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### Pentecost Sunday

#### ***Masses will be celebrated without a congregation***

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Jennifer Hutchison (Golden Anniversary)
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Intention of Al Davitt
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	The Parish
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Souls
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Souls
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Souls
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	John Godling RIP and the Family
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sivyer Family Past & Present
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Pyle RIP



**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-31

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, Frances Boylan, Halina Kuczynska-Mills & family, Rose Little, Albert Davitt, Lelia Murray, Nicholas & Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversary occurs about this time: Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide, Geoffrey Clarey, Sarah Hancox, Simon Sims, Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert, Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski, Marion McCabe  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

#### **3. SPONSORS NEEDED TO HELP CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE:**

Charities rely on big events like the London Marathon for much needed funds but this year it has been cancelled. So, Peter Clarke had a think about what he could do from home and decided he would do 26,200 press-ups! He is no fitness fanatic so this is a tough personal challenge. He is now up to 400 press-ups per day and has completed **10,200 to date**. He hopes to complete this challenge in July. The charity he has chosen is the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, which is a charity already supported by the parish. **To date he has raised £620**. Donations may be made via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-clarke-press-up-challenge> and will go directly to the charity. Thank you in advance!

**4. PENTECOST SUNDAY – NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY** will take place, in our homes from 9.00 am – 9.00pm across England, Wales and Scotland in answer to Pope Francis call to join online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19. The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton has been allocated 9.00 am and English Martyrs will be participating via the website

**5. PENTECOST EVENING HOLY HOUR** in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Good Shepherd Chapel will be on-line from 7.00 pm this Saturday evening. We do hope that you will join us for this special time

**6 USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please continue to collect your used postage stamp – with just a narrow border of envelope – for that happy time when we are able to reopen the church and they can be sent off to St Patrick's Missionary Society.

**7. 'MY DAY BY DAY BOOK':** If you are one of the ten people who regularly collect this little book from the Front Porch please either email or phone the office to let me know and I will send the next two out to you. Five gone already!

**8 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** A few of the catechetical weekly meetings will be scheduled when we are in a position to make some plans and the young people will make their First Holy Communion some time in the autumn. We continue to keep them and their families in our prayers. Shortly after our First Holy Communion Sunday the preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for those who will be in Year 3 and over will commence.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.** It is so named because it is fifty days from the Jewish Feast of Passover – our great Christian Feast of Easter. It seems the longest fifty days in my life! It has certainly been the weirdest. For many people with their livelihoods in the balance, and with many others uncertainties to face, it has been far more worrying.

A hymn we might have been singing today if we were able to come together for Mass is 'This is the Day'. It celebrates the day that the Lord began his work of creation and the day that Jesus rose from the dead and the day when the Spirit came. We are glad and we rejoice in it.

In the Creed we say that Christ rose on the third day. In our reckoning, Sunday is the second day after Friday. But in the Jewish tradition a day begins and ends at sunset. Jesus was buried before sunset on the Friday. The second day was about to begin and would have ended on Saturday evening. The third day – Sunday – began after sunset on Saturday. In the first story of Creation in Chapter 1 of Genesis each of the 6 days of creation is marked by the refrain: 'Evening came and morning came the first day...the second day... the third day...' etc. We would say that morning marked the beginning of each day. For the Jews however each new day began in the evening.

Sabbath is the Jewish word for seventh day. They called Sunday the first day of the week. Jews regard Saturday evening as the beginning of Sunday. This is why our great Easter celebration – the Easter Vigil – takes place after sunset on Holy Saturday. In Jewish reckoning the first day of the week would have begun. Until recently priests used to be regularly asked: 'Does the Easter Vigil do for Sunday?' The Easter Vigil Mass is THE Easter Mass. The Easter morning Masses are rather tame by comparison. Yet there are many Catholics who have never taken part in the Easter Vigil Mass. Some people also are not comfortable with the idea of Saturday evening Masses being regarded in the same way as Sunday Masses. Our Christian faith is the fulfilment of the Jewish faith. We are rooted in Judaism

As of now nobody can make any definite plans. We have to move on from day to day not knowing when the situation will change. So many people are worried about their future and the future of their family. In today's Gospel we are told that on Resurrection Day Jesus showed his disciples his hands and his side – an abiding proof of his love for us. He said to them and to us: 'Peace be with you'. He is with us. Like the Mass on Easter Day, today's Mass ends with: 'Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.'

