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## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST - 'COME HOLY SPIRIT'



### *The God of Wind & Fire, Energy & Peace!*

Come Holy Spirit! Come uncontainable God!  
Come Divine energy for Mission! Come Divine Love that heals and builds relationships! Come God who is Community! Come Spirit that gifts each one of us! Come Spirit that empowers our mission! Come Spirit that drives us into the marketplace of the world! Come Spirit that seeks to use to 'renew the face of the Earth'!

Come Spirit of Fire, warm our coldness, inflame our apathies, purify our hearts into the pure gold of Your love!

Come Spirit of Mighty Wind, sweep away our fears, drive from us our anxieties and energise us for mission! Come Mighty Wind and blow us where you will through our world to scatter seeds of Gospel freedom, love and truth! Come gentle breeze and breath of God and refresh our weariness of heart!

Come Water of Life, spring up within us to quench our thirst for God, our thirst for Life and Justice!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS 10.00am (*streamed on Parish website*)

### **ORDINARY TIME RESUMES - WEEK 8 - Weekday Cycle 1**

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy today*

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church*  
*Adoration at 6.00pm*      *Mass at 6.30pm*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Adoration at 6.30pm*      *Mass at 7.00pm*

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**THURSDAY: FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST***Adoration* at 11.30pm

Service of Word &amp; Communion at 12noon

**FRIDAY:** Funeral Mass for John Hart RIP at 12 noon - all welcome**SATURDAY: Feast of St Charles Lwanga and 22 Ugandan Martyrs (1885-1887)****Ethiopian Orthodox Mass 7am-1.00pm***Adoration* at 11.30am      Mass at 12 noon (*in the Assisi Centre*)**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.00-4.30pm only**

**TODAY:** [1] We celebrate the **Great Feast of Pentecost** that concludes our Easter period and marks the birth of the Church in a ferment of Renewal, Empowerment, Unity and Mission. The Holy Spirit comes upon the women and men gathered in that Upper Room ('Cenacle') of waiting, yearning, praying ... and comes with overwhelming love and giftedness - symbolised by the mighty wind of disturbing energy and the affirming flames of divine love and live penetrating to the heart! **COME HOLY SPIRIT FILL OUR LIVES, OUR FAMILIES, OUR PARISH, OUR CHURCH, OUR WORLD! COME HOLY SPIRIT AND RENEW, REFORM, HEAL AND GUIDE US TO A NEW VISION!**

[2] I urge everyone who can to come our **Special Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday at 7.30pm**. This is a critical year for our parish community as build towards a different future and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment so that we might meet the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. ***WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT - COME AND INVOKE THE SPIRIT UPON OUR PARISH, OURSELVES, THE CHURCH AND WORLD***

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] Having celebrated the full cycle of the saving events and actions of God in Christ, we now celebrate the **Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity**. We celebrate not what God does, but who God is - a network of totally loving relationships. And through being baptised 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' we are immersed in this loving relationships and the God who is Love makes the divine home in us! This is such a contemplative Feast - a day to wonder and gaze upon the grandeur of God's great loving of you, me, all humanity, all creatures, the whole Cosmos! Alleluia!

[2] It is very fitting that we celebrate the **Baptism of some of our children** in this Feast of the Holy Trinity - please pray for them and their families.

[3] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Family, Patchway, served by Fr Eugene Campbell Deacon Donald Cramer-Barnicoat and all their community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for the **Ministry and Life of our Bristol Catholic Zimbabwean community**. They hold a monthly Mass in Shona each third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm, served by the Zimbabwean UK Chaplaincy. Our Zimbabwean community plays a full part in the life and mission of our parish.

