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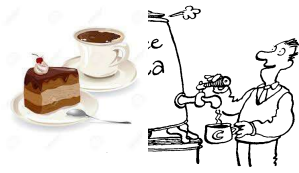
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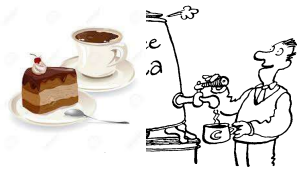
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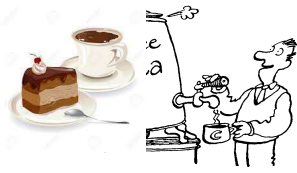
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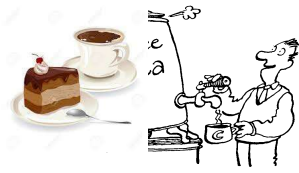
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PENTECOST C

Psalter Week 2



Do you hate change? So many do. A new boss. A new neighbour? A new teacher? A new priest? What are they going to be like? Will they...? Might they...? So many love and are unyielding in their routines. Because newness and change can leave us uneasy. People want what they know and can predict - frightened of the unknown. Many want this security, control, predictability. But without change and newness there is no growth, no development, no maturing. Solely fixed in routine can leave us quite spiritually dead. Faithless. If you are uneasy with change, today's feast may not help. But it should. Maybe that is why this is often the forgotten feast, and the Holy Spirit is often the forgotten part of the Blessed Trinity.

Pentecost is telling us that God will not, and cannot, be controlled. God as Holy Spirit is not static, so we see him symbolized as a dove, as wind, as fire. Notice how these symbols are dynamic, energetic, alive, moving, and available to all. Never controllable. Never predictable. So, if we always need to be in control, if we hate change, this feast may not help. It's saying to give up the need to always be in control and predict everything, rather, just enjoy and share God's presence.

The Spirit wants to generate, change, multiply in ever new life-forms (just look at the world under the sea), through joy, life, excitement, intimacy, movement. Maybe as the wind, He is breathing out ever new life in diverse forms. So, hating change is effectively a disowning of the third person of the Holy Trinity. And if you disown one Person of the Holy Trinity, you disown all. Then where are we?

Yet, the Spirit wants to keep all this diverse changeable life connected, united, reconciled. Maybe as fire, the Spirit melts barriers and boundaries, such as barriers between people, so we stop hiding behind labels, groups, categories, titles, creeds and ethnicities. With barriers melted, we can be one, true unity.

The Spirit is universal, creating diversity, yet uniting everyone and everything.

Is this Holy Spirit part of our lives? Are we open to His presence? The Holy Spirit as the wind - breathing newness, change and diversity; and as fire - melting barriers between us so bringing unity and reconciliation between us? What do we do with this third person of the Blessed Trinity?

1st Reading Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms 104: 1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31. 34

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

Sequence: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Gospel: John 20: 19-23



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 7th June	
5.30pm Mass	Klybe Marr Aurellana RIP
Sunday 8th June PENTECOST C	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	John and Nora McErlean RIP – The McKenna family
Monday 9th June Mary, Mother of the Church	
<u>8.30am Mass</u>	Fr. Denis Hall RIP
Tuesday 10th June	
9.30am Mass	Peter Finning RIP – Mary Rickards
Wednesday 11th June St. Barnabas	
10.00am Mass	Martin Forde RIP – Eileen McSweeney
Thursday 12th June Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	
9.30am Mass	Katherine Ann O’ Donnell RIP – Mary Rickards
Friday 13th June St. Anthony of Padua	
9.30am Mass	Fr. Philip Willenbrock RIP
Saturday 14th June	
5.30pm Mass	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Anniversary) – Susan and Damian
Sunday 15th June The Most Holy Trinity (Day for Life)	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Jim McErlean RIP – The McKenna Family

All Church Services are now Live Streamed. To take part please go to

<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/olor>

Masses can be watched “live” or later as a recording

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@brcdt.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm – 5pm Saturday evenings (not in the confessional box) *Please be aware - Times and days of weekday Masses are subject to change.* **Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092**



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.
Especially Mary Manton and Gwendoline Hill.

