

# The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory Warwick Street, London W1B 5LZ

*A parish dedicated to the life of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*

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In 1724 the Embassy of the Kingdom of Portugal acquired two houses on Golden Square and constructed a chapel behind the houses. This chapel could be accessed from Warwick Street. In 1747 the Bavarian Minister acquired the lease on the houses in Golden Square. Henceforth until the early 20th century the chapel was known as the Bavarian Chapel. In 1790 the houses and the chapel were sold to the London District of the Catholic Church and the chapel was then rebuilt in substantially the form that the church retains today. This year, 2024, marks the start of our tercentenary year, and we give thanks to God for three hundred years of faithful Catholic witness. Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

### This Sunday's Readings

#### First reading

**Acts 2.1-11**

What would you say has been the most exciting event in your life so far? The disciples who were gathered in the upper room at the first Pentecost would have no trouble answering that question. They would immediately tell us the story of the Holy Spirit's dramatic descent on the followers of Jesus. A great, thundering wind! Tongues of scarlet fire parting over their heads! Each person filled with the Holy Spirit! Everyone suddenly speaking in languages they had never known before! What a day that was! At Pentecost the gift of the Spirit filled the disciples with the energy and power to speak so that people from many nations could understand them. It was an event that changed the world and gave birth to the universal Church.

#### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

The game of one-upmanship can cause trouble even in religious communities. When St. Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians, they were debating about whose spiritual gifts were better. Did those who could speak in foreign tongues have a more valuable gift than those who could prophesy? The truth is revealed in the letter. All of the gifts of the Spirit are valuable. And they are all given for the common good. In the Spirit we are all made one in the Body of Christ. Whatever our different gifts, there is one God who produces them and makes us one.

#### Gospel

**John 20:19-23**

Some events are so life-changing that we have to keep going back to them in memory to grasp their true meaning. That's how it was with the gospel writers and the resurrection of Jesus. In this reading, John recalls the evening of the first Easter. Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples and gives them his peace. He breathes on them and gives them the breath of the Holy Spirit so that they have the power to forgive sins. As we know from the first reading, the Spirit would be experienced again as fire and a mighty wind at Pentecost. But whatever form the Spirit takes, his gifts are intended to bring unity and peace to the Body of Christ.

#### SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Tue-Fri

#### HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

*As advertised.*

#### CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

*A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.*

# News & Events

**Our Website:** [www.warwickstreet.org.uk](http://www.warwickstreet.org.uk)

Please visit our website for further information about our activities, for upcoming events, to access past newsletters, or to learn about the Ordinariate!

**Mass times are back to normal this week.**

## Corpus Christi and the Eucharistic Octave

Once again, the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, will be celebrating a Eucharistic Octave, during which various Rites and Usages of the Mass will be celebrated. It begins on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, and concludes on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Fr Mark will celebrate a Sung Mass in the Ordinariate Use at 6.30pm.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, the Annual Corpus Christi Procession, which involves Maiden Lane, Spanish Place, the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham, & the Order of Malta, will take place. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Warwick Street from 2.00 to 3.30pm, when the Procession will continue from Warwick Street to the Ukrainian Cathedral of the Holy Family (which will also give us a great opportunity to pray for the people of Ukraine at this time) and then to Spanish Place, where the Rt Rev. Paul Mason, *Bishop of Armed Forces*, will impart Pontifical Benediction.

For full details, follow this link: <https://catholicengland.org/programme/>

## Portugal Day

Once again, we will be celebrating our links with the Portuguese Embassy and community. HE Nuno Brito, the Portuguese Ambassador, has confirmed that he will be attending, and we look forward to welcoming him and members of the Portuguese Community on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please make a note of the date in your diary!**

## Friday to Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> July 2026: We Believe Festival

Bishop David strongly encourages us in the Ordinariate to have a significant presence at this Festival. Please see the Flyer and Poster for details, including the and QR code which enables all those who book to receive a discount. If thirty people book, the group will receive a 30% discount..

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	<p><b>Please pray for:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK</b> Assumption Fernandez, Stephen Lo, Charlie O'Donnell, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p><b>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b></p>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	No Mass		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	8.00am 12.45pm		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	WEDNESDAY IN WHIT- SUN WEEK	8.00am 12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass (Latin)		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	THURSDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	8.00am 12.45pm		
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	FRIDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	8.00am 12.45pm		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	SATURDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	12noon 6pm		

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# Mass Propers

## Saturday 6pm & Sunday 5pm

### Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who willed the Paschal Mystery  
to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,  
grant that from out of the scattered nations  
the confusion of many tongues  
Junebe gathered by heavenly grace  
into one great confession of your name.  
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.

### Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the splendour of your glory  
may shine forth upon us  
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,  
the light of your light may confirm the hearts  
of those born again by your grace.  
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.

### First reading

The whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.' And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 103(104):1-2,24,27-30,35**

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

### Rm 5: 5; cf. 8: 11 Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: We know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### Romans 8:22-27

### Gospel Acclamation

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

### Gospel

**John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out:

'If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."' Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus had not been glorified.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Pour out upon these gifts the blessing of your Spirit, we pray, O Lord,  
so that through them your Church  
may be imbued with such love  
that the truth of your saving mystery  
may shine forth for the whole world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**Jn 7: 37**

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out:  
If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

### Prayer after Communion

May these gifts we have consumed  
benefit us, O Lord,  
that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit,  
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Mass Propers

## Sunday 10.30am

### Introit

*Spiritus Domini* (Wis 1:7; Ps 68:1)

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Ps) Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

GLORY. The Spirit...

### Collect

**O** GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things; and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

### First Reading

**Acts 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

### Second Reading

**Galatians 5:16-25**

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

### ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

**S**ANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech thee, these our oblations: that being enlightened by the beams of thy Holy Spirit; our hearts may be purified from all evil; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Offertory

*Confirma hoc* (Ps 68:28b,29)

Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us, for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem: so shall kings bring presents unto thee. Alleluia.

### Preface

*Preface of Pentecost*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy &c.

### Communion

*Factus est repente* (Acts 2:2, 4)

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, alleluia: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

### Postcommunion

**W**e humbly beseech thee, O Lord; that thou wouldest send down upon our hearts the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that we may bring forth fruit unto thee; pour upon us the inward dew of his blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.