

Mass Intentions for week beginning 3rd June 2017

Sat 3	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	6.00pm	Teresa Kelly RIP
Sun 4		10.00am 12noon	Our Confirmation Candidates The People of the Parish
Mon 5	St Boniface, Bp & M.	8.00am 6.30pm	Brenda Ryan RIP Thomas Minnah RIP (<i>1962 Missal</i>)
Tue 6	St Norbert, Bp	10.00am	For Veronica Farrell (unwell)
Wed 7	Feria (Week 9)	10.00am	June Anniversaries RIP
Thur 8	Feria	10.00am	Intentions of Oliver Family
Fri 9	St Columba, Abbot	10.00am	Mass
Sat 10	Of Our Lady	<i>no Rosary / no Mass</i>	
Sat 10	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.00pm	Valerie Brady RIP
Sun 11		10.00am 12noon	Hannah White & Edward White RIP / Andrew Wolk RIP The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D’afters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O’Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 301

Offertory Collection last weekend: £562.88

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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3rd/4th June 2017

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)

Solemnity of Pentecost

Today we celebrate the great *feast of Pentecost*, which completes the Season of Easter, 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ. The liturgy invites us to open our mind and our heart to the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised on several occasions to his disciples: the first and most important gift that he obtained for us with his Resurrection. Jesus himself asked the Father for this gift, as today’s Gospel Reading attests, during the Last Supper. Jesus says to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever” (John 14:15-16).

These words remind us first of all that love for a person, and for the Lord, is shown not with words but with deeds; and also, “observing the commandments” should be understood in the existential sense, so as to embrace the whole of life. In fact, being Christian does not mean mainly belonging to a certain culture or adhering to a certain doctrine, but rather joining one’s own life, in all its aspects, to the person of Jesus and, through Him, to the Father. For this purpose Jesus promises the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Owing to the Holy Spirit, to the Love that unites the Father and the Son and proceeds from them, we may all live the very life of Jesus. The Spirit, in fact, teaches us all things, that is, the single indispensable thing: to love as God loves.

In promising the Holy Spirit, Jesus defines him as “another Counsellor” (v. 16), which means Paraclete, Advocate, Intercessor, in other words, the One who helps us, protects us, is at our side on the journey of life and in the struggle for good and that against evil. Jesus says “another Counsellor” because He is the first, He himself, who became flesh precisely to take our human condition upon himself and free it from the slavery of sin.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit plays a role in teaching and remembrance. Teaching and remembrance. Jesus told us: “the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (v. 26). The Holy Spirit does not bring a different teaching, but renders alive and brings into effect the teaching of Jesus, so that the passage of time may neither erase nor diminish it. The Holy Spirit instils this teaching in our heart, helps us to internalize it, making it become a part of us, flesh of our flesh. At the same time, he prepares our heart to be truly capable of receiving the words and example of the Lord. Every time the word of Jesus is received with joy in our heart, this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray the Regina Caeli together — for the last time this year —, invoking the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. May she obtain for us the grace to be deeply inspired by the Holy Spirit, to witness with evangelical simplicity to Christ, opening ourselves ever more fully to his love.

Franciscus PP.

THE EASTER ANGELUS

During the Season of Easter, the Angelus is replaced by the “Regina Caëli”. It will be sung at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents and below the text of the Angelus).



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017

Please remember the following young parishioners who are to be confirmed today: *Edward Gokmen, Marta Gokmen, David Grzech, Szymon Grazech, Wiktoria Grzech, James Lawlor-Clarke, Chiagorzem Michelle Onyiuke, Kwabena Prempeh, Jevon Preville, Madeleine Shefford.*

THIS MONDAY:

8.00am Mass (no Novena Prayers) / 6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

THIS SATURDAY: no Rosary / no morning Mass.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood at 11.30am - 4.30pm on Thursday 8th July 2017: Please join us for this wonderful event. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Mc Mahon. You are invited to bring a packed

lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit our website www.abbotswick.org.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION & ST GREGORY, WARWICK STREET, PICCADILLY this Saturday: The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrives at 9.00am. Holy Mass is at 11.00am. There will be an opportunity to venerate the Relics of Saints Francisco & Jacinta Marto. **A group of parishioners are planning to be present. Please meet no later than 9.00am at Hainault Station.** *Fr Selvini*

APPEAL FOR HELP: FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Our lead First Communion catechist, Gail Hewett, is retiring because of other commitments. I am therefore appealing to parishioners with basic teaching skills to volunteer to share in teaching this year's class. There is a good back up team. Classes meet on a regular basis on Thursdays between 5.00 and 6.00pm. Classes usually start mid September. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact me via the parish email (nda.hainault@btinternet.com). Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Fr Selvini

EASTER COMMUNION: all Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (one's “Easter duties”). This duty requires us, if necessary, to seek the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of penance. The Church teaches us that we must purify ourselves from sin and receive Christ worthily in Holy Communion. It is only by His grace that we are made worthy to enter in the presence of, and communion with, the All-Holy God.



SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of June

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.