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Sunday 8th June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 9th June

10.00am

Tuesday 10th June

10.00am

Wednesday 11th June

12noon

Thursday 12th June

10.00am

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Friday 13th June

10.00am

Saturday 14th June

10.00am

Sunday 15th June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Pentecost Sunday (C)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Holy Souls

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mary Mother of The Church

Kitty Fox's intention

Feria in Ordinary time

Caroline Brady RIP

St. Barnabas

Eugene & Catherine Munroe RIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Juana Capili & Sylvia Dainty RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

St. Anthony of Padua

Andreina da Silva Kayall RIP

Our Lady

The deceased members of the Wilson family

Trinity Sunday (C)

Margaret & Alcuin Noronha RIP

The Holy Souls

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm.

Thursday – Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

THE ROSARY –

The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE -

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY –

There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP -

Today - 8th June at 10.30am in the Library.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS –

Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm, Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today's feast brings us to the joyful conclusion of the Easter season. The gift of the Spirit is the final act of the Paschal Mystery. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. As at the Resurrection the world is recreated by his breath, so at Pentecost the disciples are recreated and filled with the Holy Spirit by that same breath.

The first creation accounts in Genesis depict the life force of the Creator as 'ruah', meaning 'breath' or 'wind,' which swept over the face of the primordial waters. In the second account of creation, the first human

creature becomes a living being only when the Creator breathes the breath of life into Adam's nostrils (Gn 2:7). At Pentecost, it is this same divine life-force that recreates a frightened group of disciples into bold proclaimers of the Gospel.

The symbols of divine presence described in our first reading are familiar from the Old Testament - thundering noise, as God's manifestation at Sinai - a whirlwind, like that from which God spoke to Job (Jb 38:1) - flames of fire, such as Moses saw at Mount Horeb (Ex 3:2). As in previous times of critical need, God's presence is visible and audible, profoundly transforming those who experience it.

The disciples, like anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, would have felt that something of their own spirit and zest for life had also been snuffed out with Jesus' death. Huddled together, trying to comfort one another, they were unable to muster any energy for carrying on his mission. Grief and fear had deflated any impetus to continue the movement into which he had drawn them.

In the Gospel today, we have a glimpse of some concrete ways in which the Spirit brings them and us back to life, so as to go forth again in mission. The Risen Christ breathes on the disciples and infuses them with the Spirit. He unleashes in them the power of the Spirit, who alone can bring peace and joy. He directs them to open themselves to the gift of the Spirit that allows them to receive and give forgiveness. For it is only through the power of forgiveness that the air can be cleared and all can breathe in the peace for which we so long and that the Risen One desires to give.

Perhaps it is breath that best signals this intimacy. God, in the person of Jesus and the power of the Spirit, is as close to each and every believer as is our very breath, taken deeply into our lungs thousands of times every day, a constant vivifying force.

However, just as breath must be exhaled and cannot be kept within, so too, does the Spirit's power direct us outward to mission, to renew the face of the earth.

Yes, the air we breathe, this Spirit-filled breath, makes all the difference. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice that he gives the Spirit so generously to us.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY 22ND JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI.

The feast of Corpus Christi is on Sunday 22nd June. On that day we will have our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11.30am Mass and our 1st Holy Communion Children and the Confirmandi will receive their certificates. This will be followed by our annual Parish Lunch to which all are invited.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Saturday 28th June here at St Raphael's in Alexander House. The day will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 4.30pm. It is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their marriage. There is no charge for this course but booking is essential - please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Congratulations to the following who were Confirmed on Saturday 31st May here at St. Raphael's

Benedict Nicholson, Joseph Tran, Thomas Earp, Lena Kowalska, Amelie Ono,
Mirisage Feinando, Delwyn Noronha, Curtis Noronha, Enzo Vera, Alessia Morris, Kanaiya Prag,
Jahnvi Prag, Arjun Prag, Harriet Bound Alvarado, and Sophia Seaton.

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Thursday 19th June