



Today, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Saviour supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23). The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptised by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

**Pope Francis May intentions:**

**Evangelization - The Mission of Laity:** That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



*Almighty God,*

*Creator of the hearth in which we live,  
Help us today in our search for peaceful ways*

*To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny  
And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.*

*We pray that the billions of peace-loving  
People of goodwill throughout the nations,*

*Will join together in prayer and action  
To bring love where there is hatred,*

*Friendship where there is enmity,  
And justice where there is oppression.*

*Amen.*

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20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Sunday 20.05	10am 11.30am	Margaret & Frank Quinn RIP Mary Stretton RIP	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23
Monday 21.05	10am	Valsamma Chako - Thanksgiving	James 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tue 22.05	No Mass		
Wed 23.05	6.30pm	Robert Misinra	James 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40
Thu 24.5	No Mass		
Friday 25.05	10am	Kuriachen Chethalil RIP Tom Joseph & family - Thanksgiving	James 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12
Sat 26.05	10am	Thomas Aquin Alex - Success in SATS Exams	James 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16
Sunday 27.05	10am 11.30am	Lorraine Mason's intentions Jacqueline Hibbert's intentions	Deut 4:32-34,39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16:20

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

**Feasts of the week:**

Friday: St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church.  
Saturday: St. Philip Neri, Priest.

**Please, continue to pray for Vocations.**

## Mother of God/St Aiden's Ecumenical/May Procession

TODAY, Pentecost Sunday.

To start at St Aiden's at 3pm and finish at Mother of God for final prayers and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Please speak to Teresa Knott if you want to make any contribution to the refreshments.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Coffee Morning:** A huge thank you to all who came to this fundraising event, to all who donated prizes for the raffle and to all who worked behind the scenes. We raised £156. Thank you again.

**Share the Journey - Nottingham.** Walk from St. Barnabas Cathedral to the Assumption, Beeston via the Nottingham & Beeston Canal. This is a five mile gentle stroll in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers taking place on Saturday 26th May 2018. We leave the cathedral at 11am.

**Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s).** Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. On 25-27 May 2018 in Liverpool. Organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. An opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! See poster in church porch.

**Rosmini Centre:** A weekend of silent prayer and reflection for Corpus Christi - with the help of the Carmelite saints. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. See poster in church porch.

**Sunday 9th June is the feast of Corpus Christi.** Father Gabriel would like all the Eucharistic Ministers to be together at 10am Mass. Please put on your scapular when Fr Gabriel asks us all to approach the altar. I do hope you can be with us all.

**Pax Christi Annual Gathering** 2 June 2018. From 10.30am -4.30pm at Our Lady and St. Patrick's Church Hall. Launder Street, Nottingham NG2 1JQ. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be there. All Welcome. See poster in church porch

## Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Catechism Lesson from 9-10am in the Hall

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - First Confession in church at 6.30pm

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Rehearsal in the church at 9am.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - First Holy Communion at 10am

With refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

You are warmly invited to the **Ordination of the Rev Jonathan James Whitby-Smith** to the Order of Priest, at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, by Bishop Patrick. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. His first Mass will be at Blessed Sacrament, Gooding Avenue on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10am. RSVP by 30 May. Details in the church porch.

**Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20th July. For more details contact Fr. Gregory Tobin (Pilgrimage Director) [gregorytobin@btinternet.com](mailto:gregorytobin@btinternet.com) or contact Joe Walsh Tours 0161 820 8790 (official Diocesan booking agent)

## Sick and Retired Priests Appeal.

Our Diocesan contribution to this worthy cause is £31.500. So far, we have contributed only half of the sum required. Therefore, we will be holding a raffle draw on 24<sup>th</sup> June, with very good raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are available now. Please try and sell as many as you can. Tickets/money will be collected by John or Ted. Thank you.

Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

**St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust** (Derby) are seeking to appoint a Lead Lay Chaplain. Closing date 4 June 2018. Details available from: [dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/recruitment/leadership-recruitment-guidance](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/recruitment/leadership-recruitment-guidance).

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £204.89. Envelopes £214.28. Second Collection £90.03. Thank you very much for your generous donations.  
**300 Club:** 6.05: £50 U Ngwu (44). £25 S Hunt (41), A Lomas (177).

There are still some boxes of envelopes waiting to be collected from the table in the porch. If you wish to begin using envelopes or if you pay sufficient tax and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact Mary Uczniak

**Thought for the week:** "Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people - your family, friends, and coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way." ~ **Barbara Bush**



We are looking for more people who are able to knit! Hats, scarves, gloves. Wool and knitting needles will be provided. If you can help, please contact Lorraine Mason after the 10am Mass on Sunday.

**Mass Intentions.** One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.