

Hymn 296

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come

From thy bright heavenly throne,
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who are sev'nfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand;
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

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

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee th' eternal Son,
And thee the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessèd Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his co-equal Son'
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

Hymn 303

Come down, O love divine

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling,
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Hymn 302

Breathe on me, Breath of God

fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe of me, Breath of God
until my heart is pure:
until with thee I have one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe of me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine Eternity.

Hymn 771

The Spirit lives to set us free

walk, walk in the light.

He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, (3)

walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,
The dead were wakened by his call.

He died in pain on Calvary,
to save the lost like you and me.

We know his death was not the end,
He gave his Spirit to be our friend.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
The Father's kindness is revealed.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
His light will shine for all to see.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Veni sancte Spiritus, veni sancte Spiritus,
Veni, veni sancte Spiritus, veni sancte Spiritus.

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Pentecost Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles describes how on Pentecost Day, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went out boldly proclaiming & witnessing to the Gospel: that Christ is risen. Hence, the Church was born; and from that moment the Church has continued to witness to Christ. Evangelisation and the Church are united and one from its infancy until today.

Through the reception of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and Confirmation, we become temples of the Holy Spirit and are empowered to witness to Christ in the world. There are many ways through which evangelisation progresses in our parish. There are the significant moments in the life of individuals and families – Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. Our pastoral support of the bereaved, and our care of the sick witness to our love of God.

Our school community has an important role in evangelisation. Through our School, Catholics and non-Catholics who are at the threshold of our parish community can be encouraged and welcomed when they cross that threshold. This is achieved by personal contacts, invitations, and accompaniments which enable friends and future friends to share all that we have been lucky enough to receive.

At work, in school, in your village or street, friends and colleagues may be curious or interested in your faith. Use these opportunities to chat about this, especially when we are about to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. There may be times when you are bringing friends, families and visitors to Mass, do introduce me to us

Evangelisation is not about standing on street corners, shouting our faith at others running in the opposite direction. Its far more significant than that – it's about having the confidence to chat authentically about something that means a great deal to us, just like those first apostles.

Canon Paul



Pentecost Sunday Yr A

24 May 2026

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Mass Times and other Services.

Pentecost Sunday Yr A

Saturday	23 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	Rosie Meachin
Sunday	24 th May	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Bhavini Nathan
Monday	25 th May	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	27 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Canon John Hughes
Thursday	28 th May	NO MASS		
Friday	29 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

Trinity Sunday Yr A

Saturday	30 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	31 st May	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Barrie Smith

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Offertory Contactless £ 630.00

Website Offertory £ 110.00

Total £ 740.00

Standing Orders for April 2026 £ 3,857.00 Very many thanks.

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Jill Allen, Jaime Alto, Maria J Bagumayan,
Noreen Breadmore, Melene Clifford,
Arthur De Meyer, Linda Heneghan, Evelyn Lochrin,
John McCann, Veronica Willans, Katie Worsfield.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time: June Holt, Anna Lipinska,
Catherine Lindsey, Canon John Hughes, Tim Martin, Bonnie Ward.

[Wednesday marks 60 years – 27/5/1966 – since the death of our second Parish Priest: Canon John Hughes.]

May they rest in peace

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Entrance antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord
has filled the whole world
and that which contains all
things understands what is said,
Alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love
Alleluia! [Sung]

Live Streaming:

1—30 April 2026

731 Views.

19 Countries.

Countries

UK 581

Ireland 36

Slovakia 23

Netherlands 22

Portugal 18

New Zealand 16

US 11, Italy 5

France 4, Malta 4

Singapore 2, Turkey 2

Albania 1, Columbia 1

Germany 1, Israel 1

Philippines 1, Poland 1

Thailand 1.

Parish News

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June 2.00pm

Starting at St. William of York
Reading (RG1 5JP)
Lead by UoR Catholic Society.
See Poster for details
All welcome

Upgrading the Heating— Laudato Si

This month marks the anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical '*Laudato Si'*', which continued and developed the Church's social teaching on ecological issues.

The Bishops of E&W ask Catholics to study and be inspired by '*Laudato Si'*', and deepen their relationship with Christ and, through doing so, take practical action to protect and nurture God's creation.

In response:

We have removed the Gas boilers and fitting Air Source heat pumps.

This means that there we will only use gas in the Parish Hall, radically reducing our carbon footprint.

The project has been completed, there are no fossil fuels used in our Church.

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost.

You may remember that last year we focused on the wonderful unity and diversity of our parish community, both gifts and signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We shall do the same this year:

You are invited to **write a Bidding Prayer in your own native language**, and to pray the **Our Father** as well. (Polish, Spanish, French, Filipino, ...) I know of one group of parishioners who are busy trying to learn the Our Father in Irish !

There will be the **Vigil Mass of Pentecost at 6.00pm on Saturday evening 23 May** with extended readings and hymns.

The New Mass Books

All of our Mass Books have a personal dedication and we encourage you to remember that person in your prayers during each Mass.

If you missed the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of a loved one, or would like to sponsor a Mass Book, **we are now offering another opportunity, as the next 100 books** will be used from next week.

See the sheet at the back of the Church



Parish Celebration: Sunday 14 June

This June it is 90 years since our Church was opened. We will mark the occasion with a **Parish BBQ** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

All welcome bring something to share.

Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

Every Thursday in the Parish Hall.

An opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

All welcome.

Mass at Culham Sunday 31 May at 6.30pm

Mass is held in the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm, and at 12.00 noon on Holidays of Obligation. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend:

admin@culhamchapeltrust.org

Sound System Appeal

Many Parishioners have voiced concern about the quality of the Sound System in the Church, improvements will include new microphones, amplifier, speakers and a hearing aid loop. The cost is circa £9,000, which is not in our current, fully utilised, Capital Budget. We are mindful this is a priority, that the Word of God should be clearly heard, and are launching an appeal, this week, to match the cost. If you join us by livestreaming, you will be aware of the annoying 'Hum' which the microphones make. You are also invited join the Appeal. **Use this QR code**



Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative David Connolly. He can be contacted at: sg.sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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