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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 8 th June 2025	6.30pm (vigil)	Eileen & Charlie Crowley, RIP Anniversary (M R)
Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)	8.30am	Theo Clancy, RIP (H C)
	10.30am	Parish Community
Monday 9 th	9.30am	Mary Lythgoe, RIP (M M)
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the		
Church		
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Stella Maris Sisters, Private Intention (H W)
Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Souls
St Barnabas, Apostle	10.00am	Coffee Morning
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm	Gail Wilson & Linda White, RIP Anniversaries (C T)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal		
High Priest (Feast)		
Friday 13 th	9.30am	Grace O'Malley-Kumar, RIP 2 nd Anniversary (R W)
St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of		
the Church		
Saturday 14 th	10.00am	Holy Souls
Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday		
Sunday 15 th June 2025	6.30pm (vigil)	Stuart J McKenzie, RIP 1 st Half-Anniversary (R W)
The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)	8.30am	Parish Community
	10.30am	Intention of the donor
		O/L: Grace O'Malley-Kumar, RIP 2 nd Anniversary (R W)

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.: **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Neil Thomas, Maggie Morris, Joseph Cronin, Heidi Rees, Pat Joyce.

PRIESTS' GATHERING: The priests in the Archdiocese will be away for a gathering of prayer, reflection and sharing from 10th to 12th June (Tuesday to Thursday). Please support them with your prayers.

<u>JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE</u>: Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican City with Rt Rev Thomas Burns (Bishop Emeritus of Menevia), **10 - 14 November 2025**. For more information, please contact "Pilgrimage People" <u>www.pilgrimagepeople.org</u>

01223968363, 0800 5123423. A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year of grace and pilgrimage which takes place every 25 years.

<u>SVP</u>: The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th June at 6pm. All welcome.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th June at 2pm, when Father Jude will talk about 'The Nicene Creed'. All Ladies welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for 'Day for Life'.

<u>NEED CONFIDENCE TO SAFELY USE A COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET</u>: Our parish, in collaboration with *Cybervists*, is arranging a workshop for adults called "Secure Plug-in: Empowering Adults for a Connected World." This two-day event will help adult participants confidently use computers and the internet safely. It promises to be a fun and interactive experience! We encourage anyone interested to sign up by filling out the expression-of-interest form. **Dates: Friday 27 June, 5.30pm-7pm; Saturday 28 June, 11.30am -1pm.**

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Monday 9th June at 7pm. Text: John chapter 14. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOUR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. Next on Wednesday 18th June at 6pm.

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

<u>CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE</u>: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 19th June** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy. THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers. POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £927; WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY: £72. Thanks for your generosity

	From the Parish Events Planning UPCOMING PARISH EVENT (August 2025)	
Friday 29 August 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
Sunday 31 August 1pm	PARISH GARDEN PARTY	More information later.

ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

(Taken from the Homily of Pope Francis on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, 19 May 2024)

The Holy Spirit, who descended upon the disciples and remained at their side, that is, as the "Paraclete", transformed their hearts and instilled in them "a serene courage which impelled them to pass on to others their experience of Jesus and the hope which motivated them" (SAINT JOHN PAUL II, *Redemptoris Missio*, 24). Peter and John would later testify before the Sanhedrin, after being told "not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:18): "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (v. 20). And they possessed the power of the Holy Spirit to speak of these things.

This is also true of us, who received the Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. From the "Upper Room" of this Basilica, like the Apostles, we too are being sent forth, particularly at the present time, to proclaim the Gospel to all. We are sent into the world "not only geographically but also beyond the frontiers of race and religion, for a truly universal mission" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 25). Thanks to the Spirit, we can and must do this with his own power and gentleness.

...Consequently, we surrender to the Spirit, not to worldly power. We tirelessly proclaim peace to those who desire war, proclaim forgiveness to those who seek revenge, we proclaim welcome and solidarity to those who bar their doors and erect barriers, we proclaim life to those who choose death, we proclaim respect to those who love to humiliate, insult and reject, we proclaim fidelity to those who would sever every bond, thereby confusing freedom with a bleak and empty individualism. Nor are we intimidated by hardship, derision or opposition, which, today as always, are never lacking in the apostolate (cf. Acts 4:1-31).

At the same time that we act with this power, our proclamation seeks to be gentle, welcoming to everyone. Let us not forget this: everyone, everyone, everyone. Let us not forget the parable of those who were invited to the feast but did not want to go: "Go therefore to the streets and bring everyone, everyone, everyone, both the bad and the good, everyone" (cf. Mt 22:9-10). The Spirit grants us the power to go forth and call everyone with gentleness, he grants us the gentleness to welcome everyone.

All of us, brothers and sisters, are in great need of hope, which is not optimism; no, it is something else. We need hope. Hope is depicted as an anchor, there at the shore, and in clinging to its rope, we move toward hope. We need hope, we need to lift our gaze to horizons of peace, fraternity, justice and solidarity. This alone is the way of life, there is no other. Naturally, it is not always easy; indeed, there are times that the path is winding and uphill. Yet we know that we are not alone, we have the certainty that, by the help of the Holy Spirit and by his gifts, we can walk together and make that path more and more inviting for others as well.