

The Week Ahead

Mon 10th	BVM Mother of the church	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Tues 11th	S Barnabas	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Wed 12th	feria	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Thur 13th	OLJC The Eternal High Priest	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Fri 14th	feria	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Sat 15th	of Our Lady	10.00am 6.00pm (<i>1st of Sun</i>)
Sun 16th	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8.30am 9.30am [<i>Extraordinary Form</i>]
	10.30am [<i>Solemn Latin</i>] <i>Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas Victoria</i> <i>Missa Te Deum laudamus Palestrina; Duo seraphim Esquivel</i> <i>Pièce d'orgue (BWV 572) Bach</i>	12.00, 4.00pm, 7.00pm

The Funeral Mass for **Susie Padlan** will be offered here at 11am on Wednesday (12th June) before burial at Saint Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. Susie's body will be brought into church at 4.30 pm on Tuesday to rest overnight before the funeral. **RIP**

The **Marylebone Music Festival** is scheduled for the week 16th-23rd June. Events are being held in a number of venues (see handbills at the back of church for details) including Saint James's. On Tuesday 18th June students from the Royal Academy of Music are offering a **FREE CONCERT** here which will include pieces by Bartok and Mendelssohn

The annual **bike ride** to raise funds for the work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul among the homeless will be on Sunday 30th June and will take a route to Waltham Abbey in Essex. There is also **urgent** need for someone to drive the minibus which collects and distributes food to the homeless on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more details please contact wmetcalfemail@gmail.com

Corpus Christi is only a fortnight away **SUNDAY 23rd JUNE**. Please do all you can to take part in the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament that afternoon. – and encourage others to join you. We start from the Assumption Church in Warwick Street (behind Regents Street) and wend our way back to Spanish Place (stopping the traffic at several points on the journey). A thousand walked last year – let's make it a larger number this time around.

Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday 4.45pm-5.45pm

Confessions

Weekdays 12.00-1.00pm

Saturday

10.30am-Noon

☪ 5.00pm-5.45pm

St James's Roman Catholic Church, [Spanish Place] 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY

Pentecost

9th June
2019



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TODAY'S LITURGY

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Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; St John 20:19-23

Psalm Response: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

10.30am: Propers from the Gradualia Byrd
Missa Dum complerentur Victoria
Organ: Final from Symphonie No.6 Widor

Refreshments are served in the Parish Centre (in the Crypt) after the 9.30am & 10.30am Masses.

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The Rector writes

One of the best loved of the Pentecost hymns begins: “*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew*”. There are many images which are associated with the work of the Holy Spirit – fire, wind, a cloud, the dove, sealing, anointing, comforting, the Advocate, the finger of God – but of them all, perhaps the least complex to our understanding, is that of the essential human function of breathing. Without breath there can be no life – to take a last breath is to accept the inevitability of the body’s demise. The Byzantine liturgy expresses this truth most beautifully: “*It belongs to the Holy Spirit to animate creation, for he is God consubstantial with the Father and the Son. Power over life pertains to the Spirit for, being God, he preserves creation in the Father, through the Son*”. I was never much use at science in my school days, but I do remember being fascinated by the concept of kinetic energy when studying physics, and, here again, written into the fabric of the universe into its essential pattern is animation, inspiration, all this pent-up power, the Breath of God. “*You send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth*”.

For the Disciples gathered in the Upper Room, obeying Jesus’ injunction to watch and pray and stay together after his Ascension, there could have been nothing which had prepared them for the overwhelming, charismatic experience of Pentecost. The sheer energy unleashed defied description, but if words alone could not do justice to what had happened, then the change that came over them was evidence enough. They had been a disparate group of fairly unprepossessing individuals – ordinary working men with little apparently going for them – easily knocked off course and susceptible to pressure – but once they had been touched by the Holy Spirit and the Divine life had been breathed into them, they found a unity of purpose and an ability to communicate which transcended their limitations and enabled the preaching of the Gospel to extend to the four corners of the world.

Pentecost then – but what of Pentecost now? Our celebration is not just of an event 2000 years ago but also of a present reality. In the days between Ascension and Whitsun we have been praying that the Spirit should renew his gifts in the Church and the world. What ought we to be expecting in answer? Saint Basil is the great theologian of the Holy Spirit whom he says: “*is the source of holiness, the light of our understanding, for to every mind he offers his own light for the discovery of truth ... through him hearts are raised on high, the weak are led by the hand and those who are*

advanced gain perfection ... souls that carry the Spirit, and are enlightened by the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and send forth grace upon others”.

Jesus promised that the Spirit would lead his followers into the fullness of truth. In other words, the function of the Holy Spirit is to impart knowledge to the Christian soul and to open up mysteries that can only be comprehended in the light of faith. Just as he is the energy of love which binds Father and Son in one, so it is the Spirit who reveals the Godhead to us. At one level, the promise of the fullness of truth is theological – the guarantee of the continuing guidance of the Church in its teaching authority, its magisterium, but it is, at the same time, deeply individual and personal, forming living experience of the Divine Persons within each Christian. Faith, and its consequences in a life of inner holiness and outward going charity, is not fundamentally about the intellect – it is more about the capacity to listen to the heart where God dwells, and where the Spirit chooses to speak in “*a language deeper than words*”.

Christopher Colven

NOTICES

The 4pm Mass on this ***Pentecost Sunday*** will be a “*Family Mass*” when our young people will lead the readings and bidding prayers and there will be hymns for all to sing.

Next weekend, the ***Little Sisters of the Poor*** will be making an appeal after all Masses. The Little Sisters care for the elderly in two wonderful homes in London – Saint Anne’s in Stoke Newington and Saint Peter’s in Vauxhall (where Monsignor Miles is being cared for so devotedly). As more people are living longer the charism of these particular Sisters is increasingly needed. Please be generous in supporting the wonderful atmosphere of faith and dignity with which they surround those in their care.

Peter McCormack died this past week aged 92. His funeral will take place at Saint Joseph’s, Harrow Weald on Monday 17th June at 10am. Peter had moved into residential care after the death of his wife, Mary. They had been part of the parish community at Spanish Place for many years and Peter will be remembered for opening the repository while attending the 12.30pm Mass on weekdays. He was a really lovely, gentle Irishman of great faith. **RIP**

Last week’s giving £3,765-00

(includes envelopes but not bankers’ orders, etc.)