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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 8th June 2025

THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Fr Thomas is recovering from a planned major operation which he had last Wednesday 4th June.
Please remember him in your prayers so he can recover well and be with us in the parish again**

Page 275 Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Gospel John 20: 19-21
Pentecost literally mean 50th day and at the time of Jesus was the 50th day after the Passover Jewish feast. Today it is the 50th day after Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Jesus, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and those gathered with them in the upper room in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian Church so we should celebrate it as the birthday of our Church. In earlier days the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost as it was called, was the forgotten person of the Holy Trinity. It was easier to image God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ as one became flesh and the other was portrayed with a venerable beard. Today we realise the importance of the Holy Spirit empowering and guiding us to live as true followers of Christ
In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles the Holy Spirit comes as tongues of fire transforming frightened apostles into fiery preachers and evangelisers with courage, strength and direction. Filled with the Holy Spirit they spoke in diverse languages, astonishing a multination crowd as each heard God's wonders in their own language. The second reading St Paul explains to the Corinthians the gifts of the Holy Spirit especially for them as Gentiles. In John's Gospel Jesus appears to the apostles and greets them with "*Peace be with you*". They then receive the Holy Spirit from Jesus personally as "*He breathed on them saying 'Receive the Holy Spirit'*". He promises that the Holy Spirit will be always with His followers as they spread His message throughout the nations. Malcolm.

Mass times

Feast Days

6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 7th St Robert of Newminster Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire. Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a monastery of Cistercian monks north of Newcastle. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey. He ruled and directed the monks at Newminster Abbey for 21 years. He died there on 7 th June 1159. The small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks was one of the first to be dissolved in 1553 by Henry VIII.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 8th June Pentecost Sunday
NO MASS	Monday 9th St Columba of Iona Born about 521 in Ireland of royal birth. Educated at a variety of monastic schools. Became a monk. Ordained a priest. Spent 15 years travelling in Ireland preaching. Then settled in a monastery to study. Dispute with Irish King Diarmaid over the right of monastic sanctuary of a Prince sought by the king. 3,000 died in the conflict and Columba promised to win the same number of souls for Christ. Founded a monastery on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. Spent 30 years as a missionary developing the monastery as a missionary school. Influential in Scotland's politics. He built churches and founded monasteries. Missionaries went out from Iona and his Celtic influence spread through Ireland, Scotland and northern England
NO MASS	Tuesday 10th St Ithamar First bishop in England to be Saxon born in the 7 th century. Previous bishops were either Irish or missionaries from abroad most from St Augustine's Roman missionaries. Consecrated as Bishop of Rochester by Archbishop Honorius of Canterbury. His predecessor was Bishop Paulinus, one of the most famous of Augustine's group. St Bede referred to Ithamar as "of the Kentish nation". He took the new name Ithamar, a son of Aaron, from the Old Testament. Bishop Ithamar consecrated Deusdedit as the first Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury. He was bishop from 655 to about 664. Buried at Rochester. Associated with miraculous cures of eye problems
NO MASS	Wednesday 11th St Barnabas Called an apostle but not one of the 12 chosen by Jesus. A Jew from Cyprus who sold his farm to follow Jesus. Was sent to Antioch, capital of Syria, to preach to Greeks and other Gentiles as well as the Jews. Worked with St Paul as a travelling companion for his tent making work, evangelising successfully in many areas. Eventually left St Paul and preached with his cousin John Mark in Cyprus and Syria where it is thought he was martyred.

