

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 May 2018: Pentecost

6.30pm (Saturday)	Naha Mau
9.00am	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary RIP
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	OFS

Monday 21 May *Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church* Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 22 May *Blessed John Forest,
Franciscan Martyr* Gabriela Monteiro RIP &
Rosa Maria da Silva RIP

Wednesday 23 May
7.30am Pious Union

Thursday 24 May *Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Eternal High Priest* Catherine Roisin Godfrey RIP

Friday 25 May *St Bede the Venerable*
7.30am Herlander Pereira & family

Saturday 26 May *St Philip Neri*
8.00am Kieran Hughes

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

Kathleen Wood, Joanna Bishop, Brendon Barrett, Mikolay Bereznyj, George Gardiner, Thomas Hartnett, Patrick Moyles, Mary Budgen, William Grant, Enid Mahoney & Frederick Aldridge.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£387.63	+ Gift-aided	£108.00
Catholic Communications	£123.60	+ Gift-aided	£41.10

No Second Collection next week

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Come, Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit wants to fill each of us with experiences of his love, just as he did for the apostles. So take some time today to visualise God's perfect love. Picture it flowing between the Father and the Son without constraints or roadblocks. Then ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with this love. It doesn't have to be complicated. All you have to do is say something simple like: 'Holy Spirit, fill me with God's love.'

See if you find a new joy in your heart, a deeper sense of peace or a greater appreciation for Jesus. For the rest of the day, keep asking the Holy Spirit to show you how much God loves you. Like the apostles, you may be overwhelmed by God's presence in your heart. And that's perfectly fine because it's exactly what the Spirit came to do!

"Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with God's love."



1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Sunday 20 May 2018: Pentecost

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

This being the Sunday of Pentecost, there will be NO May devotions to Our Lady today. Final May devotions will be next Sunday, 27 May (Trinity Sunday) at 3pm.

Experiencing the Holy Spirit

Before Jesus ascended to his Father, he made a promise to his disciples, that they could expect to have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to bear witness to him throughout the earth. Jesus intended the promise of the Holy Spirit to extend to all of his disciples, including those in this generation. That means that today's Christians (you and I) should have a dual expectation: we should expect to experience the Holy Spirit's power in our lives, and we should expect him to work through us to draw others to Christ and his Church.

Recommit your life to Jesus. Tell him that you give yourself to him and want him to release the Holy Spirit in you so fully that you can tell he is at work in you.

First Holy Communions on the Feast of Pentecost

Congratulations to the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion at today's 11am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

I would also like to say *Thank you* to Mrs Keown, their catechist, for preparing the children for their big day.

Children: receive Christ with love and devotion. Happy celebration!

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This week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert/Leonel. Thank you.

Pope Francis institutes new celebration of Mary:

Monday 21 May: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Pope Francis has inserted the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, into the Roman Calendar on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday.

The Holy Father wishes to promote this devotion in order to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.

He writes: “Mary is the mother of the members of Christ,” citing St Augustine, “because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while St Leo the Great says the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of the Mystical Body, which is the Church.”

Tuesday 22 May: Blessed John Forest, Franciscan Martyr

John Forest joined the Franciscans in 1491. He was a Doctor of Divinity at Oxford, where he taught. He was also Guardian at Greenwich, Minister Provincial, and

confessor to Queen Catherine of Aragon. He was arrested because of his preaching against the Act of Supremacy. Eventually he was burnt at the stake in 1538.

Thursday 24 May: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

This Feast is now celebrated on the first Thursday after Pentecost .

The whole Church participates in the mission of Christ the Priest. Through the sacraments of Christian initiation the lay faithful participate in Christ's priesthood, helping to sanctify the world through secular affairs. Through their ordination, priests participate in Christ's priesthood and are constituted as mediators between God and man principally through the Sacrifice of the Mass, which they offer *in persona Christi*. Please pray today for all priests.

Friday 25 May: St Bede the Venerable

St Bede was born in northern England. From an early age he was raised in the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter & St Paul. He joined the monastery and became known as one of the most learned men of his time. Bede was a great historian, and the most authoritative accounts of England before the eighth century come from his writing. He died at Jarrow in 735.

Also on Friday 18 May: Holy Rosary at 7pm

The Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are invited. “The Rosary is spiritual medicine.” (Pope Francis)

Saturday 26 May: St Philip Neri

Born in 1515 in Florence, he was ordained a priest in 1551. Philip attracted friends and admirers in his own day, including Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier. He developed a Prayer Room around which he founded the Oratorian Community. He was a spiritual guide of extraordinary talent. He died in Rome at the age of 80.

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Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

Morning Mass

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) in the Friary Chapel. For morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

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Peppina Sordillo RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Peppina Sordillo. Her body will be received into the church on Thursday 24 May at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 25 May at 3pm.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.