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Sunday 8th June is the Feast of Pentecost

The readings and prayer for today are to be found on page 286 (for the Vigil Mass) and page 287 (for the Mass of the Sunday) of the purple books. On Sunday morning, in the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we are told about the coming of the Holy Spirit, fifty days after Easter and nine days after the Ascension. The Apostles, other disciples and Mary the Mother of God are gathered in the Upper Room, and when the Spirit comes they are filled with courage and immediately begin to proclaim the Gospel to the people of Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit is invisible but is seen as tongues of fire, symbolising the fervour and the purity of the Spirit. The miracle of tongues – each hearing what is said in their own language – reminds us that the Spirit is what unites the various peoples in the Church making us one people, the family of God. Let us continue to pray for the unity of the Church, bound together by one Spirit, and let us pray that we, like the Apostles, may be inspired by the Spirit of God.

This Saturday evening, at the Vigil Mass we will be distributing the certificates to our newly Confirmed and sending them forth. Many thanks to their catechists, Robin and Ann, and to their parents for their support, and, of course, to our young people. The photographs of the Confirmation are on display in the narthex.

This Sunday is the third and final Sunday of the First Holy Communion season

Congratulations to those who will make their First Holy Communion this Pentecost: Emily Chandler, Elisabeth Ridpath, Hudson Currie, Joseph Ridpath, Daniel Hasan, Niamh Stanton, Aidan McMahon, Tristan Stone and Katie Pilkington. Many thanks to all our First Holy Communion families and to their catechists, Bonny, Reshmi, Nikki, Joan and Nazaret for all their hard work and devotion.

Liturgical notes

Pentecost is the third most important feast of the Christian Year, and after it we enter into Ordinary Time when the vestments are green, which symbolises growth. The Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity, and the Sunday after that is Corpus Christi. The Sunday after that is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and then, in July, we begin the 'green' Sundays with the Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.

We are also in the month of June, which is, by long tradition, the month dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, the feast of which falls on Friday 27th June. If there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart during the week. We must also sing some of the hymns appropriate to the devotion. The most significant source for the devotion to the Sacred Heart in the form it is known today was Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690), a nun of the Order of the Visitation, who claimed to have received Sacred Heart revelations from Jesus Christ between 1673 and 1675 in the Burgundian French village of Paray-le-Monial. During the octave of Corpus Christi in 1675, probably on 16th June, the vision known as the "great revelation" reportedly took place, where Jesus said: "Behold the heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for me in this sacrament of love."

He then asked Margaret Mary for a feast of reparation on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, bidding her consult her confessor Saint Claude de la Colombière, then superior of the small Jesuit house at Paray-le-Monial. This request was made and the feast of the Sacred Heart was progressively instituted throughout the Church. The feast later became a solemnity in the liturgical calendar, a feast of the highest rank, celebrated eight days after the Feast of Corpus Christi just as Jesus requested. On 21st June 1675, following that apparition, Saint Claude consecrated himself to the Sacred Heart, making him the first person to be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Margaret Mary, and began spreading the devotion.

Monday is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. We are reminded that Mary was present with the Apostles and the early Church in the Upper Room, and experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Barnabas, apostle. He was a frequent co-worker of Saint Paul, and according to tradition, established the Church in Cyprus.

Thursday is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

Friday is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, doctor of the Church. He was a Franciscan friar known for his powerful preaching and dedication to the poor. He was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Arcella, Italy in 1231. Canonized in 1232, he is celebrated as the patron saint of lost items, sailors, and travellers, and is invoked for the return of lost property. Saint Anthony is often depicted holding the Child Jesus, a lily, or a book, symbolizing his role as a teacher and miracle worker. His tomb in Padua is a popular place of pilgrimage today.

As mentioned earlier, we are looking for new servers

The initial training is going to be on Sunday 13th July, from 6pm-8pm in Church and then the Hall. We shall have some training, and then fun and games and pizza. All current servers are invited and all beginners are most welcome.

This Tuesday 10th June, the clergy are gathering at St Clement's for their last meeting before the summer. There will be a business meeting followed by a BBQ presided over by the heroic Wilf, ably assisted by other parishioners.

