

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved spouse. Amen.



Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be His for evermore. Amen.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: I have received an email from Libby Phillips acknowledging receipt of the parish donation of £72.50 from the Sunday coffee mornings. Libby expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the parish support.

John 20:19-23

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost is a Greek word meaning fifty. The Jewish nation celebrated Pentecost for centuries before the birth of Christ. On this day, they celebrate their release from slavery and exile in Egypt, and the gift of the TORAH – the Word of God fifty days later. We celebrate Pentecost in celebration of our release from slavery to sin and death, through the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and the subsequent gift of the Holy Spirit fifty days later.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus appears to the disciples and tells them, ‘As the Father sent me, so I am sending you’. After this he breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained’.

Scriptural scholars tell us that the word ‘Spirit’ is a translation of the Hebrew word ‘ruah’ meaning breath, air, wind. Jesus quite literally breathed forth the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the universe. The Holy Spirit is the transforming energy of God’s love.

The disciples were men in hiding fearing the actions of the Jewish authorities. They lacked courage, confidence, strength, and had locked themselves into a room. They had been traumatized by the Passion of Jesus Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit transformed them into people of faith, confidence, courage, wisdom, and the ability to lead others. Through the power of the Holy Spirit they would proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and transform the world.

This is the time of the Holy Spirit. This is the time of the Church. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples into apostles. A disciple is a person who learns from a teacher. The disciples had spent three years in the company of Jesus. Jesus now called them to be Apostles. The meaning of the word ‘apostle’ is to be an ambassador. The Apostles were to represent Jesus Christ and were to pass on His teaching to

others. They were given the authority to act in the person of Jesus Christ.

It is through the Church and the actions of the Holy Spirit that we receive the Sacraments. At our baptism and confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit. At our baptism we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We have within our hearts, souls, and bodies the transforming power of God's love. Through the gift of the Sacraments, that power is nourished and renewed in us. This is true of all the Sacraments but most especially true of the Holy Eucharist, where we receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also called to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. We are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have been given the transforming power of God's love to change the world.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Tuesday 6th June: James McKay Dec'd

Wednesday 3rd June: Arthur Wilkins Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w/featured>. Catholic Life and conversation with Fr Stephen Wang.

PARISH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON SATURDAY 30TH MAY: I would like to invite every parishioner to say 'The Daily Offering' at the foot of this Newsletter, together with a Decade of the Rosary at 3.00 pm on Saturday to celebrate our spiritual inheritance and to petition Our Lady of Light for the ending for the COVID19 pandemic.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ROSARY RALLY RELAY: You are invited to join Bishop Alan in praying the Rosary at 11.00. The Bishop's prayers will be live streamed on: <http://wickfordcatholic.com/live-streaming/>

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE PRIEST ONLY:

Saturday 30 th May <i>Parish Feast of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.</i>	9.30 am. 3.00 pm.	MASS: Peter Gamble RIP (D Lane) Daily Offering and Rosary.
Sunday 31 st May <i>Pentecost Sunday (A). Day of Prayer for the Church.</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter & Mary Tomlin Intentions. (Mary)
Monday 1 st June <i>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Glenis Tickle RIP (Henleys)
Tuesday 2 nd June.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary, John & Dominic Henley Intentions.
Wednesday 3 rd June <i>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and his Companions.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Personal Intentions GW (Mary)
Saturday 6 th June.	9.30 am.	MASS: Catherine Norgate RIP (Mary)
Sunday 7 th June <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (A).</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Helen O'Donovan Dec'd (Tim)

Daily Offering

Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have or may have, to keep for Jesus that I may be His forever more. Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us. Amen