



PENTECOST by a parishioner



Happy Birthday Church! With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, Christ's work started on a universal level. Jesus poured his Love in the hearts of his disciples in such a way that they could not keep silent. Just imagine if the disciples had kept silent ...

We are no different from the disciples, in fact, we are disciples. Through our baptism, we are also priest, prophet and king with Our Lord. We have received many gifts, spiritual and temporal. You may have noticed that no one was received in our Church this Easter. At the Easter Vigil, my gaze kept going towards the Baptism Font and it looked very empty. When the time came for

Fr Peter to sink the Easter candle in the water, I said to the Lord: Well You are on your own!
Nothing is impossible to God and this can be reversed.

On the first Pentecost Day, "the disciples were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech ... devout men living in Jerusalem were amazed and astonished in hearing them" (Acts 2). Like the disciples now is the time to speak, not in foreign languages but the language of love. With the help of the Holy Spirit poured into us every day, we must ask Our Lord for the grace to know how to speak to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are curious about our hope. I find people are open to an offer of prayers, to book a Mass (when it is explained to them how and why) or just a listening ear. We can then, in private, bring these people to the Lord thus accompanying them on their journey. All we need do is pray. This is Church in action.

Each person needs to know that God loves them, that He sent His Son Jesus to redeem them and that He wants them to have a relationship with Him. We know that. It is our privilege to share this, in the language of love, with anyone who is ready to hear it.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!



Medjugorje Pilgrimage by Matthew Donnelly

The parish of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina has seen a burgeoning of pilgrims over the last 38 years since the first reports of apparitions to 6 children, 2 boys and 4 girls ranging from 10 to 15 years old in 1981. Most Catholics know of Lourdes and Fatima, and comparisons are often made between these and the more frequent and ongoing messages of Medjugorje.

Before my trip I asked myself the same questions as any Catholic: why are the messages of Medjugorje ongoing, whereas those appearances in Fatima and Lourdes were of a limited duration? Why the change in emphasis from monumental predictions about future world events in Fatima, to the daily, almost routine-like communication of news of which we are already familiar in Medjugorje – the good news of the gospel?

Our Lady's role in the life of the Church is, first and foremost, that of Mother, therefore, it is only natural to think of her reaching out to those of her children starved of spiritual nourishment. The simple messages of Medjugorje come as "bite-size chunks" of the Gospel which, to today's modern mind-set, are easily digested by those living on the fringes of the Church or indeed find themselves outside her pastoral care. The messages could be summed up by Our Lady's simple instruction at Cana, "...do whatever He (Jesus) tells you".

The five "stones" are the core message of Medjugorje: Prayer (especially the Rosary) Fasting on days stipulated by the Church, Holy Mass, Scripture (Meditation) and Confession. Certainly, the witness of lives transformed by prayer and the sacraments, especially confession, is the most compelling aspect of a pilgrimage to Medjugore and one which touched me very deeply; I don't think that there are many places where the gift of prayer comes more easily and with an intensity which edifies and reinvigorates the soul and transforms lives.

Since my visit, I have come to think of Medjugorje as being like the constant call of a mother to her wayward children, repeating the same thing in different ways on a regular basis so as to coax back God's wayward and sinful children.

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PARISH MASS BOOK
Pentecost Sunday of Easter
Year C Ps Wk 4
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REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen, as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 8th

3.00 pm First Holy Communion Mass

SUNDAY 9th Pentecost Sunday of Easter Year C Ps Wk 4

9.30 am First Holy Communion Mass

OUTREACH CaTEW Catholic Trust England

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MONDAY 10th Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of the Church

TUESDAY 11th St Barnabas, Apostle

12.00pm Tuesday Lunch Club

THURSDAY 13th St Anthony of Padua,

Doctor of the church

SATURDAY 15th

2.30 pm Polish Catechism – Hall

SUNDAY 16th MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.30 am First Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Mass

OUTREACH - DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Please support this vital work in any way you feel able.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thanksgiving Mass

All children must attend the rehearsal on Saturday 15th at 11am.

For the Thanksgiving Mass on Sun 16th all children **MUST** be in the hall by 9.05am at the latest.

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Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Sat 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sun 8.00 am

9.30 am Family Mass with Music Group & Children's Liturgy

11.15 am Sung Mass with Traditional Choir

5.45 pm

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 7.30 & 10.00 am

Wed: 7.30 am, 12.30 pm

7.30 pm Extraordinary Form Mass (1st Wednesday each month)

Fri: 7.30, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Sat 8.00 and 10.00am

Reconciliation

Sat 10.30 -11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm. Also by appointment.

Benediction with Evening Prayer of the Church Sunday at 4pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 6.30 am - 8.00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 am -1.00 pm, Friday 6.30 am - 9.00 pm

Monday- Friday the church is usually open from 6.30 am until at least 8.00 pm

Rosary Mon - Tues & Thurs - Fri after 10.00 am Mass.

