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## Newsletter for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Psalter Week 2

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## Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord

Before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles were timid and ignorant men who were hoping for their own personal glory in an earthly kingdom rather than the spread of God's Kingdom. Then after Our Lord had been put to death they went into hiding for fear of the Jews thinking everything was over. And even after they had seen the risen Christ and their faith in Him had been restored they were still afraid.

But Our Lord had promised He would send the **Paraclete, the Advocate, the Counsellor**, and this was fulfilled at Pentecost, when fifty days after the Resurrection the Holy Spirit came in the form of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, and settled on the head of each of the Apostles breathing spiritual life into them. They were immediately transformed and their minds infused with the truth, just as Our Lord had said: *"But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"* (John 14:26). Thus transformed they left the Upper Room and went out fearlessly proclaiming the Gospel of salvation. Each listener heard them preaching in their own language so that the message was given to all. Even the fury of the Synagogue and the Jewish people didn't deter them. On fire and with zeal for the truth, they went out to the farthest ends of the earth baptising and preaching the Gospel to all without any fear for their lives. It was the Holy Spirit that helped them to accomplish this seemingly impossible task. God used these weak human vessels to show His power and glory and also the truth of the message they were preaching.

How we are in need of the Holy Spirit today! The Scriptures refer to God as a Holy Fire, and the only thing that can endure fire is fire itself. Therefore we have to become on fire with love of God. In our world today, too many Christians are silent, perhaps out of fear of being unpopular, ridiculed or persecuted. **But we cannot be secret Christians!** Our Lord said, *"I have come to cast a fire on the earth and how I wish the blaze were already ignited"* (Luke 12:49). He wants to do that through *you*. The world today needs to hear the Gospel more than ever. So let us pray that the Lord will stir up His Spirit in us which was given at **Baptism** and **Confirmation**. Every one of us has to work for the spread of God's Kingdom. He wants *you* to become fire on the earth. We can't just sit back and hope someone else will do it. So let the evangelisation of the whole world begin today with **YOU!**

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

## MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>PENTECOST SUNDAY</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	NO MASS
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>International Cultural Mass</b> – For the Parish
<b>Mon</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Mary, Mother of the Church (memorial)
<b>Tues</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Saint Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of the Cathedral (Feast)
<b>Weds</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (Old rite)
<b>Thurs</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)
<b>Fri</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Sat</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
		2.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Trinity Sunday</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sun</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>		Shared table following Pentecost Mass – Hall
<b>Tues</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
<b>Weds</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens (Whist) – Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Library
<b>Sat</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class – Hall
		11.15-12.15am	Baptism Class – Library

**NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.**

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU:** The parish **Safeguarding Representative** is a voluntary role which will need to be filled as soon as possible but at least from September 2019. You will be supported from the diocesan safeguarding office and will have training available to you. You will support Fr Paul to provide the safe recruitment of volunteers in the parish, and by verifying DBS applications to submit to the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory service. If you would like to know more or see a role description, please contact Sue Clarke 01509 267248.

**GRUB CLUB:** We need a few more volunteers, aged 18+, to join our team this summer. You need to be able to do at least two sessions for about 3 hours each (including preparation and clear up time). We operate Mondays and Thursdays from **15<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> August**. Experienced volunteers will brief you on what to do. See one of the Grub Club team after Mass near the blue noticeboard. Or email [catherinemarybrady@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemarybrady@gmail.com) for a form to complete. **Cosy Coats:** No more coats are needed for the time being. Thank you.  
*The Grub Club Team*

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE:** **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. 3.15pm-5pm. All Welcome. Please let the school know if you would like to run your own stall at the Fayre.

**THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** will be celebrated in our Deanery from **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** which is the week preceding Corpus Christi. St Mary's will be hosting this devotion on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. The signing-up sheet for Adoration which will be between 10am and 8pm is now at the back of the church.  
*Fr Paul*

**175 YEARS OF NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL:** Why not go along and see the magnificent floral displays at the cathedral from this weekend? Our own Flower Team has contributed a huge display for the deanery that honours the late Rosminian Father Luigi Gentili and Cistercian Blessed Cyprian Tansi. Tea and coffee available. A special Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday by Cardinal Nichols. Invitation only.

**ROSMINI CENTRE:** Saturday **15<sup>th</sup> June** 2-4.30 pm, presentation by Fr Ted Mullen "Opening Up Celtic Spirituality Part II. (Preparation for Retreat Day on **29<sup>th</sup> June**). Tel: 01509 813078. Email [rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:** Do you have a few hours spare? The Carpenter's Arms is looking for volunteers to help out on a regular basis. We have opportunities at our bases in Loughborough, Six Hills and Kegworth. Please email Judith Spence: [judith.spence@carpenters-arms.org](mailto:judith.spence@carpenters-arms.org) or phone 01509 767550.

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who have died:** **May they rest in peace.**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gerald Longburn, Joan Roper, Anthony MacAllister, Irene Clarke, George Haynes, Catherine Fitzpatrick and Doreen Dilkes

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

- LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams" (*St Augustine, 354-430AD*).

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**REGINA CAELI:** *At the end of the Bidding Prayers during Eastertide, we will recite the Regina caeli instead of the Hail Mary:* O Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia, Has risen as He said. Alleluia. Pray for us to God. Alleluia!

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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**MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:** This memorial was instituted by Pope Francis last year and is to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday each year (ie. this Monday). The title *Mater Ecclesiae* or *Mother of the Church* was officially given to Our Lady at the Second Vatican Council by St Pope Paul VI who wrote in his *Credo of the People Of God*, "The Mother of the Church, carries on in heaven her maternal role with regard to the members of Christ, cooperating in the birth and development of divine life in the souls of the redeemed."

**LACY YOUTH MASS at St Mary's, South Wigston, LE18 4PG - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Come and share some time together preparing for the Mass led by our youth. All young people welcome to join us - *Be Inspired! Be Motivated! Be in Awe of time with Our Blessed Lord!* This is for YOU! Share in the different ministries of the Mass - come along at 4.30 pm to prepare. *Readers! Musicians! Singers!* We look forward to seeing you all. More information from Pauline: 07885 187374 and Brendan Johnson: brendanjohnson2011@ gmail.com.

The **Second Collection** on **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June** will be for Day for Life - NRCDT

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First Collection: <b>£ 672</b>	World Communications: <b>£211</b>
Standing Orders: <b>£ 665 @ 30/04</b>	<i>Thank you</i>