

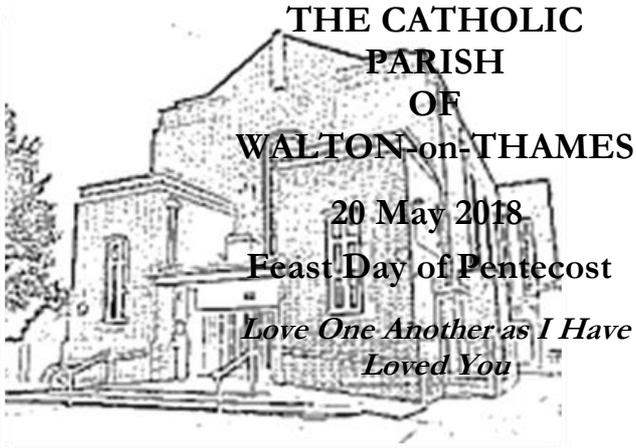
ST ERCONWALD

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WALTON-on-THAMES

20 May 2018

Feast Day of Pentecost

*Love One Another as I Have
Loved You*



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Fr Richard writes: The Solemnity of Pentecost marks that outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles, the beginning of the Church. It is Jesus Christ who calls the Church into being, and the Holy Spirit which animates and directs her. This promised gift of the Spirit gives those followers of the Lord all the strength and gifts they need to continue His work; they are entrusted with the Lord's work and become, by the Spirit, the Body and Bride of Christ. It is so important for us to recognise our supernatural origins. The Church is not a club with a bunch of good ideas, preferences and a common interest, she is all that the Lord called her to be in His promised gift of the Holy Spirit. She is to go out to the whole world, to proclaim Jesus Christ, to baptise and teach in His name. This may seem quite daunting, but in the power of the Holy Spirit we find a confidence in our membership of Christ's body, the Church, to live out our lives under Him and to share that truth. As we turn our attention to the structures of our parish, I look forward to a second meeting to form an important parish group looking at Finance, Administration & Fabric. Once the group is properly formed its membership will be publicised. It will be the basis for bringing together a wider group which I propose to call a Parish Team. During the summer a process of consultation together with an opportunity to volunteer for the various needs of the parish will be formally underway. We have many challenges to face, but we do so as the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Fr Richard Biggerstaff

Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be made, And you will renew the face of the earth.

TODAY is the FEAST OF PENTECOST, which marks the culmination and conclusion of the season of Eastertide, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY Please join us to pray the Rosary after most Masses continuing during the Month of May. See Mass Times on the newsletters for Walton, Molesey & Hersham.

THE NEXT DEANERY CARE MASS, will be 10 June at St Augustine's Convent, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 1QR, at 3.00pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are invited.

ANDREW ROBERTSON has decided to stand down after twelve years of serving our parish. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him sincerely for his time, commitment and dedication to our needs in the Parish during those 12 years. "Thank you Andrew".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION on Saturday 9 and 16 of June. Help required to serve refreshments after the service, so that parents can enjoy this very special day with

their children. It would be between 12 and 13:30. If you can help, could you please contact the church office or email Michelle Darragh michellejdarragh@yahoo.co.uk.

SAFEGUARDING, Please ensure your DBS is up to date. The parish office cannot tell if your certificate has expired as the certificate is sent only to the individuals. For more information please contact Tina O'Kelly dbs@sterconwalds.org.uk.

PLANT AND JAM SALE. It's that weekend you've all been waiting for! On Sunday June 3rd, between the 9.15 and 11.15 masses, there will be a plant (tomatoes, beans, courgettes, strawberries etc.) and jam sale to raise money for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage and CAFOD.

SHARE THE JOURNEY across the Weybridge Deanery 23-24 June. Do come along and support generously. Groups of CAFOD supporters and volunteers will be walking from church to church across the Weybridge Deanery for our Share the Journey campaign. What promises to be a wonderful occasion of people coming together from various parishes is all in solidarity with refugees.

The walk will start in Thames Ditton on the 23rd of June and pass through Walton-On-Thames, then on Sunday the 24th will head to Weybridge, Chertsey, Egham Hythe, Englefield Green before finishing in Royal Holloway. Refreshments will be served at each stage and a simple prayer will launch and end the walk in each Church. Some people will be able to walk a few stages of the journey while others will walk from their own church to the next on the journey. No stage should be too taxing and lifts should be available back to the set-off point of each stage. Details of start times will be given nearer the date.

