

# A very warm welcome to St Michael's Church



Sunday 19th May 2024

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. It was an outpouring so strong that it drove the apostles out from hiding into the streets to proclaim the good news of God's love. Their witness was so strong, that on that same day 3000 people were added to their number and the Church was born.

Through the prayer of the Church, the Holy Spirit comes to us today, and just as it marked a new chapter in the life of the apostles, so too those who dispose themselves to the power of the Spirit will be empowered to witness in their lives the wonderful deeds of the Lord. If we are ready for that today, then ask the Holy Spirit to come to you, but be warned, your life may never be the same again.

## Opening Sentence

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

**Opening Hymn:** Come down O love divine.

## Greeting and Entrance

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Call to Confession**

My brothers and sisters,  
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,  
let us first call to mind our sin.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast  
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,  
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
across the face of the earth  
and, with the divine grace that was at work  
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
fill now once more the hearts of believers.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **First Reading**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the

noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** Breathe on me breath of God.

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter to the Corinthians. (12:3-7,12-13)*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you, **And with your spirit.**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20:19-23)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Intercessions (sit)**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

**Priest:** Christ is our peace! He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Offertory Hymn:** The Spirit lives to set us free.

## **Offertory Prayers**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, as promised by your Son,  
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly  
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice  
and graciously lead us into all truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you,  
**and with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts,  
**we lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

## **Preface**

Father, all-powerful and ever living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Today you sent the Holy Spirit  
on those marked out to be your children  
by sharing the life of your only Son,  
and so you brought the paschal mystery to its completion.

Today we celebrate the great beginning of your Church  
when the Holy Spirit made known  
to all peoples the one true God,  
and created from the many languages of man  
one voice to profess one faith.  
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,  
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory  
your power and might  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
Who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying.  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,  
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the holy spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God,  
St Michael and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## The Communion

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of  
the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

## Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and they spoke of the great things God has done, alleluia.

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the  
sides people.*

**Communion Hymn:** Spirit of the living God  
Father we love you we lay our lives before you.

## Prayer after Communion

Father,  
may the food we receive in the Eucharist  
help our eternal redemption.  
Keep within us the vigour of your Spirit  
and protect the gifts you have given to your Church.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## Notices

### Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Wood Green, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

***The Paschal Candle is extinguished***

## **The Blessing & Dismissal**

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**  
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

This day the Father of light  
has enlightened the minds of the disciples  
by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
May he bless you  
and give you the gifts of the Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May that fire which hovered over the disciples  
as tongues of flame  
burn out all evil from your hearts  
and make them glow with pure light. **Amen.**

God inspired speech in different tongues  
to proclaim one faith.  
May he strengthen your faith  
and fulfil your hope to see him face to face. **Amen.**

And the blessing....

Priest: The Mass is ended, Go in peace Alleluia Alleluia  
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia Alleluia!!**

**Final Hymn:** This little light of mine.

## Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.  
He whom thou was meet to bear. Alleluia.  
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
**For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Remember Fr Ian is called by God to serve the people of Wood Green so he is never too busy to talk to you should you need to.

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**We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:**

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**for those who have died recently**

Bernice Kuye, Eileen Davenport, Malicus (Denzil) Pownall, Mary Conroy

**and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

19 May	Chas Baynes
22nd May	Eric Ofori- Kurayu

**St Michael's Candle:**

Is burning in loving memory of Liline Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:**

Is burning for in loving memory of Goopal Mootoosamy

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:**

Is burning in loving memory of Mr and Mrs Robert Ng Yu Tin

**The flowers at St Michael's statue:**

Given in Loving memory of