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### 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

<b>Reading 1</b>	Acts 7:55-60	<i>I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 r.1.9	<i>The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. or Alleluia!</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Apoc 22:12-14, 16-17, 20	<i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	John 14:18	<i>I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 17:20-26	<i>May they be completely one.</i>

#### Readers this week

6.30pm Betty Sequiera/ Kieran Shannon	9.30am Chizoba Okeke/ Amarachi Ihuegbu	11.30am Samuel Robson/ Ugoche Uche	6.30pm Shakira Kara/ Francisca Okeke
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#### Readers next week:

6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/ Imelda Cervantes	9.30am Ann Williams/ Susanna Inya	11.30am Ihuoma Onyehialam/ Sinachi Onyehialam	6.30pm Anastasia Ebifa/ Divine Uche
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✘ Please pray for Donald Cavanagh†, Lewis & Danny Lee†, Pope Francist†, Marie & Eric Jones†, Angela Singh†, and Clive and Beryl Brooker†, who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✘ Sean Duffy, Eleuterio Sequiera, Evanas Dargis, Cora Folyynn, David Boxall, Essie Meaney, Peter Seath, Elizabeth Hooper, Nellie Roach & Jeffery Allison

✘ May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**Collections:** Last week's collection in church amounted to £651.83 of which £94.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you.



Use the QR code for your weekly offerings and second collections

**Second collection today for World Communications.**

**Second collection next Sunday for the Spiritans**

## Parish Notices

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS** – the money collected supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

**PENTECOST – Next Sunday is Pentecost.** The Novena of the Holy Spirit started last Friday and will end on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The Novena prayers have been published in this newsletter. There will be a **second collection** on Pentecost Sunday for supporting the missionary work of the religious order of the Holy Ghost (Spiritans) worldwide.

**HOPE IN ADORATION** - As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John Wilson is encouraging all people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (Holy Hour) is every **Friday at 6.15pm** here at the Church. Please make effort to attend.

**LEGION OF MARY** - You are invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish; the Catholic lay faithful serving the person of Jesus Christ under the leadership of Mary, Queen and Mother. See poster at the back of the church or speak to Deacon Mike

**CONFIRMATION** –Preparation classes have started in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 7pm in the Parish hall for those children who are in Year 9 and above.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY NEXT SATURDAY 7 JUNE** – The parishioners who are willing to attend please register your names at the back of the Church. Those who can help with the transportation indicate or talk to the parish priest. We shall assemble in the parish hall at 9.00am and departure is at 9.15am. Information about the day's events is on the notice board. The celebrations begin at 10.00am

**DAY FOR LIFE 15 JUNE.**- Details will be available shortly on the Bishops' Conference website and at: <https://prayforlife.ie/>

**ALTAR SERVERS TRIP TO WESTMINSTER PASTORAL CENTRE,; 6<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August: £189. For those aged 11-16.** We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's Catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), [Tel:01322 22](tel:0132222)

**PLEASE** could parents of young children not allow them into the toilet on their own as it has been left in a very bad condition on several occasions.

**Message from the Diocese:** Following the retirement of the current post holder the Education Service are looking to recruit a person to support its schools and academies. Details for the Trust Relationship Officer available at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/trust-relationship-officer-education-service/>

**A DAY WITH MARY SATURDAY 12 JULY AT ENGLSIH MARTYRS, STROOD.** – The day begins at 9.45am and finishes after Benediction at 5.15pm. Information at the back of the church

## NOVENA PRAYERS FOR PENTECOST



### OPENING PRAYER

V Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R And enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives and cherish the work of Your grace and love. Grant us the Spirit of Fear of the Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence towards You. The Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfilment in the service of God while serving others. The Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation. The Spirit of Knowledge that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness. The Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth. The Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom of God. Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever. Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen. Glory be to the Father...

## Mass intentions for the week

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May  <b>Vigil Mass</b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Bruno Bove
	6.30pm	Irene Mergulhao's birthday
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Sean Duffy
	11.30am	Repose of the soul of Eleuterio Sequiera
	6.30pm	Pro Populo & intentions of OLOG Seeds Youth group
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Patrick Walsh
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker & Alexander Onyehialam's birthday
	4.15 pm	Reception of Lewis Lee's body into church
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Lewis Lee followed by burial at Woodlands Cemetery
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>  <b>St Norbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	10.00am	Alison & Peter Murray's health & well being
	6.15pm	Adoration
	7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Hooper
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Vigil Mass</b>	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Clive & Beryl Brooker
	6.30pm	Pro Populo

**ASSISTED SUICIDE PETITION** - If you have returned signed petition sheets to our London office, THANK YOU. If not, send them please to: **Care Not Killing Alliance, 8 Marshalsea Road, London, SE1 1HL** in order that arrangements can be made for the petitions to be presented to Parliament before the final vote on the Bill which is looking more likely to take place next month in the House of Commons following the recent debate. If you have not yet registered your concerns with your MP you can do so as the **ONLINE** version of the Petition is being kept open for the time being. Please feel free to use this website link <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/> OR the **QR code** so that we can send messages to Parliament.