ROSARY INTENTION

For those who live without faith: that the love of the Blessed Trinity will awaken their minds and give hope to their hearts.

Prayer Groups

Cenacolo 2:30 pm Thurs, Blessed

Sacrament,

Charismatic 8.00 pm Tues, Church,

Christian 2.15 pm- MR3

Meditation

Mothers 10.45 am Tue, Meet Room 3

Prayers

Choir Practices

Music Group Thurs 8.00 pm

Traditional Sun 10.30 am

Uniform Groups

Rainbows Mon 4.15 pm

Brownies Mon 6.00 pm

Guides Wed 7.00 pm

Senior Section Wed 7.00 pm

Beavers Thurs 4.15 pm

PLEASE NOTE - The groups listed above meet **every week at the same time and on the same day**. Any alteration will be shown in the diary section of the newsletter.

BAPTISMS - We welcome Alik, Peter, Daisy, Parisa-Fleur and Olivia to our parish family. There are leaflets entitled "Your Baby's Baptism at St Augustine's" in the church porch. Contact Jean Dunne, (01892 309062) and Jean will send you a baptism preparation pack.

WEDDINGS - Congratulations to Ines and James on their wedding and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of Paul Callon, Peter McKenna, Gerry Ludden, Elizabeth Grogan, Mary O'Corke, Felicia Houssein, Gerald Sheahy and David Meade.

Please also remember the sick and housebound in your prayers.

"THE EVANGELIST"

available free in the porch.
It is a very worthwhile publication from Wonersh Seminary with articles from the Staff and the Seminarians.

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£2,324.72
Outreach	
World Communication	£461.60
CAFOD	£5
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Thank you as always for your generosity.	

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

23rd June at 3 pm

St John the Baptist – WESTERHAM

Hosey Hill – TN16 1TB

A lovely tradition always well attended
Park in the council carpark at the
bottom of the hill and walk up
Hosey Hill.

Tea on the Green at the end.

SOUP BOWL APPEAL

Every Thursday lunchtime we serve
soup and sandwiches to the needy at
Church of Christ, Commercial Road
(off Camden Road). We desperately
need male volunteers to continue this
service. The commitment is from
about noon until 1:45pm as often as
you can manage, even once a month
would be a great help. Please give
contact details to the Church Office.

SUMMER CONCERT

**SUNDAY 23rd JUNE at 3pm in
ST DUNSTAN'S HALL**

SOUTHBOROUGH including a
STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA on
We would like to invite you to a
lighthearted event.

.Tickets £10.00 (students and
children FREE) to TO BOOK

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Fr Josaphat 40th Anniversary of Ordination

There are envelopes in the narthex for
those who wish to contribute to
Fr Josaphat's presentation on the 40th
anniversary of his Ordination.

The presentation will be made at
11am Mass on July 7th.

** VACANCY FOR ORGANIST **

After many years of unstinting service
Chris Storr will be retiring at the end of
July. So we need an organist who will be
available to lead the 11.15am Mass choir
and congregation. For more details
please contact Fr Peter.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARISH GROUPS

What is the name of your group?

Justice & Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

What is the purpose of the group?

To publicise issues of justice and peace, take action as appropriate and seek to
involve parishioners in working for justice and peace.

When and where do you meet?

As suits members circumstances. At present we meet in The Howell Room at 6.30
p.m. for one hour on the third Thursday of each month.

What type of people join your group?

People who care. That means everyone who seeks to follow Christ in showing love
for our brothers and sisters everywhere in the world and show respect for Creation.

Are you looking for new members?

Yes, especially younger parishioners and any others with enthusiasm for the causes
of justice and peace. Apart from members who attend the monthly meetings we
look for others who are able to support our activities.

How much time is involved in being a member?

How much time can you spare?

Special events or activities?

Bread and soup lunches for CAFOD fast days and on other occasions, signing cards
for prisoners of conscience, gathering signatures for CAFOD's annual petitions and
for other causes, meetings with talks and/or videos..

How would you measure the success of your group?

Our success would be when there is no need for the group since every parish activity
would have a justice and peace element and every parishioner would live simply,
sustainably and in solidarity with the poor

If you are interested in joining then contact Daniele Viner

on 07765 266598 or email daniele@viner.plus.com

Building a Parish of Fruitful Discipleship

The London Dioceses of Southwark,
Westminster and Brentwood have
joined together to host Sherry Weddell
on 18th June in Westminster
Cathedral Hall.

Sherry is from the Catherine of Siena
Institute in America and her book,
'Forming Intentional Disciples' has sold
over 150,000 copies.

Sherry will speak about Evangelisation,
how to become a Missionary Parish.
This day will be particularly helpful for:
Parish Priests and lay leaders who want
to realise a missionary culture within
their parish, RCIA team members and
small group leaders and parishioners
who desire the confidence and skills to
share their faith with family,
friends and co-workers.

[https://www.tickettailor.com/events/c
entreforcatholicformation/251195](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/centreforcatholicformation/251195)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still packs of Gift Aid
envelopes waiting to be collected
from the narthex.

