

Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead

Seventh Sunday of Easter Newsletter

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23rd / 24th May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday-sometimes called The Birthday of the Church.

We recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first believers who were shattered, alone and afraid, after the Ascension of Jesus. They were ‘huddled together’ in fear but when the Holy Spirit came they were imbued with zeal and courage and fearlessly preached the good news.

The time between now and Pentecost Sunday is ‘in between time’ as the Apostles and Disciples waited for the Spirit

In preparation for the feast of Pentecost, may I suggest that you recite the following hymn/prayer each day until next Sunday. It is a beautiful old prayer calling on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, come from thy heavenly throne,
come, take possession of our souls, and make them all thine own.*

*Thou who art called the Paraclete, best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire, sweet unction and true love.*

*Thou who are sev'nfold in thy grace, finger of God's right hand;
his promise, teaching little ones To speak and understand.
O guide our minds with thy blest light, with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays, confirm our mortal frame.*

*Far from us drive our deadly foe; true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe beneath thy sacred wing.
Through thee may we the Father know, through thee th'eternal Son,
And thee the Spirit of them both, thrice-blessed Three in One.*

*All glory to the Father be, with his co-equal Son:
the same to thee, great Paraclete, while endless ages run.*

God Bless you and yours for the week ahead. Keep safe.

Father Pat

Masses Intentions this week:

Monday 25th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Giuseppe Forestier RIP
Tuesday 26th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Doris and Denis L'Estrange RIP
Wednesday 27th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Maureen McGoldrick RIP
Thursday 28th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Joan Soper RIP
Friday 29th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Intentions of Bill Kimberley
Saturday 30th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Julia Brooks RIP
Sunday 31st May	11am Mass People of Parish Mass Live Streamed on the Parish YouTube Channel

Pray for the Sick

Denis Raines, Katie Cox, Peter Hain, Mrs Crolley, Carl Dean, Robert Britt-Hazard, Mary Martin, Mrs Carldan, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Julia Taylor, Christopher Browne, Justina Paul, Maureen Walker, Gerald Foreman, Mary O’Riordan, Grace Smith, James McGovern, Pauline McKenna, Mary Higgins, Ann Silcock, Katharine Bramwell, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Connor Colgan, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Simon Griffith, Mary Oldcorn, William Roche, Glafira D’Souza, Prem Kumar Menon, Sister Bernadette, Violet Ruttledge, Mary P. Sullivan, Baby Diego Ralon, Sandra Samler, Peter Fagan, Norina Gorni, Edgar De Souza, Bridie Halligan, Christopher Gillham.

Anniversaries

Muriel Lyne, Alfred Kenney, Kit Topliss, Yolanda Duranti, Peter O’Donovan-Iland, Callum Kelly, Edith Beamish, Catherine Salmon, Leon Knitter, Doreen Gannon, Michael Anthony, John Leahy, Alfaruq Mugenyiasoka, Philomena Darroux, Ramadhin Ramsey, Patrick Mackel, Henry Lawlor, Rita Cattano, Leopolda Howard, Billie Honeyman, Janet Shea, Carmel Benson, Patricia Perna. Phoebe Annesley. Theresa West, Christine Atkins, Louis Ramma, Iris Munroe, Irene Hobson, Sister M Cecilia, Edmund Grocott, Lucy Silver, Peter Dorsett, Ruby Killan,

Funerals

Friday 29th May Margaret Traynor RIP

Monday 1st June Mary McNulty RIP

Friday 5th June Helen Parker RIP and Martin Guy RIP

Thursday 11th June Canon John Duckett RIP

May they rest in peace. Our sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

Parish Finances

Please do try to return your offertory envelopes, it is becoming difficult to meet our weekly commitments. It will be enormously helpful if you drop your envelopes in the Presbytery letterbox or take out a direct debit or send a one off donation. Thank you for your support, please make sure that you gift aid all contributions.

World Communications Day 2020

World Communications Day 2020 falls today as much of the world remains in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The way we communicate in situations of self-isolation and separation has shifted from hand shaking, hugging and close contact to encounters through phone, tablet and computer screens. The virtual has replaced the physical.

As a parish we are on-line through the parish website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube where we stream our Sunday Mass during the pandemic. If you are on any of these platforms please “like” and/or “follow” our social media accounts so we can keep in touch as a parish community.

A Reflection

Please reflect on and try and action some of the following during these difficult times:

- Call a friend that you haven't spoken to for a while
- Tell a family member how much you love and appreciate them
- Make a cup of tea for someone you live with
- Arrange to have a cup of tea and virtual catch up with someone you know
- Help with a household chore at home
- Arrange to watch a film at the same as a friend and video call
- Tell someone you know that you are proud of them
- Tell someone you know why you are thankful for them
- Send a motivational text to a friend who is struggling
- Send someone you know a joke to cheer them up
- Send someone you know a picture of a cute animal
- Send an inspirational quote to a friend
- Send an interesting article to a friend
- Contact someone you haven't seen in a while and arrange a phone catch up
- Spend time playing with your pet
- Reach out to call a friend, family member or neighbour who is experiencing loneliness or self-isolation
- Donate to charity
- Lend your ear- call a colleague and ask how they're finding the change in routine
- Give praise to your colleague for something they've done well
- Arrange to have a video lunch with a colleague
- Send an inspirational story of kindness that people around the world are doing for others, to someone you know
- Donate to foodbanks
- Offer to skill share with a friend via video call – you could teach guitar, dance etc.
- Offer support to vulnerable neighbours
- Offer to send someone a takeaway or a meal

Struggling to help your children with Maths/ English/ Science and much more?
Maths Undergraduate student at The University of Edinburgh available for tutoring. Online tuition now during lockdown! If interested please get in touch...
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Our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, has recorded a special message for parishioners. You can find his message, filmed outside the shed in Argyll where it all began for Mary's Meals https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be.

A children's activity pack, based on the story of Mary's Meals, is also available to download here; <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/the-shed-that-fed-activity-pack/>

Christian Concern want to appeal the judgement on DIY abortions to protect vulnerable women and babies and to continue to expose the abortion industry's privileged access to the heart of government, undermining our democracy.

If you would like to support this campaign in any way please see this link for further information.
<https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=bed173cc9adfcad1e0e442a35&id=ecaabca805&e=f8bb6ee76d>

Vacancies

Diocese of Nottingham



**Director of
Communications**

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Director of Communications to work with the Bishop of Nottingham and the Parishes, Chaplaincies and Schools of the Diocese to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship.

This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation.

Salary: £45,000 - £50,000
dependent on qualifications and experience

For more information and an application pack email:
office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Closing date 22 June 2020.

Trinity Catholic High School

- Chaplain, September 2020: Scale 5, Point 22, 24 hours p/w, 44.2 weeks p/y
- P/T Teacher of Home Economics, 0.6FTE- Sept 2020
- P/T Teacher of History, 0.6FTE, Temporary Sept 2020

The web address of the above vacancy on the school website <https://fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies/index.html>

Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safe guarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.