

Mass Intentions for week beginning 14th May 2016

Sat 14	THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	6.00pm	The People of the Parish Caetano Pereira RIP (<i>birthday</i>) Jai Ramcharan RIP & Barbara D'Mello RIP
Sun 15		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 16	Feria (week 7)	10.00am	Eileen O'Riordan RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers 6.30pm Br Vincent-Marie RIP (<i>1962 Missal</i>)
Tue 17	Feria	10.00am	Intentions of Ken Stanton
Wed 18	Feria	10.00am	Madeleine Selvini RIP
Thur 19	St Dunstan, Bp	10.00am	Jane Erhabor RIP
Fri 20	St Bernardine of Siena, Pr.	10.00am	For Aisling & Alex (wedding today)
Sat 21	The Martyrs of Mexico	9.30am	Mass
Sat 21	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.00pm	James Hurley RIP, Hetty & John Crawley RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 22		10.00am 12noon	Denis Brunning RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 327

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £616.69

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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14th-15th May 2016

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

On Pentecost Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The feast of Pentecost makes us relive the Church's beginnings. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells that, 50 days after Easter, in the house where Jesus' disciples were, "suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house.... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (2:2-4). The disciples are completely transformed by this outpouring: fear is supplanted by courage, imperviousness gives way to the proclamation, and all doubt is driven away by faith filled with love. It is the "baptism" of the Church, which thus began her journey in history, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This event, which changes the heart and life of the Apostles and the other disciples, is immediately felt outside the Upper Room. Indeed, that door kept locked for 50 days is finally thrust open and the first Christian Community, no longer closed in upon itself, begins speaking to crowds of different origins about the mighty works that God has done (cf. v. 11), that is to say, of the Resurrection of Jesus who was crucified. Each one present hears his own language being spoken by the disciples. The gift of the Holy Spirit restores the linguistic harmony that was lost in Babel, prefiguring the universal mission of the Apostles. The Church is not born isolated, she is born universal, one, and Catholic, with a precise identity, open to all, not closed, an identity which embraces the entire world, excluding no one. Mother Church closes her door in the face of no one, no one! Not even to the greatest sinner, to no one! This is through the power, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Mother Church opens, opens wide her doors to everyone because she is mother.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost pours into the hearts of the disciples and begins a new season: the season of testimony and fraternity. It is a season which comes from above, comes from God, like the tongues of fire that rest on the head of each disciple. It was the flame of love which burns all harshness; it was the tongue of the Gospel which surpasses manmade borders and reaches the hearts of the multitudes, without distinction of language, race or nationality. As on that day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out constantly even today on the Church and on each one of us so we may step outside of our mediocrity and our imperviousness and communicate to the entire world the merciful love of the Lord. Communicating the merciful love of the Lord: this is our mission! We too have been given the gift of the “tongue” of the Gospel and the “fire” of the Holy Spirit, so that while we proclaim Jesus risen, living and present in our midst, we may warm our heart and also the heart of the peoples drawing near to Him, the way, truth and life.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, who was present as Mother in the midst of the disciples in the Upper Room: she is the mother of the Church, the mother of Jesus became mother of the Church. Let us entrust ourselves to Her that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon the Church of our time, fill the hearts of all the faithful and kindle in them the fire of his love.

Franciscus PP.

THE EASTER ANGELUS

*Today is the last day when we sing the Regina Caëli at the end of Mass.
From tomorrow the Angelus takes its place.*



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

This Monday:

**10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY (Mary's own month), the Rosary is recited publicly half-an-hour before Mass. Why not arrive a little earlier and join in?



AD MULTOS ANNOS! Congratulations and best wishes to **Ken Stanton** who celebrates his **90th birthday** on Tuesday. The morning Mass will be offered for his intentions.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 17th May - 6.45pm to 9.00pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.

FLOWERS FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: There will be a retiring collection after all Masses *next weekend* for flowers to decorate the church for the children of our Parish who will be making their First Holy Communion on 11th and 12th June 2016. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Fr Selvini

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 28th May 2016: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we gather together to honour Mary, Mother of Mercy. You will have an opportunity to pray the Stations of Mercy and enter the Holy Door at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will also be walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey where pilgrims prayed from the 12th century until its dissolution under King Henry VIII. For more details please see the posters.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!
Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS: special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

EASTER COMMUNION: all Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (one's “Easter duties”). This duty requires us, if necessary, to seek the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of penance. The Church teaches us that we must purify ourselves from sin and receive Christ worthily in Holy Communion. It is only by His grace that we are made worthy to enter in the presence of, and communion with, the All-Holy God.