COUNTING is a ministry, which takes place every week in the parish and we take this opportunity to thank those who are and those who have been doing it over recent years. Now, because of retirement, we are in need of a couple of pairs of

counters to join a team of volunteers on a four to five week rota (two people are required for each count) Please contact Parish Office for more information.

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO? Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School is looking for a piano player who would be happy to accompany school Masses, concerts, productions etc. on an ad hoc basis. If you are interested please contact office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk or telephone 01932 222536.

WALTON & HERSHAM FOODBANK relies entirely on food that is donated by the public. They supply their clients with a variety of food products, all non-perishable, to cover all meal times. They regularly experience shortages of some types of food products. At present the most needed food items are, small sponge puddings, noodles, instant mash potatoes, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, long life milk, tinned fish, rice pudding, tomato sauce, table sauces, tinned potatoes.

ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE, UGANDA The thirty nine remaining young people supported by our parish project will be returning to school, university and training following their spring break. The cost of tuition fees and living expenses for the next term is approximately £10,000. The distinguishing feature of our project is that children (more than 50 completed to date) are supported through to becoming independent adults. The young people continue to be so grateful for his life transforming opportunity we provide. If you are able to support in anyway you can give online at www.helpugandatrust.org or contact the parish office.

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL has, for over 140yrs, celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with a Festival of Flowers: themed on 'Adoremus Liverpool 2018', public viewing, Wednesday 30 May, 9.30am to 8pm and Thursday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Solemn Mass and Procession to the Castle

at 5.30 pm. Refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.

PRIESTHOOD VOCATION, A day of reflection for single men aged 35-55 who wish to explore if they have a calling to the priesthood. Saturday 9 June 9.30am–3.30pm. St. John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 0QX. For more details contact the Fr. Con Foley 01932 842643 or email, foleycon@gmail.com

NEW PARISHIONER? Welcome to St Erconwalds! Please make yourself known to Fr Richard, Fr Bill or the Parish office. Registration forms are available from the back of the church. If you would like a visit from Fr Richard, please contact him. Please feel free to call by the Parish Office to simply say hello.

HOUSE BOUND PARISHIONERS may be unable to get to Mass and can be overlooked. If you know of any in this situation, please inform the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY for the following, who are unwell or recovering: Jane Tan, Rose Collins, Joan Mills, Mary Sewell, Yvette Ladds, Joe Hegarty, Christopher Browne, Norman Boyle, David McMillan, Rita O'Rourke, Tomislav and Ana Helena Vidjak, Vlatka Hlupic, Mary Hales, Maureen Lloyd, Tom McKay, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Ethelreda Holmes, Mary Wallace, Sheila De Verteuil, Mary O'Flaherty, Bill Dodds, Mary Overton, Rosemary Hill, Yvonne Johnson, Julie O'Connor, Frances Ryan, Aidan Harris and the Harris family, Filipe Costa da Silva, Teresa Azouz, Sr. Mary and Maria Theresa Curtis. All request our prayers.

ROTAS and VOLUNTEERING

Coffee

20 May Teresa Lavender, Angela Lanzisera
27 May Maureen Reid, Gina Di Gregorio

Cleaners

21 May Group Five
28 May Group One

20 May Eucharistic Ministers

9.15am: *J.Charvetto, S.Smith, E.Englefield

11.15am: *M.Carruba, L.Mehta, C.Casey

20 May Readers

*9.15am: Stephen Speed, Sara Smith

11.15am: Alison Foreman, John Kirby

27 May Eucharistic Ministers

9.15am: *D.Ennis, A.Nwana, P.Creber

11.15am: *P.Begley-Jones, R.Appiah, M.Carruba

27 May Readers

9.15am: Sue Dickinson, Libby Grace

11.15am: Alan, Ian Richardson

INFANT BAPTISM, the next preparation is 2 July 8pm at St Erconwald, Esher Avenue and Friday 27 July at 7pm at St Barnabas, Molesey. Contact the Parish Offices.

BAPTISMS at Walton will normally take place on the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Please contact the Parish office for availability.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continue in the hall during 9.15am mass. There will be a break for Half Term on 3 June, We are always looking for more helpers. If you are able to help with this important ministry, please contact Gina Di Gregorio on 01932 230663.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meet usually in the hall on Wednesdays during term time from 10am to 11.45am. For more information, call Rebekah on 07900 020063.

BIBLE ALIVE is an excellent help for daily scripture reading and reflection. Copies (£2.50) are available in the porch.

MASS INTENTIONS can be delivered to the Parish Office.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER is available in the porch.

REDISCOVER JESUS is a powerful book that invites us to explore the possibilities that God places before us daily. Free copies are available in the porch.
