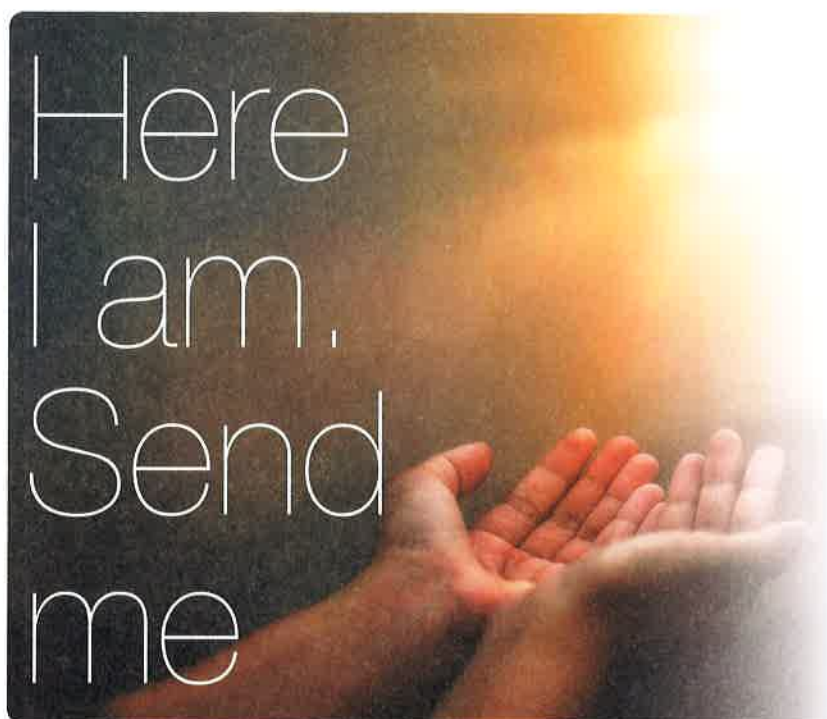



# SUNDAY *Plus*

Pentecost **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

Spirit of love and peace, humanity is often divided. Unity and understanding can seem so distant as innocent people become victims of injustice and cruelty. Help me to radiate love to my own little world. Make me an instrument of your peace.  Amen.

## Blessing of St Clare of Assisi

What you hold, may you always hold.

What you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, may you go forward securely, joyfully and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness, not believing anything, not agreeing with anything, that would dissuade you from this resolution or that would place a stumbling block for you on the way, so that you may offer your vows to the Most High in the pursuit of that perfection to which the Spirit of God has called you.

St Clare of Assisi

Today, as in the days after Pentecost, the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel.

Pope Leo XIV

Your Holy Spirit blows where he will – where he will, not where I will. He is not simply always there, whenever and wherever someone wants him to be. We must go to him, there, where he chooses to give his grace. And that's why your salvation is bound up with your visible Church. That's why your grace comes to us in visible signs.

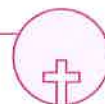
This is all quite clear to me, Lord, and I'm very happy about this distinctive characteristic of your grace. It's comforting to know that I can approach you... in concrete, tangible, visible signs. It warms my heart to know that I can be sure of your power and presence in my life through the water of baptism, or by the audible

word of forgiveness spoken by the priest, or in the holy bread of the altar...

Can one pass on your truth without having fully grasped it himself? Can I preach your Gospel, if it has not struck deep roots in my own heart? Can I pass on your life, if I am not alive with it myself? Your holy signs can produce grace of their own power, it's true...

Thus, I shall be happy to set out again and again on my messenger's rounds to my fellow men and women. You have sent me, and so I go in your name, not my own. Let your power triumph through my weakness, whenever you desire it to do so.

Karl Rahner SJ,  
*Encounters with Silence*



Feast of the week  
Wednesday 27 May

## St Augustine of Canterbury (d. 604)

St Augustine landed in Anglo-Saxon Britain after Pope Gregory the Great met some slaves on sale in the market in Rome. The experience catalysed him to send Augustine to people who were, "Not Angles but angels!"

The Romans brought Christianity to Britain. St Alban, the first-recorded British Christian martyr, died in 305, 590 years before Augustine landed on Kentish shores. The Glastonbury Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea set up the first British Christian community at Glastonbury. After the departure of the Romans, small pockets of Christianity survived until Augustine's arrival, although there is little evidence that Romano-British Christians tried to bring the Anglo-Saxons into the fold.

