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**THE PARISH OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
BARKINGSIDE**

A parish church in the Catholic tradition of the
Church of England, part of Redbridge Deanery in the
Barking Episcopal Area of the Diocese of
Chelmsford

**FEAST OF PENTECOST – YEAR A
24 May 2026**

Veni, Creator Spiritus!

*A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to St. Francis Church
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.15am Mass*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Mass

10.15am Parish Mass

The Celebrant at today's Parish Mass is Fr. Simon Elman

12 noon Annual Parochial Meeting

6.30pm Songs of Praise (a NIFOC event)
at Gants Hill United Reformed Church

Collect of the Day

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful
People by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all
things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and

women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104 (25 – 35, 37)

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

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. **R.**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. **R.**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke **R.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia! **R.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1: 12.3b - 13)

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

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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 the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(20: 19 - 23)

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Post Communion Collect

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: -

...the sick and suffering and those who care for them, those who are alone, isolated and vulnerable, and especially for: Connie Barnes, Vicky Berrill, Cornelio Denhere, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Judy Harvey, Liz Leatherbarrow, Eamonn Moloney, Simon Pettit, Stevan Piper, Mathew Pruss, Mary Roper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Heather Wheeler, Mary Vadsala.

PLEASE ADVISE NICHOLAS OF ANY ALTERATIONS.

....the recently departed, including: Dulcie Swarez

....those whose anniversaries of death occur this week, including:

17th Margaret Simmonds

18th Joan Brown

19th Edith Tyler

22nd Mary Lindsell

23rd John Price, Ivy Freeston

....all those living or working in: Ann Way, Aragon Drive.

SUNDAY 8 O’CLOCK MASS

For practical and financial reasons, we regret that today’s eight o’clock Mass is the last for the time being;

from next Sunday the only Sunday Mass will be at 10.15a.m.

Please advise other parishioners accordingly.

A COPY OF READINGS for 7 June (Sheila D) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

Today's Parish Mass will be followed at noon by the
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

This will be your opportunity to elect a new Parochial Church
Council to steer our way through the coming year.
Nomination forms are available at the back of church.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

PCC MEETINGS

As a general rule the PCC meets on the first Monday of June,
September, December and March. It is sometimes necessary to
hold meetings at short notice. The next meeting, subject to
confirmation, will be on Monday 1 June at 7.30pm

NIFOC EVENTS

The Gants Hill United Reformed Church is holding a sale of
plants, cakes and books from 10.30am onwards on Saturday 6
June. This could be a chance to catch up on any missed
opportunities to plant those summer plants and vegetables.
Proceeds will go towards Christian Aid.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 31 May **TRINITY SUNDAY**
10.15am Parish Mass

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