



## Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Norbury

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**SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018**

**PENTECOST**

**YEAR B**

There is a very beautiful hymn, thought to have been written in the 9th Century AD, by Rabanus Maurus, which is very appropriate to this Solemnity and which, fortunately, has not been excluded from modern Catholic hymn books. In it we pray, “**Come Holy Ghost, Creator, Come.....take possession of our Souls and make them all thine own**”.



Today, we open our Mass, proclaiming, in the **Entrance Antiphon** (Wisdom 1:7) that ‘*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world...*’ Today we celebrate what is sometimes called *the Birthday of the Church*, when, enlightened and emboldened by the Holy Spirit, the previously timid, fearful and, perhaps, uncertain Apostles, the first Bishops of the Catholic Church, energetically emerged from their hiding place. Strengthened by the Gifts of the Spirit, the same Gifts given to each of us at our Confirmation, to be received by the Candidates today, through Bishop Pat, they gave, quite literally, their all. They received the following seven gifts and attributes:

**Wisdom**, which helps us choose God’s way of living, understanding the often challenging teachings of the Church, having compassion and tolerance for the weak, whilst also being ever ready to ‘grasp the nettle’, to be unpopular – in other words, ‘un-politically correct’ - pointing out error, even if we aren’t thanked for it!

**Understanding** helps us to see the deep meaning of the truths of our Faith, and to hold onto them.

**Right Judgement (Counsel)** helps us make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus, to see the danger of certain ‘alternative’ ways of living.

**Courage (Fortitude)** helps us stand up for our faith in Christ, avoiding anything which, while the worldly-wise might approve, will separate us from God. Such courage may even separate us from friends who cannot or will not see why we believe and live as we do.

**Knowledge**, again, helps us choose the path that will lead to God. It encourages us to avoid whatever will keep us from Him.

**Reverence (Piety)** helps us worship and serve God, and inspires us to joyfully want to serve Him and others.

**Wonder and Awe** bring us to see how utterly great God is, and to love Him so much that we do not want to offend Him by anything we say or do. This Gift is also known as **Fear of The Lord**, which, if explained *correctly*, emphasises love and devotion which move us to obey God. Indeed, far from fearing so Loving a Father, we fear the sins which can separate us from Him.

How childlike are *we* in our following of God? Let us pray anew for a renewal of these Gifts in *our* souls and in those of all our young people who are growing up in an increasingly godless world. Let us pray especially for all our Confirmation Candidates receiving this great Sacrament today. May these young men and women be continually inspired to be instruments of the call to, ‘*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth*’, as they, the Church of the future, set out to fulfil the awesome responsibility they have assumed through this Sacrament!

### **Thank you for your generosity**

The collection for Sunday 13th May 2018 came to **£2074.00** (£1374.00 (baskets) & £700.00 (Standing Orders)).  
The second collection for **World Communications Day** raised £416.00

### **GIFT AID SCHEME**

You should by now have received your new Gift Aid envelopes. If not, please contact the Parish Office.

**Envelopes for your weekly offerings are a pale green colour; Those for second collections are yellow.**

**The colour of envelopes is changed each tax year, so if you have old ones, they must be destroyed.**

**If you have left the Gift Aid Scheme, kindly stop using your numbered envelopes with immediate effect.**

HMRC rules which govern the scheme are very strict, and state that numbered envelopes may only be used by the taxpayer who has signed the declaration form. Therefore, you should never share envelopes with other people.

To join this scheme, please contact John Byrne via the Parish Office. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself, if you are a taxpayer and you qualify for the scheme.**

***If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.***

### **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

*If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office with their details, and we shall contact them. Please note that dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals, provided they are informed by hospital staff or relatives.*

### **CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 4 please:**

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith, Amarachi Soribe.

*If any more ladies and gentlemen can help clean God's house, please contact the Parish Office.*

### **COFFEE MORNING NEXT WEEKEND FOR LIFE**

After 10am & 11.30am Masses. Delicious homemade cakes, teas and coffees will be available. There will also be a sale of knitted goods. Proceeds to LIFE. For more information, please see: [www.lifecharity.org.uk](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk)

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Savannah Ula Lees-Jones** who was Baptised here last Sunday.

### **READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Would you all now kindly provide your available dates for ministry for the month of July. Thanks to all of you who took the trouble to email in your May and June dates. It would really help if everybody was able to do so.

### **A WORD OF THANKS**

Paul Solan, husband of the late Lucy Solan, would like to thank all those who attended Lucy's funeral, and for all the Masses requested for the repose of her soul. A collection taken after the funeral, for the nursing staff of St Christopher's Hospice, who cared for Lucy at home, raised £689.00. Thanks to those wonderful nurses!

### **MISSIO**

Thanks to all those who supported the Missio Coffee Morning last Sunday, which raised £102.75

### **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

We shall be enrolling new members into the Guild of St Stephen on Saturday 16th June 2018 during the 10am Mass. If you have been serving for at least one year, and think that you should be receiving a medal, please add your name to the list in the Sacristy. Those attending should arrive by 9.30am on the day, to receive instructions and to help prepare the Sanctuary for Mass. A list of medal recipients will be posted up by the end of May 2018.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

For the first time in many years, we shall be holding a Corpus Christ Procession on the day of this great Solemnity, Sunday 3rd June 2018. We shall meet at the entrance to Norbury Park, outside the old police station, ready to set off at 2pm. We intend to walk up the pathway towards Harefield Road, where we shall hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please do try to come along and take part in this wonderful, public demonstration of and witness to our Catholic Faith. Free parking is usually available in the nearby carpark off Granville Gardens.

