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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Our Lady of the Rosary

*In the end my Immaculate Heart will
triumph! Fiat!*

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	20	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	21	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol latin Pol	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	22	7.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Billy/Breda</i>
Tuesday	23	9.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Steven Davis RIP</i>
Wednesday	24	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	<i>Friends/Rel.</i>
Thursday	25	9.30am 7.00pm	Eng Eng/ Pol	St Bede Confirmations with Bp Patrick	<i>Ulla</i>
Friday	26	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Philip Neri	<i>Dec Rel/Friends</i>
Saturday	27	4.00pm c.11.45pm	Eng Eng	St Augustine of Canter'y Vigil Pentecost Mass	<i>Annamma Jacob RIP Era of Peace</i>
Sunday	28	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Pentecost	<i>Parish</i>

PLEASE NOT CHANGE OF MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

27th May Vigil of Pentecost 9.00-11.30pm Watching followed by prayers and mass

28th May Pentecost 4.00pm Benediction and Healing Service.

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour: Friday 4.00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 8.50am-9.20pm

VIGIL OF PENTECOST 9.00-12.00(MIDNIGHT)

9.00pm Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

11.30pm Prayers and Benediction followed by the First Mass of Pentecost.



VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (Sequence, Pentecost Sunday)

*Come, Holy Spirit, send forth
the heavenly radiance of your light.*

*Come, father of the poor, come,
giver of gifts, come, light of the heart.*

*Greatest comforter,
sweet guest of the soul,
sweet consolation.*

*In labor, rest, in heat, temperance,
in tears, solace.*

*O most blessed light,
fill the inmost heart of your faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing
in us, nothing that is not harmful.*

*Cleanse that which is unclean,
water that which is dry,
heal that which is wounded.*

*Bend that which is inflexible,
fire that which is chilled,
correct what goes astray.*

*Give to your faithful, those who trust
in you, the sevenfold gifts.*

*Grant the reward of virtue,
grant the deliverance of salvation,
grant eternal joy.*

- Catholics striving for Holiness -





The Woman with a haemorrhage...if only I can touch the hem of his garment....

Pentecost Sunday – Benediction and Healing Service 4.00pm

Pentecost Sunday is a sacred day and we should celebrate it with solemnity and benediction and adoration is a most fitting way.

It is also a day when we can ask Jesus to heal our wounds whether they be physical or spiritual. This will enable us to grow closer to the Lord, Jesus.

The monstrance will be processed and there will be a chance to touch the hem of the humeral veil.

Dates for the diary:

This weekend second collection for world communication.

May 25th 7.00pm Polish Confirmations with Bishop Patrick – Leaine will also be confirmed – please keep her in your prayers.

May 28th Pentecost Sunday Healing Service and Benediction. 4.00pm

Vigil of Pentecost – see back page.

Sunday Collection: 14 May 2023

Envelope: £132 Loose Plate: £218 Candles: £27 If donating by cheque please make it payable to Boston Roman Catholic Parish. Thank you for your financial support and those too who pay through the bank. The Gift Aid March 23 quarter has been submitted to HMRC totalling £7130.18

Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

Second Collection: Clergy Formation £247

Second Collections: 18th June Day for Life; 2nd July Peter's Pence; 16th July Sea Sun. 17 Sept Ev.Gaudium.; 22 Oct World Mission Sunday; 10th Dec Poor/Needy Parishes

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Sadie Wheate, Rosalyn, Mary, Fay Cowell, David Locking and Jack Newell. Michael Campbell
- First Holy Communion Candidates
- Confirmation candidate: Leaine



Dear Faithful

We are now living through this blessed time between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. The apostles were told by Jesus not to depart from Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high. We must remember that they did not know how long the wait would be. But together with Mary in the upper room - where the last supper was celebrated – they awaited power from on high. They were full of joy and were continually in the temple praising God. (See Luke 24:36-53) They awaited the completion of all that Jesus had begun and the master, their teacher and their friend.

We likewise live through mystically the same period. We know that only the Holy Spirit can teach us about Jesus and his teachings. We can do nothing without the power of the Holy Spirit – so we need to thirst for this fire from above which can transform us into living images of Christ and enable us to spread the gospel message.

This staying and waiting for power from on high is important:

Firstly, it implies our weakness and impotence – “without me you can do nothing.”

Secondly, it shows us that we have to be receptive – God gives and we receive; it is that simple.

Thirdly, it implies patience – we must wait upon God.

Fourthly, we shall receive POWER which will enable us to be transformed and then to act. But Transformation comes first.

We must meditate on each of these and what they imply.

However, in a special way as Pope Saint John Paul II constantly taught in line with previous popes we are now as a Church living out this period because we await a New Pentecost. The world is in the depths of evil and the devil's power is at its height but at the same time he knows his time is limited which is why he is roaring. The solution is beyond human power; we require a divine intervention to bring mankind back to God.

This New Pentecost will be greater in power than the first; indeed it will be the greatest outpouring of God's power after the incarnation and resurrection.

St. Pope John XXIII prayed in 1962 for “a new Pentecost”. In preparation for the Second Vatican Council, he prayed for God to, “Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen.”

LET US THEN MAKE USE OF THIS SACRED TIME. BEG GOD FOR ALL THAT WE NEED – BOTH AS A CHURCH AND INDIVIDUALLY TO BRING ABOUT HIS KINGDOM. [Fr. Dominic Fiat!](#)



The magnificent sequence, which contains a rich theology of the Holy Spirit, would also be worthy of meditation, stanza by stanza. Here we will reflect only on the first word: *Veni*, come! It recalls the *waiting* of the Apostles after Christ's Ascension into heaven.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke presents them to us gathered in the Upper Room in prayer with the Mother of Jesus (cf. Acts 1:14). What better words than these could express their prayer: “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*” — the invocation, that is, of the one who moved over the face of the waters at the beginning of the world (cf. Gn 1:2), whom Jesus had promised them as the Paraclete?

The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for his coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*”. The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous, but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, *they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ*. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *veni — come!*

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Thus beginning her invocation to the Holy Spirit, the Church makes her own the substance of the Apostles' prayer as they gathered with Mary in the Upper Room; indeed, she extends it in history and makes it ever timely.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Thus she says over and over in every corner of the earth, her fervour unchanged, firmly aware that she must remain in the Upper Room, always awaiting the Spirit. At the same time, she knows that she must leave the Upper Room and travel the world's roads, with the ever new task of bearing witness to the mystery of the Spirit.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Amen!