NO MASS

Thursday 12th St John of Sahagun Born in 1419 in Spain to an influential family which guaranteed a rich secular life which he rejected. He joined the monastery where he was educated in Sahagun, northern Spain. He impressed the Bishop of Burgos who ordained him and made him canon of the Cathedral of Burgos. He gave John several church grants and important positions. Resigned from most of them except ministry to the Chapel of St Agatha in poor area of city. Courageous preacher for social justice and peace. Entered University of Salamanca to study theology. Nine year ministry in parish of St Sebastian in Salamanca, a city known for its immoral behaviour and crime. His preaching denounced the sins of nobles, commoners, property owners who took advantage of their tenants and championed the rights of workers and the common people. Duke sent men to kill him but when assassins met Fr John they asked his forgiveness. In 1463, aged 45, he joined the Order of Hermits of St Augustine. His sermons upset many of the rich and noble especially when strongly criticising extravagant dress. Drew large crowds and tried to bring peace to conflicting groups. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Died on 11th June 1479 aged 60.

NO MASS

Friday 13th . St Antony of Padua Born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal to a noble and wealthy family. Educated at Cathedral school. Aged 15 entered the Augustine community in Lisbon. Due to frequent family visits, asked to be moved to Coimbra. Able scholar who studied theology and Latin. Ordained aged 19. Left the Augustines to be a Franciscan inspired by their missionary work. Sent to Morocco but became sick and tried to return home but his ship was caught in a storm and he landed in Sicily. Nursed back to health by Franciscans in Messina. Attended "Pentecost Chapter of Mats" in Assisi with 3,000 other friars. Francis of Assisi was impressed by the humility of the young man from "out of town". Sent for a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage in northern Italy. At a special event accepted invitation to give a short sermon after the meal. With his theological education gave an amazing talk. Then sent out on inspirational Franciscan preaching missions which attracted great crowds. He had a powerful voice, spoke without notes, had a charisma similar to modern day revivalists and was life changing for many who heard him. He particularly spoke about the destructive results of drinking and gambling and strongly denounced usury, lending money at unreasonable high rates of interest. Was a great friend of Francis of Assisi. Antony died on 13th June 1231 aged 36.

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

Saturday 14th St Methodius of Constantinople Born in 788 in Sicily to wealthy parents. Received an excellent education in his home town. Went to Constantinople to study. Joined a monastery and became abbot. Founded a monastery on island of Chios. Patriarch of Constantinople asked his help to oppose banning by the Emperor of the use of sacred icons. Methodius was in favour of veneration of holy images and was arrested in 821. He suffered terrible conditions for 8 years in an underground prison which damaged his health. He then criticised the new emperor who had him tortured. Managed to escape with the help of friends and went into hiding. When the emperor died, his wife Empress Theodora, regent to her infant son, agreed to the return of icons and images. Methodius was made Patriarch of Constantinople. He triumphantly had icons and images restored to churches and brought back orthodoxy to the Eastern Church. Only survived 4 years as patriarch due to his damaged health from his time in prison. He died on 14th June 847 aged 59.

9.30 am Mass**Sunday 15th June****The Most Holy Trinity Sunday****PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION****Your prayers are needed for the following people**

Sue Chandler **Hazel Sale** **Mary Light** **Trevor Delves** **Fr Shaun Budden** **Ann Drumgoole**

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral of Fr Vincent Convery a previous parish priest for St Vincent de Paul in the 1980's.

Fr Vincent , who was a greatly loved by the parishioners, died on 27th April at Kiln Green Nursing Home north east of Reading in Berkshire. He had suffered a severe stroke in 2016. His funeral will be held in Chapel there.

Geoff Bradley, a previous active parish member, died last week. Please remember both in your prayers.

Important notice from church cleaners: DO NOT LEAVE CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH

Chewing gum can damage the pews, floors and other surfaces. It is also very difficult to remove. Please can we all work together to keep our sacred space clean and welcoming for everyone.

Jubilee 2025 Youth Pilgrimage between 28th July and 4th August coinciding with World Youth Day

Any young person who is 17+ in invited to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome and includes visits to the Vatican and World Youth Day Jubilee events. Cost is £1,350 per person for a shared room.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 18th June – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

Parish collection for last weekend 31st May and 1st June

							Communications		
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Coffee Fund for new Mass Books	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£142	£35.50	£144.89	£242.54	£51.98	£616.91	£50	£30	£105.20	£802.11