contribute to their second collection if you can.

## THIS WEEK

Please note that Fr. Brett has changed his day off next week to Friday. That does mean that there are Masses on Monday to Thursday, but no Mass or Adoration on Friday morning.

## GRAND SUMMER DRAW NEWS!

Greetings to all you lovely people and huge thanks for your donations and ticket purchases so far.

As of this Sunday the 23rd, there will be just 21 days until we reach Virtual Draw Three day on Saturday, June the 12th. 😊

As if that wasn't exciting enough that's also the day of the lovely Margaret & John Munson's Plant sale. 🌱👏😊

Yes, we know; how does our little Parish cram so much into one weekend! 😊

So with many apologies to Mr. Shakespeare and anyone doing English Lit - Sales pitch coming!

Shall we compare thee to National Lottery Day?

Surely ours art more lovely (and cheap at half the price! £1.00 )

Here we are still in the darling buds of May  
and yet this summer lease will expire in just 21 days!

With what more blandishments can we entice  
you to the purchase of our tickets nice????? 🤔

OK so, clearly, writing a Summer Draw Sonnet is slightly harder for us than the lovely Mr. Shakespeare!

Perhaps that's because he never mentioned -

four cash prizes or BBQs or cream teas with meringues or homemade sponges in any of his Sonnets or 12th Night for that matter!

We can, as our Virtual Summer Draw has all this, and more!

All you need to do is send Sharon the cash for tickets at £1.00 each with your contact details - name/phone and she'll do the rest.

If that's not convenient we can always accept a Bank transfer. Just let Sharon know and she'll tell you what you need to do.

If you'd like to donate a prize our list is still open for Summer Garden tea-themed ideas.

Many thanks from the 669 Team.



## LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL

From Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be hosting "Lourdes at your Local" for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass celebrated each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by a cup of coffee and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. These will then be streamed online each evening, and there will also be a Daily Rosary, Torchlight Procession and Talent Show available to take part in virtually during the week. The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood to which you are warmly invited to join us. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

Also, for any young adults in our Parish, currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) wish to attend, the BCYS will also be hosting "Lourdes on the Lawn" from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31st July where we will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Alan, and invite those attending to bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick.



## Retrouvaille:

### A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

**Help Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM  
EYE HOSPITAL BENEFIT  
ONLINE BRIDGE DRIVE**

**Thursday 27th May at 6pm**

The Guild is honoured to have the support of the Lord Prior of the Order of St John, Professor Mark Compton, as it launches the inaugural St John International Bridge event in aid of the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem.

You have a choice of playing:  
duplicate 18 hands with your playing partner (Winners receive a personalised St John trophy)  
playing a social 4 at your own table  
Ticket Price £15 per person  
Raffle tickets for some fabulous, fun & unique prizes £5  
Any donation is most gratefully received.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. Founded in 1882 it is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in East Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank. Treating patients regardless of ethnicity, religion and ability to pay.

[Buy your tickets here.](#)

**DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO  
WALSINGHAM**

**Saturday 29th May**

Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS**

([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk))

**Pentecost (Acts of the Apostles  
2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23)**

**Differences add richness**

Paul saw the Church as being a corporate body: various people, each with unique identities, talents, different skills and abilities, all contributing to bringing the Good News to others. Our differences became evident early in our marriage; these differences can be problematic or add richness to our relationship. The outcome depends on whether our choices are selfish or 'us' focused.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

†Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wicker, Kathleen Fallon, Audrey McAuliffe, Dorothy Locker, Anna Cohen, Ronald Silk, Barbara Porter, Ernest Quinn †

## VACANCY

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billerica, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to appoint an Assistant Cook. More details can be found on the Essex School Jobs website [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies). Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 4th June 2021.

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**School: St. George's Catholic Primary**  
**Headteacher:** Mrs A. Delgado  
**Telephone:** 01702 293522

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

**New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr. Brett will contact you in due course.**

**Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**  
**Office Hours** - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Office Closed - Tuesday  
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