On Tuesday we have the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, placed the crown of St Edward on her head. Edward the Confessor had been King of England from 1042-1066. If England were to choose to have an English Saint as their patron – rather than Saint George – I don't think that Edward the Confessor would be a very happy choice – though he was, no doubt, a very holy man. However, his crown lives on. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953, outside the Abbey thousands of people waited in the cold and the wet for the new Queen to emerge and make her journey to Buckingham Palace in the ceremonial golden coach, accompanied by Prince Philip. They had been married in 1947 when he had been known as Prince Philip of Greece. He was a distant cousin of Princess Elizabeth. They had been on a State Visit to Kenya en route to Australia and New Zealand when they heard of the death of King George V. Princess Elizabeth had represented her father on a number of State occasions since 1951 due to the gradual decline in the King's state of health.

On 29<sup>th</sup> May – four days before the Coronation, Edmund Hillary, the New Zealand born climber and the Sherpa guide Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. News of this first ascent of Everest was delayed until the day of the Coronation. They stayed on the summit for about 15 minutes to take photos and plant a Union Jack, the Nepalese flag and the flag of the United Nations side by side in the snow – with biscuits and cake as a Buddhist offering. For forty years people had tried and failed to scale Mount Everest. The successful pair used up to date mountaineering equipment and oxygen equipment. An attempt earlier that month had failed in high winds but on the 29<sup>th</sup> the weather was perfect.

There will be no public ceremonies this year to mark the anniversary of the Coronation but we will fly the flag here on Tuesday as we did on VE Day. Back in 1953 countless numbers of people viewed the event on a record number of two and a half million televisions in Britain. Even more than that will watch the recording on Tuesday.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1969 Prince Charles was invested as Prince of Wales by Queen Elizabeth at Caernarvon Castle. In preparation for his investiture he had spent a term at the University College of Wales learning Welsh. He had become Prince of Wales when he was ten but the investiture made it official. Once Prince Charles become King the title will cease until he bestows it on Prince William. Prince William was born on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1982 in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Princess Diana was within a few days of her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. William is second in line to the throne after his father.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1979 Pope John Paul II set foot on the soil of his native Poland. He had been elected Pope nine months before – the first non-Italian Pope to be elected in 456 years. Poland was still under Communist rule in 1979 and the government was very nervous about the visit. To forbid it however would have been impossible. His reception by the people was predictably overwhelming. In his long Papacy, John Paul visited Poland many times. His election marked a major opening up in relations between the Church and the countries of the Communist Bloc. On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1981 – less than three years after becoming Pope – Pope John Paul was shot four times by a Turkish gunman in St Peter's Square before a crowd of 20,000 people. The Pope was in a white open-top jeep blessing the crowds during his weekly audience when the gunman opened fire, hitting the Pope and wounding two other people. After a five hour operation the Pope was declared to be out of danger and he made a full recovery. The Pope visited his assailant, Mehmet Ali Agca, in prison and forgave him. Pope John Paul died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005. He would have been 100 years old on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We ask for the strength of the Holy Spirit for Pope Francis, ourselves and all God's family, as we pray for peace and health.

Come Holy Spirit, creator come  
from thy bright heavenly throne.  
Come take possession of our souls  
and make them all thine own.

Far from us drive our deadly foe.  
True peace unto us bring  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

May God bless you,  
Mr. Lian,