After Kent's King Ethelbert became a Christian, Augustine reported that ten thousand of his subjects followed the king.

Augustine's limited understanding of the culture, traditions and thinking of the people he had come to evangelise possibly explains his limited effectiveness in Wales and other parts of England, during his eight years as the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

## READINGS

Today:

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,  
12-13  
John 20:19-23

Monday:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or  
Acts 1:12-14  
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:

1 Peter 1:10-16  
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Peter 1:18-25  
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday:

Genesis 22:9-18  
Matthew 26:36-42

Friday:

1 Peter 4:7-13  
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25  
Mark 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9  
2 Corinthians  
13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



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**Confessions:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm Saturdays or please contact Fr Benedict on request

**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Philip Pak      **Telephone:** St Helier: 0208 296 2917

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*"Jesus is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, he is the king of the new world, he is the secret of history; he is the key to our destiny." Pope Paul VI*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY VIGIL**

Sat. 23rd May 6:30pm. Maura Oates Adams (RIP)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Sun. 24th May 9:30am. Irene Gatens (Birthday RIP)

11:00am. Mick Costello (RIP)

*End of the Season of Easter, Paschaltide.*

Mon. 25th May 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 26th May 10:00am. Henry and Beryl Green (RIP)

Wed. 27th May 10:00am. Josie Garvey (RIP)

Thur. 28th May 10:00am. Albert D'Mello (RIP)

Fri. 29th May 6:00pm. *Adoration and Benediction*  
7:00pm. Julien Ratnasekera (RIP)

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. 30th May 6:30pm. Sahadeo Jagdeo (Good Health & Wellbeing)

Sun. 31st May 9:30am. Dennis Cooke (RIP)  
*Recently deceased.*

11:00am. Teresa Mary Hook (RIP)  
*Recently Deceased*

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026** Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open. Visit the parish website. The closing date is *Sunday 28th June*. Applications after this date will not be accepted. Sessions begin at the start of July.

**Save the Date/s**

**Summer Fayre Volunteers Meeting** Wednesday 27th May at 7pm in the CB Room.

**St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre** Saturday 11th July 1pm to 4pm.

**Parish Volunteers Mass** Saturday 30th May 3pm for a Special Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Altar Servers Mass** Saturday 20th June at 2pm.

**Mass of the Sick** Saturday 4th July at 2.30pm.

*Everyone is invited for refreshments after each of the Masses.*

**Repository** If looking for gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage or Ordinations, visit our Repository, for rosaries, prayer books, religious candles, cards and gifts for all occasions in life.

**Catholic Legacy Week** is from 24th to 30th May could you consider leaving a legacy gift in your Will to your parish, ensuring future generations have a place of hope to turn to and experience God's love. Ask for details.



*Come Holy Spirit, spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity.*

**Saints of the Week** 25th Mary Mother of the Church; 25th St Bede; 25th St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi; 25th St Gregory VII; 26th St Philip Neri; 27th St Augustine of Canterbury; 28th Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest; 29th Pope St Paul VI; 30th St Joan of Arc

**Upcoming Mass Intentions**

26th Henry and Beryl Green  
27th Josie Garvey  
28th Albert D'Mello  
29th Julien Ratnasekera  
30th Sahadeo Jagdeo  
31st Dennis Cooke  
31st Teresa Mary Hook

**REPOSE OF THE SOUL**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Moya Condon** who died on the 24th April. Her funeral is Wednesday 3rd June at 12.30pm and at the Morden Crematorium at 2pm.

**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:**

Please pray for the wellbeing of:

D.H.  
Adelaide Cotter,  
Paul Fairhall,  
Amy Bradbury  
Marie Goti  
Michael Christou  
John Rosenow  
Mary Silva  
Michael Hoskins  
Brian Newman  
Phyllis Sibley  
Marco Chavrimootoo  
Martha Gilbert

**Kathleen Webster** who died Friday 8th May. Her funeral is Thursday 11th June at 12.30pm and burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetery.

*May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory*



Mass for **First Holy Communions 2026** is on 6th & 7th June at 1pm.

\*\* As space is limited please visit the parish website or QR code for more parish information.

