

Holy Spirit Painting by Yeinier Gonzalez,
Winner of the 2024 Laudamus Art Prize

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Newsletter 23 - 31 May 2026

PENTECOST

Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2 Week 8

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 23 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 24 May PENTECOST	Mass 11:00am	Doreen Dodd RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 25 May Mary Mother of the Church			
Tuesday 26 May OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 27 May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Lyn Wilcox RIP	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 28 May O L JESUS CHRIST HIGH PRIEST			7:00pm (Latin)
Friday 29 May <i>St Paul VI</i>	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 30 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 31 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Mass 11:00am	Mary Lily & Hughie Finnegan RIP	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Wednesday, or after Saturday Mass, or by appointment

Day of Special Prayer for the Church

Easter Time ends today.

Readings for Pentecost Sunday year A Psalter week 4 Ordinary Time week 8

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

1st reading Acts 2: 1-11. *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

Response Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. x3

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13. *In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.*

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love, Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23. *As the Father sent me, even so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

Comm ant They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



First Communion Congratulations to the youngsters who made their First Communion on 16 May – Andrea, Christy, Jessica, Josh, Hunter, Lake, and Valentina. See their pictures in the porch. May God bless them always. Please pray for them and for their parents, godparents, families and friends.



WeBelieve festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join this amazing UK based Catholic Festival from **24th-27th July 2026** at the historic and beautiful setting of **St Mary's College, Oscott** Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

Something for everyone: Worship, Talks, Workshops, Family Activities, Music and Comedy. Day or Weekend Tickets. For full details and tickets <https://www.webelievefestival.com>

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: David Hunt, Alex Moore, Pat MacGregor, Glynis Kirton, Clarice Clack, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



Continued Catechesis for All: Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions, why not bring your family and friends? You may attend either venue. **Tuesdays 7pm at Mkt Drayton & Fridays 10:30am at Newport.** Coming session dates: 16 & 19 June, 7 & 10 July. No dates in August, but courses will resume in September.



The month of **May** is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary. The Pope's Prayer intention for May** That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed



to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everybody has access to quality food. We remember **Market Drayton Foodbank** which relies on the support of our local community for food donations, volunteering and finances. Can you help them stop UK hunger?

Peace According to global conflict data from the UN, **there are over 50 active armed conflicts taking place across the world**, the highest number recorded since WWII. Tens of thousands of people are killed each year, as a direct result of warfare, and millions more are displaced, forced to flee their homes in search of safety. We pray for all victims in our world troubled by violence, hatred and unrest in the Middle East and Iran, in Israel and Gaza, and for the peoples of Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen, Iraq, Myanmar, and all those in countries affected by conflict; pray for an end to all war, and for peace to reign in our troubled world.

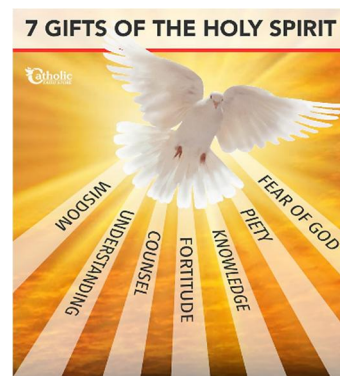


Congratulations to all who ran the 10K Run recently, and to Deacon Wilf who completed the race in 53'17" Bravo, Wilf! You can still sponsor him, the sum raised will be shared between Myeloma UK and Church Funds. So far Wilf has raised just under £350.

A Pentecost hymn

Spirit of God, on the waste and the darkness,
 Hovering in power as creation began,
 Drawing forth beauty from clay and from chaos,
 Breathing God's life in the nostrils of man.

Come and sow life in the waste of our being,
 Pray in us, form us as sons in the Son,
 Open our hearts to yourself, mighty Spirit,
 Bear us to life in the Three who are One.



Offertory	17.05.2026	Loose Plate £107.43	Envelopes £115.00	Stand Orders £175.85	Total £398.28	Thank you
World Communcations			£54.10			

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