May they rest in Peace. †

Please keep Heather Persue in your prayer. (Apologies for the previously written incorrect name.) As well as her family and friends. Heather's funeral will be THIS Monday June 9th at 11.30am.

Please keep Katherine O' Donnell in prayer. Kath's Requiem Mass will be at 11am on June 16th. Please also keep family and friends in prayer.

Please keep Margaret O' Dwyer in prayer. As well as her family and friends. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be at 2pm on June 18th.

Please keep David Downes in prayer. David's funeral will be at 12.30pm on June 19th. Please also keep his family and friends in prayer. †

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the parish office by **11am on Thursdays** at the latest. Thank you

A copy of the newsletter is placed on the noticeboard for quick reference. Please leave it attached to the noticeboard for others to see. Thank you.

Holy Communion, when receiving, please consume the Sacred Host IMMEDIATELY. The Sacred Host should be consumed before receiving the Sacred Blood from the Chalice, if you do not receive from the Chalice, then consume the Sacred Host straight away in front of the Altar. Thank you.

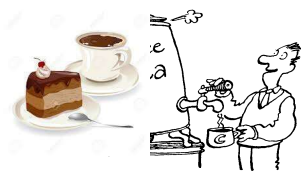
Church Car Park: anyone who wishes to leave their car in the church car park overnight, or especially over several nights, must check with the Parish Office first. This is for reasons such as funeral guests having priority parking during funerals, other celebrations occurring requiring parking. Thank you.

Printed Parish Newsletters – Reminder: printed newsletters are left outside the Presbytery for those who have NO ACCESS to electronic newsletters. In good conscience, please honour this request. Thank you.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday June 11th **after the 10.00am Mass.**

If anyone is willing and able to volunteer to help once each month, please come along and make yourself known. We'd love to see you.



If you are interested in running a coffee morning after Sunday 10am Mass, for a Charity of your choice, please inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.



Do you have the need of a Wheelchair/ Mobility Aid?

CHOICE IS MORE LIMITED AT THE MOMENT. Some wheelchairs, Strollers, Walkers and other mobility aids have gathered in the Presbytery garage.

If you or a family member have the need for any of the above items, please contact Fr. Paul for more information.

Tel: 01268 382499

These can be very expensive items and there is no cost involved whatsoever.

They will be fully sanitized and delivered to wherever they are required in the area. Thank you.

Schoolchildren's education is being affected because parents can't afford hygiene products and are too embarrassed to send their children to school. Some children are also experiencing similar embarrassment because they ARE being sent to school but in unwashed uniform.

Please consider donating these items, washing powder/liquid or feminine hygiene items to the Food Bank collection in the porch of our church. Thank you.

PARISH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? You would be most welcome to join us in the Parish Choir. Just come up to the choir loft after 10am Mass on a Sunday when we are singing. We only sing twice a month, so the commitment is not great. We hold a choir practice on most Thursdays too at 7.30pm for an hour or so. For more details contact Isobel Kennedy (07795 821705)

HARP We are very short of items that we give to people who use our services. Here is the list:

Sleeping bags; Hand warmer; Foil blanket, take away cups; Ladies small underwear
Men's boxers small and medium; Leggings; Socks; Deodorants.

If you can help, please do let us know, we are happy to come and collect the items or you can donate to the Bradbury Centre 103-107 York Road, Southend-On-Sea, SS1 2DL.

Thank you for all your support.

Knights of St Columba Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Jubilee Year

Join us on Sunday 29th June at Aylesford Priory for an open-air Mass – Lunch (bring a pack lunch or use The Friars Restaurant) – in the afternoon join us on the Rosary Walk through The Friars beautiful grounds by the banks of The River Medway and finishing with Benediction. A coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 8:30am and pick-up opposite Nazareth House at 8:40am, Our Lady of Lourdes at 8:50am and at Tarpots Corner at 9:10am. We depart Aylesford at approximately 4pm. The coach costs £20 per adult and children under 16 go free. Please book your place by contacting Sandy Rand 07470 820994. We look forward to welcoming you aboard:

St. Vincent's Centre Southend is holding various events to raise funds to help those in need. Afternoon teas, dinners, plus other events. Interested?

