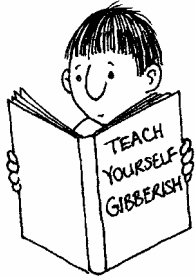


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Pentecost Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2009



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One of the more amusing stories of the Old Testament is where the Hebrew people decide to build a tower so high that it will pierce the clouds and reach heaven. While they are still building this Tower of Babel, God comes down, scatters the people and disunites them so that they all end up speaking different languages and not understanding each other. This is the origin of our word to "babble". We hear this story each year on the eve of Pentecost. But on Whit Sunday itself the story comes full circle with the sending of the Holy Spirit. What we see in the Acts of the Apostles is that when the Holy Spirit descended on the Church, the disunity of Babel was reversed and people were once more united. Although they were from many different nations they could all understand the language of the apostles' preaching. So Pentecost is the Church's birthday. No longer afraid and huddled together for safety, the apostles come out preaching from the hip. And

armed with the Holy Spirit they make converts by the thousand. Yet they could not have done this without the Spirit, without the fire in their bellies. Nor can we do it today. Without the Spirit we are simply a human organisation, at worst a Quango and at best a plausible charity. Yet the Church claims to be much more than this: it professes to be the visible presence of Christ on earth today. So we need the Spirit to breathe life into the Body of Christ. It is the Spirit who constantly purifies us from our tendency to put ourselves first and to seek to control rather than to serve. It is the Spirit who unites us in one body of witness and praise. It is the Spirit who leads us ever deeper into the mysteries of God and reveals his purpose. And it is also the Spirit who inspires us to strive for the best and who empowers us to speak the words that God wants the world to hear. The joyful feast of Pentecost proclaims that the Spirit is at the very heart of everything we do as Church. As St Paul puts it: "Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit" (Gal 5:25)

## THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER)

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) is inviting everyone to celebrate 150 years of the Society by coming together with friends and family to hold a Giant Picnic on 14<sup>th</sup> June! If you would like to take part in this fundraising event, please register by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 by contacting Elise on 020 8969 5305 or email [elisech@cathchild.org.uk](mailto:elisech@cathchild.org.uk). You will receive a Giant Picnic pack with posters, ideas for games, food and fundraising.

## NATIONAL PETITION TO THE ADVERTISING STANDARDS AGENCY

You will have read that the National Advertising Standards Agency (ASA), which is responsible for ensuring that no public advertising offends good taste or is untruthful, is proposing to allow abortion agencies to advertise on the radio and television. This will be deeply offensive to many decent people and to all who seek to uphold the sanctity of human life. It will inevitably lead to yet more abortion, yet more damage to women's minds and bodies, yet more promiscuity and yet more sexually transmitted infection. It would be lamentable if the abortion industry were to win this victory and thus be able to corrupt our society yet further. We must do all we can to stop them. Please sign the National Petition to the ASA asking them not to approve this advertising. They are available at the church entrances.

## THE AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (11am to 3pm) the Agency for Evangelisation will be holding a day at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN, for those involved or wishing to get involved with Small Communities. Contact Mark Nash on 0207 931 6043 or email [marknash@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:marknash@rcdow.org.uk) for more information. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (7.30pm to 9pm) they will be praying in a candlelit Taize-style vigil in Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the closing of the Year of St Paul together with Archbishop Vincent. Please feel free to go along and join in with them.

## SPIRIT IN THE CITY – CATHOLIC FAITH CELEBRATION - THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009

Organised by four Catholic churches in the West End of London, Spirit in the City brings faith directly into the busyness of the entertainment district. Inspiring speakers like Abbot Christopher Jamison from Worth Abbey and Fr Stephen Wang, processions and prayer events fill the programme from Thursday until Saturday evening. Saturday is a day of celebration in Leicester Square itself. At the heart there is a stage where there will be music by Christian bands all day from 11.30am to 8pm. For more information see the Notice in the Porch.

## TEN TEN THEATRE

Ten Ten theatre will be presenting their latest drama "The Girl Next Door" at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7.30pm. "The Girl Next Door" is a story about friendship, parenthood, relationships between old and young, bullying, aspiration, marriage, the impact of divorce and faith. Tickets cost £5 (£3 for under 18's). Contact Ten Ten Theatre on 0845 388 3162, email [tickets@tententheatre.co.uk](mailto:tickets@tententheatre.co.uk) or view the website [www.tententheatre.co.uk](http://www.tententheatre.co.uk).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
 Lord God, how great you are!  
 How many are your works, O Lord!  
 The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
 Returning to the dust from which they came.  
 You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
 And you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
 May the Lord rejoice in his works  
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
 I find my joy in the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:1-11  
 Psalm 103  
 Galatians 5:16-25  
 John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40  
 Psalm 32:4-6.9.18-20.22  
 Romans 8:14-17  
 Matthew 28:16-20

**Mass Times**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>
Monday	Justin	10.00am
Tuesday	Marcellinus & Peter	10.00am
Wednesday	Charles Lwanga	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday	Boniface	10.00am
Saturday	Norbert	6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation –**

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

**Offertory Last Week: £1,521.83  
 plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 1.30pm - Angel Massaquoi  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – Gianntino Bavetta

**FAIRTRADE STALL**

The Fairtrade Stall will be open after all the Masses this weekend. It is at the back of the Church in the Repository.

**FUNERAL MASS**

The Funeral Mass for the Late Vittorio Di Gregorio will be celebrated on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4.00pm.

**YOUNG PARENTS BIBLE GROUP**

There will be a Young Parents Bible Group being held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm at the Convent, 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt. Please telephone 01992 621168 for further information.

**AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The Knights of St Columba are organising a coach again for their annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock at Aylesford in Kent. Pick up 9.30am at Waltham Cross, adults £12, children £6. Please contact Richard 01992 440968 or John 0208 363 3721.

**DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE, FRANCE – 8-16 AUGUST 2009**

Join Bishop John Arnold and other young Adults (18-30s) from around the Diocese on pilgrimage to this unique Christian Community. A 'Holiday' with a difference, meet other young adults from the diocese, meet other people from around Europe and the world, a time for prayer, space and reflection, spend time with the Taize brothers. Take time-out in 'sunny' Central France. Price: £200. For further details, contact Dave Burke, tel: 020 7798 9357, email: [davidburke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidburke@rcdow.org.uk) web: [www.taizepilgrimage.wordpress.com](http://www.taizepilgrimage.wordpress.com)

**"PAVING THE WAY"**

This magazine will be available to buy in the shop priced at £3.50. This magazine looks at causes for sainthood being considered today

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

**ST JOSEPH'S GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

There is Football Training every Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at Bulls Cross Pitch. All are welcome, aged 7-18. For more details, please ring Noel on 01992 424673.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA**

The New Rota is now available in the usual place in the Sacristy. Please collect a copy.

**SVP**

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Churches Together in Cheshunt and Waltham Cross will be holding their annual Picnic in the Park on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00 – 3.30pm. It will take place at Goffs Oak Playing Fields, or if the weather is wet in St James' Church in Goffs Oak. The Salvation Army Band will be in attendance during the afternoon.

**FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS**

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Catechists on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm.  
 There will be a meeting for the Parents of the children who have celebrated First Communion on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm.  
 There will be a meeting for the children on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in Eleanor Hall.