**Monday is a Bank Holiday Parish Surgery & the Office will be closed except for emergencies.**

## Parish Life

**Parish Surgery:** Parish Office hours for are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal or personal.

**Parish Gift Aid Scheme** thank you to those who have collected their Gift Aid letters already. Please check the letter rack, letters are filed under surnames. Remember we are able to claim an extra 25% on contributions from those who are tax payers. Gift Aid boxes are in the narthex. Should you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please send an email to the parish office.



**25th Wedding Anniversary** Many Congratulations to Cassian and Ann on their 25th Wedding Anniversary which they chose to celebrate with family and friends at the parish. We thank them for their example in married life together and for their contribution to assist other couples celebrating their engagement, marriage or wedding anniversary in church. We wish them endless joyful years together.

### **THE PARISH HALL**

**is available to hire.**

**For all enquiries send an email to**  
[stceciliashurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:stceciliashurchevents@outlook.com)

**A Seat at the Table (by Caeli Lumen CIC)** is an independently organised monthly supper gathering for Catholics in their 30s and 40s to meet, build friendships, and form meaningful connections outside of Mass. Open to Catholics across London.

♦ Wimbledon, Friday 27th June, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
£5 booking fee (food purchased separately)  
Look out for the posters in church. To reserve your place contact: [Caelilumen@outlook.com](mailto:Caelilumen@outlook.com)

**Assisted Suicide Bill** On Thursday 21st May the House of Commons Members Bill ballot took place. Assisted suicide campaigners, led by Kim Leadbeater MP, have made it clear they are going to put considerable pressure on the 20 MPs to bring back her assisted suicide Bill. Their aim is not to simply revive the Bill. But they want to use a Parliament Act to bypass the House of Lords and force the Bill into law. Taking this route would be unprecedented and profoundly inappropriate. This is why MP needs to hear from us. Ask your local MP to oppose reviving the Assisted Suicide Bill.  
<https://writeonad.theotherhalf.uk/>

**The Public say No! The Parliamentarians say No! and the Experts say No! to this Bill.**

**One to Watch**—Channel 5, Sunday 24 May at 9pm documentary series 'Trading Places'. The Carmelite Friars of Oxford, welcome three young men who swap their everyday lives to join the Carmelite community in prayer, silence and daily routine. The Carmelites origins date back to Mount Carmel and a way of life established by St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross. The Priory has been home to the community since 1958, in the former home of Poet Laureate Robert Bridges.

**Potential New Saints from the UK** The Catholic Diocese of Salford has officially opened the cause of canonization of 21 year old Pedro Ballester, an engineering student from Manchester, whose heroic life of faith, in times of struggles at the end of his life, continues to influence and inspire many today.

And Joe Wilson, a 17 year old school boy from Glasgow, Scotland, known for his profound spiritual diaries and work in the community has formally been approved by the Scottish Bishops for canonization and the cause sent to Rome.

**The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 - The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life** Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ, places you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Book tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

**'Becoming a Chorister'** The next zoom session will take place at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd June at 6:30pm 3(0 minutes). **To finding out more about joining a world class choir and becoming a Westminster Cathedral chorister? Register here - <https://tinyurl.com/2zsf92j8> or contact Rachel Bonnet at 020 7798 908, or [RBonnet@choirschool.com](mailto:RBonnet@choirschool.com)**

**An Evening with Scott Hahn.** Meet Scott Hahn (of Hallow) Thursday 28th May 6pm to 10pm at St George's Cathedral for this special event on the Eucharist and a reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Scott Hahn, a convert to the Catholic faith, gives a moving life testimony including that of his son who entered the priesthood five years ago. Sign up at <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/hoid9ldf> for tickets.

**Radio Maria** London Catholic radio station broadcasting 24 hrs on digital radio, mobile app and online.

**Magnifica Humanitas** Pope Leo is to publish his first encyclical on Monday 25th May entitled Magnifica Humanitas on the 135th Anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical Rerum Novarum. The new encyclical on preserving the dignity of the human person in an age of artificial intelligence is much needed, in a time when the very essence of the Catholic Church, is being hijacked and distorted on social media.

***The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of May.***  
*He invites us to pray 'That everyone might have food.' Millions continue to suffer from hunger while so much is wasted at our table. That we learn to consume simply, to share with joy and care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from God, destined for all not just the few.*

### **Our Safeguarding Team**

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***The Safeguarding representatives have special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.***

**The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator can be contacted on 020 761 1606**

Find out more at

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