Please visit: Nesperm@svp.org.uk 07549128877 or 01702 592980. Thank you.

Gift Aid

It is important that we have the current address for anyone who has joined the parish Gift Aid scheme. If you have moved since you signed up to Gift Aid, please email your new address to Sandra Cowdrey, our Gift Aid Organiser, at olorgiftaid@hotmail.com

Missio Red Box Appeal

In 2024 our parish raised £1736.32 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Your support is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more and contact Katherine Abel on warren_katherine@hotmail.com or 07906844284 if you would like to have a collection box in your home, or if you have any queries.

Thank you to those who have recently brought your donations to church to be collected and banked, and to the local promoters for their invaluable help. Emptied boxes can be found at the

Online Book of Condolence for Pope Francis

The Bishop's Conference has set up an online book of condolence for Pope Francis.

<https://popefrancistributes.com/>

To accompany our reading of the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter period you may find my talks on www.whatgoodnews.org helpful.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invite you to join them at their Summer Luncheon!

Join us for an elegant afternoon on **Friday, 13th June**, at The Lawn – a stunning Grade II listed Georgian manor house in Rochford. Enjoy exclusive use of the venue as we serve a delicious two-course luncheon in the Orangery, overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens.

Date: Friday, 13th June
Venue: The Lawn, Rochford
Time: 12.30 to 3.30pm

Seating: Tables of 10
Price: £37.50 per person

Tickets are available now! Reserve your place by visiting our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/
Or simply scan the QR code below to purchase your tickets directly.

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025. For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

SION COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC TEACHING WEEKEND

From 6pm Friday 13th June to 2pm Sunday 15th June 2025 Theme: 'Moving in the Anointing'.

This weekend is a great follow-up to 'Life in the Spirit' seminars and is especially aimed at those wishing to grow in the Charisms and Gifts of the Holy Spirit and learn to exercise them with more confidence. Guest Speaker: Allegra Mutanda. Cost: £130 residential, £100 non-residential. To book a place or for more information, visit <https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/ztjfwivu>

"Catholic Legacy Week is a time to reflect on the values of faith, generosity, and care for future generations. Leaving a Will ensures your loved ones are looked after and allows you to leave a lasting legacy to the causes you care about most. Writing your will with Your Place Achor House, a charity supporting people affected by homelessness, can help build a brighter future for those most in need.

You can write your FREE Will today at: <https://your-place.org.uk/gift-in-your-will/>. Your gift can help support those in our communities who need it most. For more information, please call: 0739 965 3512 or email: Anwar.beeharry@your-place.org.uk

St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass - Thursday 19th June at 8pm

The annual Memorial Mass to remember and pray for all deceased pupils, staff and governors of St Thomas More High School will take place in the school at **8pm on Thursday 19th June.**

This will be the 45th such celebration organised by the St Thomas More Alumni and it will also, sadly, be the last.

All former pupils, staff and governors are warmly invited to attend with their partners and to also enjoy the drinks and buffet which will be served afterwards, providing a wonderful opportunity to catch-up with old friends.

The Mass will include the traditional roll-call of all known deceased former pupils, staff and governors; the reading of the Execution Account of St Thomas More; and the school's two favourite hymns.

PA to the Dean- Brentwood Cathedral

A vacancy has arisen for a PA, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Priest and Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills.

The post will be full-time working 35 hours per week- Monday to Friday

The salary is £14- £15 per hour depending on experience

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 18th June 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to cathedral@brcdt.org

St. Thomas More High School - open evening, Thursday, 10th July 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. -
*for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025 -
come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils.*

The Headteachers talk will begin at 5.30pm.

Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2026 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening.

If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site:-

WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK

Cleaner Required. To clean and do various housekeeping work in the Hockley area. Time and pay to be negotiated. Please call the Parish Office in the first instance if interested. Thank you.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS

5 WEEK COURSE

The Hive, Rayleigh Baptist Church



From June 18th

Wednesdays : 7:15 to 8:15pm

£35 (Book via website)



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Descriptions



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