Also this Tuesday, the Induction of new Vicar at Ruxley Church takes place at 7.30pm. Fr Alexander has been invited and will be going, to represent the parish, and also to signal our commitment to ecumenism. It will be very nice to meet the new Vicar, the Rev Alex Stevens, and the other local clergy. Let us pray for the new Vicar at the start of her ministry in our area.

The A to Z of Catholicism takes place this Thursday after the 7pm Mass and will be shared on the internet shortly afterwards. We shall be tackling T is for Transubstantiation, one of the central doctrines of the Church, which deals with our understanding of the miracle of the Eucharist and the Real Presence. **The next week will be U is for Unity**, as in Unity of the Church, asking how the Church is One, how our baptism unites us, and what obstacles remain to Christian unity.

On Saturday 5th July, at 12 noon, our diocese celebrates the ordination, by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral, of the transitional deacons Gary Coleman and Scott Carter, the former of which has been serving in the parish of Saint Joseph's in Epsom. Fr Alexander intends to go to the ordination. Would anyone else like to come?

It is that time of year again! The Summer Fair is coming up. A wonderful opportunity to get involved for young and old! The fair takes place on Sunday 29th June from 9.30am until 2pm. A lot of local people who are not part of our church or indeed any church like these community events, so please invite everyone you know to come along. Word of mouth is very important, and a personal invitation may well be greatly appreciated. In addition, spreading the word on the Internet via Facebook groups and personal Facebook pages, is a very good idea. It is a nice way too of raising the name recognition of our Church, which is a valuable exercise. Finally, there will be posters to put up.

Baptism Course and Baptismal Certificates

Dates for the new baptism course will be decided at a meeting of the catechists this Thursday in the Tivey Room at 8.30pm. They will then be communicated via the newsletter and online.

Many thanks for the enquiries we've had so far.

Baptismal Certificates can be collected from the outer Sacristy for Baptisms up to May 2025.

We welcome into the Church, Harry and Lara Welch and Hattie Trevett as they are Baptised at St Clements this Saturday at 12noon and 12:45pm respectively.

Do we have anyone else for RCIA?

This is the course designed to prepare adults for baptism or prepare those who have already been baptised but wish to be confirmed, as well as those who have been baptised in other Christian communities and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church? Please approach Fr Alexander for more information.

A Bouquet of Prayers for Fr Graham

Father Graham Bamford celebrates 50 years as a priest on 22nd June. He is coming to share his celebration with us at the 10.30am Mass on 6th July. All parishioners, young and old, are invited to offer your own prayers, which will be given to him on that day. Please write your prayer on a piece of paper and put in the marked box in the narthex. Any query, please speak to Father Alexander or Pauline Groves (020 8394 0169)



Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for: Richard Holland, Joseph Ewing , Martina Savage, Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum), Sally Mason, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Joyce Daly, Mel Alvarez, Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen & 3 year-old Finlay Ewen

Forthcoming Events

Sat 7 Jun 6pm	Mass including presentation of Confirmation certificates
Sun 8 Jun	Pentecost
Sun 8 Jun 10.30am	First Holy Communion Mass
Tue 10 Jun 11.30am	Deanery Meeting and BBQ
Tue 10 Jun 7.30pm	Induction of new Vicar, Ruxley Church
Thu 12 Jun 7.30pm	A to Z of Catholicism, T is for Transubstantiation
Thu 12 Jun 8.30pm	Baptism catechists meeting.
Wed 18 Jun 7.30pm	A Biblical Walk through the Mass I (zoom)
Thu 19 Jun 7.30pm	A to Z of Catholicism, U is for Unity.
Sun 22 Jun	Corpus Christi.
Sun 22 Jun 10:30am	FHC Celebration Mass, followed by Going Forth party in the Hall

Mass Intentions from 8th June – 15th 2025

Sat 7	6pm	Vigil Mass of Pentecost	GE of Morris Family
Sun 8	8.30am	Pentecost	People of the Parish
Sun 8	10.30am	Pentecost	Available
Mon 9	10am	Mary, Mother of the Church	Available
Wed 11	10am	St Barnabas	Available
Thu 12	7pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ,	Available
Fri 13	10am	St Anthony of Padua	Available
Sat 14	6pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret & Karen Conway RIP
Sun 15	8.30am	The Most Holy Trinity	Available
Sun 15	10.30am	The Most Holy Trinity	People of the Parish

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