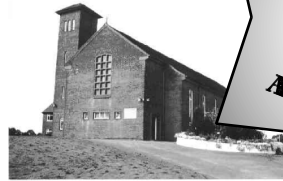


# Holy Family News

## COME, HOLY SPIRIT

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**FIRST  
 COMMUNIONS  
 NEXT  
 WEEK  
 AND 26TH**



Today we celebrate a new beginning. The age when the disciples could seek answers to their questions by asking Jesus face to face is over - he has returned to Heaven, with the promise of a new Advocate - the Spirit who will make all things clear. And today, that promise is fulfilled as the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles, and the Church is born. This Spirit dispels the fear that has kept them hidden away in the Upper Room. Now they are enabled to face the challenges ahead. The Spirit gives them the confidence of knowing the truth of Jesus's promise - to be with them to the end of time. In the Spirit, Christ will achieve all things through them. And through us too.

Today we do not simply recall events from the past. Like so many of the great events in our Salvation History, it is not so much what happened in the upper room that matters, as what is happening in our world today. For all who believe and call upon him, the Holy Spirit will fill us with the same confidence and clarity that filled the minds and hearts of those first Apostles and sent them out in Jesus's name. We, too, are given the

power to overcome our human weakness, to see beyond the tragedy of this world's suffering and to recognise a living presence in today's world that is greater than any of us, and more powerful than any hurt or sorrow.

And to recognise this, all we need to do is trust. Abandon ourselves into the love which is God, hold nothing of our character back from the light of the Spirit. And then? Be empowered by the strength he brings. Be changed. Be perfected. Be loved.

### **REMAINING SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES**

**This Wednesday** (15th June),  
6.30pm

Preparing for Holy Communion

**Sundays 19th & 26th June**,  
3.00pm

**First Communion Masses**

**Wednesday 6th July**, 6.30pm

"We are people who live our Faith"

**Sunday 10th July**, 10am

Mass with Presentation of Certificates

### **FORTHCOMING EVENT**

**School / Parish Concert.** This has proved very successful over the past 2 years, and is scheduled to take place this year on Thursday 14th July at 7.00pm. (Mass will be at an earlier time on this occasion). Make a note in your diary!

\* *New to Holy Family parish?*

\* *Know someone who is sick or in hospital (or the hospice)?*

\* *Like a visit from the priest?*

\* *Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?*

Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time.

## Mass times at Holy Family

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 6.30pm  
**Sunday Morning:** 10.00am  
with **Children's Liturgy**  
(Tea and Coffee served after morning Mass)  
**Weekdays:** See Calendar, below  
**Holydays:** Eve 7.00pm  
9.30am on the day

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday** after Midday Mass, and 6.00-6.15pm,  
or at any reasonable time on request.  
(Rite II Reconciliation Services are celebrated in Advent and Lent)

## Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

by arrangement (6 months' notice required for weddings)

## Weekday Calendar

**Monday** - No service today

**Tuesday - Mass:** 9.30am, Sacristy  
Church cleaning afterwards

**Wednesday - Funeral Mass:** 1.45pm  
for Jim Jordan. *May he rest in peace*

Sacramental Programme: 6.30-7.30pm at the Church

**Thursday** - Friendship Group: 11.30am - 2.00pm, Family Room  
**Mass:** 7.00pm, Sacristy

**Friday - Mass:** 12.30pm, Sacristy

**Saturday - Mass:** 12 noon, Sacristy



*Second in a series of articles from the Liturgy Office:*

### The forthcoming New Translation of the Mass - whose idea was it anyway?

Until the early 1960s, Mass was celebrated in Latin throughout the world. Wherever you happened to be on Sunday the Mass would be celebrated in the language you were used to. At the Second Vatican Council, in the early 1960's, it was agreed that Mass could be said in the language of the country in which it was being celebrated. There would be no fundamental change to the Mass itself, just the language being used. This would enable us to understand more fully what was being said and help us to participate more fully. An English translation was made available as quickly as possible, but it was intended to be temporary. A more considered translation would be issued later. Now, some 40 years has since passed! This translation has at last been agreed by Rome and we will begin using it in our parishes this September. If you would like to know more about the liturgy document issued by the Second Vatican Council see:

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19631204\\_sacrosanctum-concilium\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html)

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## JIM JORDAN

We will all be saddened to hear of the death, last week, of Jim who has served this church selflessly for so many years. He will be missed - but we can rejoice at the heavenly reward God grants to all his servants. Jim's funeral will take place here at Holy Family on **Wednesday afternoon at 1.45pm** (so there will be no early morning Mass this week). I am sure the parish will be well represented, and his family will be supported to see from us all the high regard in which he has been held.

## WE PRAY THIS WEEK

...for the following, for whom Masses will be offered - **the sick:** Ella, Eileen, Kathleen, Christine, Liz, Giovanni, Bill and Rosalind, John, Julie, Peggy, Ethan, Anne-Marie, John, Denis, Marjorie, Mary, Denis, David, Margaret, Joan, Kathleen, Marie, Jane, Christine, Ernest, Kay, Craig, Sister Gabriel, Sister Alphonsus, Kathleen, Margaret, Mary and Bridie, Helene and Ann Marie, -----

----- and **those who have died:** Jim Jordan, Jim Smith, Catherine Quinn, Clarisse Wrigley and Marie-Terese Anastasi.

**OFFERTORY** Thank you for last week's collection of £236.01 plus £170.00 (400 Club).

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS**  
No retiring collection this week or next

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL**  
throughout the coming week and always

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