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

G.A. Env £25.00 + Loose £282.49 + Card Reader £44.24 + S/O £165.88 = £517.61 - thanks!  
**Caritas (destitution fund)** £40.00 - thank you for caring for the poor

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023**27th May **PARISH PENTECOST VIGIL - SPECIAL MASS at 7.30pm**28th May **FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME HOLY SPIRIT AND RENEW US!**

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30th May	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm (via Zoom)
1st June	Borderlands Trustees meet
2nd June	Funeral Mass for John Hart RIP
3rd June	Second Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 11.00am in the Assisi Centre
4th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
8th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm
11th June	<b>Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday</b>
8th July	Christians at Bristol Pride Service at 10.00am (Cotham Parish Church)
9th July	The Glastonbury Pilgrimage
12th July	Ashley Churches Together meet at Salvation Army Ashley Road Citadel 12.30pm
15th July	Pre-Confirmation Retreat Day at Emmaus House 9.30am-3.30pm
23rd July	<b>Bishop Declan celebrates Confirmation with our young people at 10am Mass</b>
30th July	Baptismal Sunday
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day: Prayer for peace & disarmament
15th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary - HolyDay of Obligation</b>

### **CALLING SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO FEEL ALIENATED FROM THE CHURCH**

There are so many who have been hurt by their experiences in the Catholic Church and many reasons for that hurt. A particularly destructive hurt has been abuse especially by priests and religious. Yet Christ calls us to be a welcoming, safe and healing community.

Here at St Nick's we seek to offer an unconditional welcome and a safe and respectful place to be and to speak your voice. We seek to echo the words of Jesus: *'Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you peace'*. So we want to welcome you, be a community where you can if you wish speak your pain, voice your hurt and anger, or just come and be.

We understand that for many it is impossible to trust the Church again, and we do not expect or deserve that trust. But we do want to earn it and so offer to share your journey and make together the safe space that is your right. ‘

Our community currently includes those who have expressed some of their own experience of this particular hurt. They, particularly, would like you to know: “If you come to see us you won't be alone - it isn't easy but we do seek to journey together gently.”

We understand it may be difficult for some to enter the Church. If you wish to make contact please tell us what might help to make things easier for you.

### **SEEKING GOD - A MONASTIC EXPERIENCE FOR MEN & WOMEN 18-35 years**

In the beautiful and peaceful setting of the Bernadine Sisters Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard in Brownshill, Stroud, GL6 8AL from Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June. Contact Sr Hilda: 01453883084 or email [brownshilbookings@bernadine.org](mailto:brownshilbookings@bernadine.org)

**PARENTS PREPARATION FOR CHILD BAPTISMS ON 4th JUNE** Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Details of the Baptism Preparation course and celebration:

**BAPTISMS ON TRINITY SUNDAY SUNDAY JUNE 4th & JULY 30th** at 10am Mass  
**Second Preparation Session for parents:** Saturday 3rd June at 11.00am in the Assisi Centre  
**Rite of Catechumen on Sunday 21st May at 10.00am Mass**

**LIVE-STEAMING WEEKDAY MASSES?** Recently we have not been able to live-stream Mass on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm, so sadly we have to suspend this service of live-streaming on Tuesdays until we can find more volunteers willing to be trained to live-stream so that we can give a consistent service to our housebound and wider ‘diaspora’ community. **Can I ask for volunteers to come forward who would be available on a rota to live-stream mass each Tuesday 6.30pm. If you can help, please contact Richard or Reagan - thank you! I hope we can soon restart this valuable service to those who cannot attend Mass.**

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**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - COME AND JOIN US AND SERVE OTHERS**

I was encouraged to know that 14 people filled in forms expressing interest in re-forming the parish SVP Conference. But it was very discouraged that none of the 14 came to the information session on Thursday evening at 7.00pm. John and Sally (as well as Mary Otoo) gave up their time and spent money on transport for no reason! I still really hope we can gather enough new people to re-start the SVP conference in the parish in the service of pastoral care in the area into the future.

**FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY**

A reminder that that we are celebrating the **First Eucharist** of 11 of our children on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11th** at the 10.00am mass. There will be refreshments in the parish hall afterwards as the children have their 'First Eucharist breakfast'. Please pray for the children and their families.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT KNOCK, IRELAND**

Join other pilgrims from our diocese. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023/2024** The Offertory Envelopes are waiting to be collected from the porch - both those that are 'Gift-Aided' and those that not. **WOULD ALL TAX PAYERS IN THE PARISH PLEASE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY GIFT-AIDING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS** as this increases our income without costing the donor anything. This coming year we are likely to incur a £10,000-20,000 deficit! We have an urgent need to increase our income Please consider how you can help, either by giving or by helping with fund-raising. Every little helps! Thank you!

**CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS**

Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we urgently need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Eddie or Richard to volunteer for this ministry, act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!



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