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PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th June 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you:
receive the Holy Spirit.*

First Reading	Ac 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 103:1.24.29-31.34
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13
Gospel	Jn 20:19-23



PENTECOST SUNDAY: 'Pentecost' means fifty – fifty days after the Passover and the Resurrection. For the Jewish community it is a feast of 'first fruits' and also of thanksgiving for the gift of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. This is why such crowds were gathered in Jerusalem. It is also why the Holy Spirit comes down in the form of fire and wind – a sign of the New Covenant sealed in the Blood of Christ. As Christians we celebrate today as the birthday of the Church – the day when God empowers the disciples to carry out the commandment to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth and to baptise all people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes down individually upon the disciples but as part of a group. It is a communal experience. It is the same for us. Our relationship with Christ in the Spirit is personal and individual but we do not receive the Spirit in isolation but to make us part of God's family, the Mystical Body of Christ. We cannot be Christians in isolation. We see how the Spirit bursts out upon the wider community with the apostles preaching the Good News. The Spirit is given to us not just as a personal and interior gift but for the transformation of the world around us and the building of God's Kingdom. Before we go to the polling station on Thursday we should ask the Holy Spirit to guide our choice.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Edith Hoenich, Philip Scoker, Joan Bell, Ivy Chaplin, Angelo Ciarleglio, Timothy Bartlett, Kenneth Hinchliffe, Martin Bacon* and *Mary Wood* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ECUMENICAL TIME OF PRAYER: Do join with fellow Christians in Tiptree – in person or at least in spirit – as we pray for our nation at St John Houghton, Wednesday evening 7.30-8.30 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Please pray for the six children who will make their First Communion at 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday: **Alfie Cockx, Kieron De Silva, Phoebe Jennings, Harry Maxted, Ellen McCloskey** and **Kathryn Van Stolk**.

FUNERAL TERRY ROHAN: His body will be brought into church on Wednesday evening at 5.00 p.m. The Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 8th June at St Mary Immaculate, Kelvedon, 10.30 a.m. followed by burial at Wrabness 2.30 p.m. For logistical reasons his body will remain in Church after Mass until about 1.00 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to join the family for a reception at The Angel 11.30+ but please let them know so they can cater accordingly (rohanette@gmail.com; 01376 571744). Terry wanted a very simple funeral with no music, tributes or flowers.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 28th May - £717.46**