Prayer for the Parish of St Augustine's Catholic Church Mass On The Grass

7th July 2019

O God we thank you for the spiritual
fellowship of St Augustine's parish
community.
And for the graces, which you have
granted to those who worship here.
We pray that you will send the Holy Spirit
to enable us, together, to grow the
community by:
renewing our faith and enriching our
spiritual lives;
particularly on the occasion of the Mass
On The Grass on Sunday 7th July.
We ask that you continue to bless
St Augustine's, so that your kingdom will
increase on Earth. Amen

St Augustine - Pray for us

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every
human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is
indeed answered.

God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins
to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

Pope Benedict XVI's

St Lawrence Youth Catholic Theatre by Adam Szarowicz

Our parish was recently visited by the St Lawrence Youth Catholic Theatre Group and as a parishioner who was privileged to see all three of their performances I would like to share some of my thoughts and impressions with everyone.

The Group hailed from Gdynia, Poland and was formed in 2014 by their leader, Iza Zimny with support of her husband, Marek. Iza, a catechist and a theatre enthusiast thought this way of preaching the Gospel would work well for the young artists as well as for their audiences. Her work with children and young teenagers (members of the group were 9-10 years old when the group was formed) proved to be very successful and the group has since performed in France, Germany, Italy, Hong Kong, UK and a number of venues in Poland including such important places as Kraków and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. Their work was recognised by Pope Francis who sent them a letter with his special blessing.

During their recent visit to St Augustine's the group performed *Ultimately*, a story of an ordinary man's journey through life, from creation and early innocence, through temptations and falls, to finding help in Jesus and His Mother, to meeting the Saviour in person after his death. The play allowed us to witness the 3 realities - Heaven, Earth and hell and the daily battle for human soul. One of the most thought-provoking scenes was a fight between Archangel Michael and his angelic soldiers (four of whom proudly represented our parish - see photos) and the forces of evil. Another touching scene was the passion of Christ. The entire play was intertwined with beautiful songs, many performed live by the group's members.

The other play was "Jesus, I trust in You", a story of sister Faustina, her discovering of her vocation, the Divine Mercy chaplet (beautifully sang in poliphony by the female members of the group). The actors even painted the famous "Jesus, I trust in You" masterpiece before our very eyes! In the final scene everyone in the church said good-bye to Faustina as she went to meet the Lord, which was symbolised by a little girl releasing two balloons up to the ceiling (if you're lucky you may still see them there!)



St. Michael dispatches evil



The young cast

(As one of the audience for the 4:00pm performance. I must commend the cast on what was very moving & profoundly thought provoking acting. Could feel myself moved to tears at times and I am not given to that normally. Well done to all. A parishioner)

I am really grateful for the opportunity to see the performances, even watching the group's rehearsals was heart-warming and edifying! The teenagers were so full of life, passion and enthusiasm. They were talented, disciplined and organised - one sentence spoken by their leader sufficed to create an entire beautiful scene there and then, complete with props and music. How I wish every parishioner could watch their plays! And who knows, perhaps they will want to visit us again?

As you can imagine travelling the world with the Christ's message is time consuming and expensive and the children attend schools and have exams just like everyone else so if anyone would like to support their work through prayer, practical help (props?) or financial contributions, please contact Iza: wolskazimny@gmail.com

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The messages themselves are very much like an ongoing process of catechesis; a constant reformulation of the Gospel message, given at regular intervals, with an exhortation to put into practise what the Gospel demands in true Christian living, to first establish the peace of God in our hearts by enacting His Word, before campaigning for world peace or other good causes which we often advocate without any reference to Christ or the gospel.

The Vatican has recently recognised the demand for the pastoral care of pilgrims coming to Medjugorje by placing the shrine under the direct control of a resident Apostolic Delegate. It is of great comfort to know that the Church, like Our Lady, is solicitous for the pastoral care of her children in a place where the spiritual fruit of prayer, and reconciliation with God through the Church, is so manifestly abundant. I'm very much looking forward to my next pilgrimage with a parish community.

The Holy See, has now lifted a ban on organised parish pilgrimages to Medjugorje which suggests that the spiritual fruits of this pilgrim site are coming to the recognition of the Holy See as being of benefit to the universal church.

GROW THE COMMUNITY PARISH MASS ON THE GRASS

Join us to celebrate Mass outside and bring our special community together for a Parish Day.

On Sunday 7th July from 10:30am we invite all our parishioners to attend Mass on the fields of **St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Wilman Road, TN4 9AL.**

Mass will begin at 11:00am and will replace the 9:30am and 11:15am Masses.

Following the Mass we will share food & enjoy time spent with our Parish community. Please bring **food to share**. Find out about all the different groups / communities, which are active in our Church. In addition, events and activities will be available for the children.

We will also be celebrating Fr Josaphat's 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

We look forward to seeing you all there and sharing this special occasion together.

