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Have Your Way

Three major things happened on the Day of Pentecost in relation to the Holy Spirit. First, she/he became the "resident presence of God" in the world until the end of the age. She/He took up his abode in the bodies of believers, whom Paul called "temples of the Holy Spirit." The second thing that happened on the Day of Pentecost was the beginning of the formation of a new body or organism, the church, which the Lord Jesus had promised. It is the Holy Spirit who adds to this body as individuals receive Christ as Saviour. Third, the Holy Spirit empowered believers to witness, to share boldly with others the reality of their faith in God.

The Spirit continues the work of confronting and revealing to the world the realities that Jesus embodied while He was here. When we celebrate Pentecost Sunday there is a temptation to focus on the event of when the Spirit came (You know, way back when) rather than on what the Spirit is doing among us now. As our Readings for today suggest, the Spirit of God is one who reveals truth among us. Nadia Bolz-Weber says, "In Greek, the word apocalypse means to uncover, to peel away, to show what's underneath." I think that this is the act of the Spirit, revealing to us what is true about us.

When the Spirit begins to reveal truth to us, whether that is about our own brokenness or more systemic problems in our world, it is our job to follow the leading of the Spirit and to continue to peel back that which has been covering the truth and to work with the Spirit to reveal that truth to the world. Sometimes when we do this, it hurts. Maybe it's because we realize the damage is much worse than we thought. Maybe it's because we discover that we have been complicit in the ways our world is broken, or maybe because we waited so long to help uncover the truth.

Jesus never said that the Spirit would make things easy. In reality, the Spirit is really more about stirring things up than helping to settle things down, but Jesus did say this one would come to help us. We simply have to be willing to heed that guidance and believe the truth when it is revealed to us.

Laudato Si Talk

As we celebrate Earth Day and reflect on our responsibility to care for our common home, I invite you to join us on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 7pm for a special talk on the inspiring Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, Laudato Si.



Our parishioner and activist, Katie De Kauwe, will be sharing her insights and reflections on this important document that calls us to care for our planet and protect the environment for future generations. I encourage you to come and listen to Katie's passionate and thought-provoking presentation, as we continue to deepen our understanding and commitment to stewardship of creation. Let us come together as a community to learn, discuss, and take action for the well-being of our world. I look forward to seeing you there.

Join the 100 Club and Support our Parish!



Established in 1991, the 100 Club has been instrumental in raising over £350,000 for various church and parish projects. From re-ordering the sanctuary to funding major repairs and refurbishments, the 100 Club has played a vital role in enhancing our parish facilities. Recently, we contributed £40,000 to the Support Our St Joseph's appeal for urgent repairs to the parish meeting rooms.

By joining the 100 Club with a £10 entry fee, members have the chance to win monthly prizes of £400, £100, and £50. The prize-winners are announced in the parish bulletin. With membership numbers declining in recent years, we are now down to fewer than 90 participants in recent draws.

If you are interested in supporting our parish in a flexible and affordable way, consider joining the 100 Club. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community while also having the chance to win exciting prizes. Brochures and membership forms will be available for those interested. Let's come together to continue building a stronger and more vibrant parish community. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

Do you have a special occasion coming up, such as a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate for a friend or loved one? Or are you in need of comfort and support after the loss of a loved one?



You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for specific intentions. Simply grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. If you prefer, you can also call or email the office to make your request.

This is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones and to lift up special intentions in prayer. Thank you for your support and participation in our parish community.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

OPEN MORNING

24th May 2024 9:15am

Looking for a local school for Reception?

- o An Ofsted (2023) and Diocesan rated 'OUTSTANDING' Catholic School'
- o Ranked nationally in the top 10%
- o Phonics ranked nationally in the top 3%
- o Amazing outdoor and indoor facilities and resources
- o Extended provision available 7:30am-6:00pm



Café Connect

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we invite you to join us for Café Connect after our 10am Mass on Sunday. It is a time for fellowship, conversation, and connection with one another. We believe that sharing a cup of coffee or tea together creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere where we can support and encourage each other in our faith journey. If you are interested in helping with coffee hour, whether it be setting up, serving, or cleaning up, please reach out to our hospitality committee. Your involvement will not only help us continue this important tradition but will also allow you to be a part of strengthening our community and welcoming others into our church family.

We look forward to seeing you at Café Connect and getting to know you better as we share this special time together. Thank you for being a part of our community of faith at St. Joseph's.

Giving Opportunities

If you weren't able to give a gift in person this year, we invite you to consider our online parish Giving Opportunities. Please find the Standing Order and GiftAid Forms in our porch and on our website. Your generosity makes it possible to continue our important ministries. Thank you.



Please Pray for the recently deceased members of our Parish and their grieving families.

May we lift up in prayer the souls of our departed sisters and brothers from our parish, may they find eternal peace in the arms of our loving God. And may we ask for comfort and strength for their families as they navigate through their grief and loss. Let us come together in solidarity and support, holding each other up in prayer during this difficult time.



We are excited to announce a meeting for Artists Among Us on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm in our Red Room. We have received a lot of interest from talented artists in our community and we can't wait to meet all of you who are interested in this initiative.

Artists Among Us is a wonderful opportunity to share your art with the St. Joseph community

and connect with others who have a passion for creativity. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned artist, we welcome artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels to participate. If you would like to be a part of Artists Among Us, please contact Maureen Bocking at maureen@sbocking.co.uk or 07985696263. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty and talent within our parish. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Mass intentions from 18th May 2024

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 18 May 2024	07.00 pm	Maria Luisa De Michelis(Mima)	Lately Dead
Sun, 19 May 2024	08.00 am	Steve Murphy	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Billy Ryan, Bridget McKenna	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Seamus Hennelly	Lately Dead
Mon, 20 May 2024	09.30 am	Maggie Keany	Sick
	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
Tues, 21 May 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Anniversary
Wed, 22 May 2024	09.30 am	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Anniversary
Thur, 23 May 2024	09.30 am	Thresiamma Mani	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Dominico Innamorato(LD), Jadwiga Kielek	Anniversary
Fri, 24 May 2024	09.30 am	Paul Elward, Catherine Cumiskey & family(Bday)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Votive-The precious Wounds of Jesus	Intentions
Sat, 25 May 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead.

If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

THANK YOU Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's collection. Your generosity helps us continue to serve and build God's Kingdom. Together, we can make a difference in the world. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly. Last weekend's collection amounted to £2394. Thank you very much.



Welcome to St. Joseph

God loves everyone. No exceptions.

St. Joseph's Welcomes You. We are here for you! We Invite you to join us on the spiritual journey as we learn and grow together, and as we seek to help and serve others.

MASS TIMES - Weekdays: 9:30am, 6:30pm, Saturdays: 9:30am followed by adoration until 11am, 7pm Vigil Mass. Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday: 10am to 10:30am and from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. Weekdays on request

