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Fr Phillip writes...

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We celebrate Pentecost today: the coming of the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

At the Vigil Mass we hear this prophesied in Ezekiel's vision of dry bones that are brought to life as he says the Lord's words to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord... I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live..."

In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." And in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how this was fulfilled in an amazing way on the day of Pentecost as the apostles "were all filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech..."

Receiving something changes us. It may be receiving news, or it might be an instruction or command or it might be a present... When we accept it, we choose to open ourselves to the giver and to the gift, and in a sense, we are no longer the same for we have received the giver and the gift into our lives.

When Jesus says to us, "Receive the Holy Spirit," he is offering us the most amazing gift of God's life and presence. Just as the gift of the Holy Spirit changed and enlivened for ever the lives of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost so that they were no longer content with staying within the four walls of the upper room, but went out into the waiting world to tell others about Jesus, so each one of us, when we accept the gift of the Holy Spirit, is changed and enlivened in his service and sent out.

St Paul tells the Corinthians – and us – that "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit." This Pentecost Sunday, let us reflect on our calling and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May we all choose to be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit and allow him to change us and bring our dead bones to life, so that we too might go out into our world to tell others that Jesus is Lord.

*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✠ Saturday 18th May, 5.30 pm: Pentecost Sunday (Deceased Members of the Rau Family R.I.P)
- ✠ Sunday 19th May, Pentecost Sunday
 - 8.30 am (Warwick Sayce, welfare)
 - 10 am* (People of the Parish)
 - 12.30 pm (First Holy Communion Mass)
- ✠ Monday 20th May: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✠ Tuesday 21st May, 6.30 pm: 7th Week in Ordinary Time (Annie Furlong, intentions)
- ✠ Wednesday 22nd May, 10 am: 7th Week in Ordinary Time (Brian & Gloria Sayce, intentions & welfare)
- ✠ Thursday 23rd May, 6.30 pm: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (Holy Souls R.I.P)
- ✠ Friday 24th May, 10 am: 7th Week in Ordinary Time (Mary Guignan, intentions & welfare)
- ✠ Saturday 25th May, 10 am: St Bede the Venerable, memorial (Stephen Patison R.I.P)
- ✠ Saturday 25th May, 5.30 pm: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
- ✠ Sunday 26th May, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
 - 8.30 am (People of the Parish)
 - 10 am* (Pat Ambrose R.I.P)

- Confession after the 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment -

Please, pray for the BAPTISM of baby CHARLIE AYRES, on SAT 25TH May at 12PM. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT BLESS THIS CHILD WITH a LONG-LASTING FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, MALGORZATA CORDOBA & ANNE WEATHERALL.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431



"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"

- Dom Helder Camara
Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

During term time, every Tuesday from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

NOTE:

No toddler group during half term. Finish on 21st May and return 4th June.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email Sue Roche on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

NOTE:

Children's liturgy takes a break after Sunday 19th May. Return Sunday 9th June.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

AFTER 10AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to help serve tea/coffee after Sat, 5.30 pm Mass? Please, contact Parish Office via email. Many thanks!



SVP TABLE SALES!

SVP - Table Top Sale - Lots of Bargains. Wednesday to Sunday in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support. Donations gratefully received.



Windsor & Ascot Pastoral Area

Parish Finance Committee - We are in the process of assembling a new finance council for our two parishes. If there is anyone within the community who would be willing to serve on such a committee (perhaps meeting 4-5 times a year) then please speak to or email Fr Phillip or Fr David.

Communications Group - We're at present looking at the websites and newsletters of our parishes of Windsor and Ascot. We certainly need a couple of people from Saint Francis to join the joint communication group with Windsor - if interested contact Fr Phillip or Fr David.

Emails: Fr Phillip: ppharris@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk & Fr David: canondavidh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS IN MAY 2024 - PLEASE SAY A PRAYER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

✚ **Gerald Griffiths:** Funeral Mass on **Wednesday 29th May at 11 am.**

✚ **Trevor Kilner:** Funeral Mass on **Friday 31st May at 11.30 am.**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Dates to save in your Diary!

Wednesday, 5th June at 7 pm - narthex of St Francis, Ascot

Fr David and Fr Phillip with members of the joint pastoral council will have an open meeting to discuss the way forward for the joining together of Windsor and Ascot as one parish. Please make a real effort to come to this meeting.

Saturday 15th June, Day of Catechists, St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor

All involved in sharing the faith in St Francis are invited to attend the Day for Catechists for the parish. Sister Hyacinth, a Dominican Sister from the New Forest, will lead us in reflecting on the importance of what it is to be a teacher of the faith in the parish and in prayer. Saturday June 15th, 9:30am ending by 12 noon (lunch will be available for those who wish). Just so we can cater for numbers, please confirm via email to Sharon Cole, youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Parish Outreach Group

We are hoping to form a small group of people between the communities of Ascot and Windsor to reach out to every household in our parishes. To achieve this We will focus on three or four roads every week and will deliver a card to every home.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes then please either come to the information evening on the 25th June at St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor. (The follow-up meeting will be in Ascot) It would be a short meeting beginning at 7 pm. (There is the option coming to mass at 6:30 pm before). If you cannot make this date, but would like to be a part of the group, please contact either parish office or just turn up at the meeting.

Could you be a school volunteer?

Are you retiring this summer and looking for a volunteering role in the Autumn? Why not consider becoming a CAFOD school volunteer? We need new school volunteers to visit catholic primary schools in Bracknell, Havant, Reading and Maidenhead. If you have time during the week and enjoy working with children and young people, this could be the volunteer role for you. Full training and resources are provided by CAFOD so if you are interested, please contact jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447.

Vacancy - Organist

St Edwards seeks an organist to play at the Parish Church, and build and support music in the churches of the Parish. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist with experience of playing in a church setting.

This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months. Application forms and full details are available from spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 7th June 2024.



Cleaner required for the Friary in Ascot

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner to look after the priest's house in Ascot and some of the parish rooms. The role is for six hours a week. For further details, please contact the parish office.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP

Monday - Friday at 1.30pm

30 Minutes of praying the Rosary

As requested by Our Lady

ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW

MON 20th May - FRI 24th May

ZOOM ID : 881 9980 6726

PASSWORD : rosary



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ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - www.stfrancisascot.co.uk/NEWSLETTER