The usual 4pm Benediction in the church itself will be cancelled to allow for this procession to take place.

## **CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP PATRICK LYNCH**

We are delighted to be welcoming Bishop Pat today, as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, in order to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 33 Confirmandi during a special Mass at 12 Noon. May God bless all those being Confirmed today, that they may go out into the world and both proclaim and live the Gospel, strengthened by the Power of the Holy Spirit, from the moment Bishop Pat , anoints them, saying: "Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit!"

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

The final session for the newly Confirmed takes place in the hall on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.30pm.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

First Communions will take place across three Masses. The first is on **Sunday** 10th June; the second is on **Sunday** 17th June; the third is on **Saturday** 23rd June 2018. All Masses are at 12 Noon. Practices will take place in the church on Wednesday 6th June (for the first Mass), Wednesday 13th June (for the second Mass) and Wednesday 20th June (for the third Mass). In each case, the practice will run from 6pm - 7.30pm.

The 11th and final session for our First Holy Communicants, entitled "To Love and Serve" will take place on Saturday 30th June 2018 from 10am - 11.30am in the hall. The next day, Sunday 1st July 2018, is the day of our "Going Forth" Mass of Thanksgiving, which will be at 12 Noon. This will be followed by a special lunch.

### **THE REPOSITORY**

First Holy Communion items are still available, including cards and appropriate gifts to commemorate this Sacrament. Access to the Repository will be available during the First Holy Communion practices as listed above.

### **THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION - FR DEO WRITES:**

"New European Union General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This will have a great impact upon us all. We are obliged to know who has access to all personal information held in the parish, what information is held, and in which format/s. Many of you volunteer for the parish, or have done so in the past. Therefore you might keep personal information at home or work, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies, or might apply, to you, so that I can inform you what as to what you may need to do, going forward. Thanks to all who have responded so far. Members of the clergy and the PPC, the Parish Secretary and our MC, have attended training sessions on GDPR. Things will become clearer over the next few weeks. The Archbishop encourages us all to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. Severe penalties may be imposed for non compliance."

### **KEEPING YOUR FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECURE**

With GDPR in mind, this legislation also covers financial information held by the parish, such as that relating to Gift Aid. Please be aware that we will never send a stranger to your home, or ask them to contact you in any way to obtain your banking or other personal details. Should you ever receive such an approach, you should politely but firmly decline, and inform the Parish Office straight away, and, if necessary, the Police. Sadly, there will always be criminals out there hoping to obtain your data, so do remain vigilant, and always report anything of concern.

### **INTER-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES FROM 24TH - 31ST AUGUST 2018**

See: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or go to [www.tangney-tours.com/CA](http://www.tangney-tours.com/CA) Or call 01732 886666 or 0800 917357.

### **FLOWERS - A NEW WALL BOX**

The lower wall box to the left of the main door of the porch has now been allocated for your kind contributions.

### **CHANGES TO THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH**

The Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, has been introduced by the Church, to fall on the day after Pentecost. This new Memorial is therefore to be instituted this coming Monday 21st May 2018. The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest, (Not to be confused with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) has also been introduced, to be instituted this coming Thursday 24th May 2018.

We welcome these two new celebrations which honour Our Blessed Lord and His Blessed Mother.

### **RETIREMENT OF REV DAVID CORAM**

Rev David Coram has retired after 34 years as minister of Norbury Baptist Church. Those who attended various ecumenical events over the years will have met him. We wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement.

### **BUTTERFLY SERVICE AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

This takes place next Sunday 27th May 2018 at 3pm. Full details are on posters in the main porch. You will notice a window in the main porch, which contains a butterfly. It commemorates all children who have died.

### **SPUC PETITION AGAINST BUFFER ZONES AROUND ABORTION CENTRES**

You are invited to sign this important petition which you will find in the main porch.



## Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

### Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.290 (Special booklet for the Confirmation Mass)

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)  
*On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm*

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
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Sunday 20th May 2018

**THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

6.15pm (Saturday 19th May)	David Davies RIP
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8.30am	Eugene Lopez RIP
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10am	Welfare of Celine & the McCready family
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**CONFIRMATION MASS - with Bishop Pat**

***Rosary & Benediction***

12 Noon (Polyphony Choir)	People of the parish
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4pm	
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5pm	Welfare of Elsie McCleave
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Monday 21st May 2018

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (A new Memorial)**

7.30am	Mary Gardner RIP
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10am	Pietro Mobile RIP
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Tuesday 22nd May 2018

**St Rita of Cascia, Religious (Memorial)**

7.30am	Mrs R Longbottom RIP
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10am	Lucy Solan RIP
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Wednesday 23rd May 2018

7.30am	Clarice Durrant RIP
10am	Crescencio & Matilda Alphonso - Silver Wedding

Thursday 24th May 2018

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest (A new Feast)**

7.30am	Michael McLoughlin RIP
10am	Welfare of Jim Hughes (90th birthday)

Friday 25th May 2018

**St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

7.30am	Anthony Agius RIP
10am	UCM intention

Saturday 26th May 2018

**St Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)**

10am	Welfare of Jim Hughes (90th birthday)
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Next Sunday 27th May 2018

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

6.15pm (Saturday 26th May)	Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP
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8.30am	Vincent & Christine Icheke RIP
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10am	Norah, Tommy & John Glancy RIP
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11.30am (Hymn Choir)	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
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***Rosary & Benediction***

4pm	
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5pm	People of the parish
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