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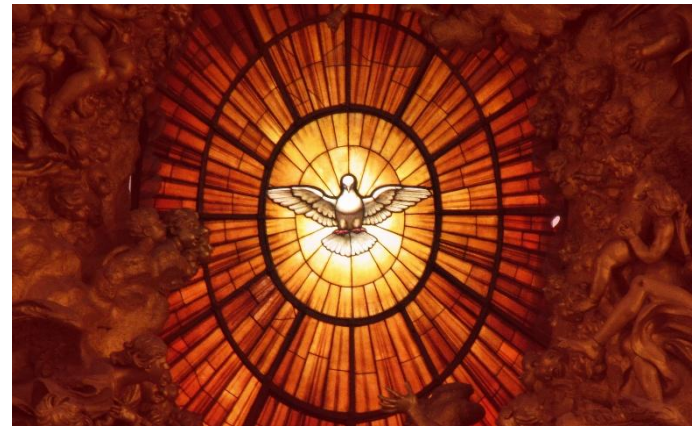
Pentecost Sunday

24th May 2026

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you

Mass Times

Sat 23rd	Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter	
	12.00	Thanksgiving for the birth of Teddy Pritchard
Sun 24th	Pentecost Sunday	
	9.30	Mayra Irwin
	11.00	People of the Parish
Mon 25th	Mary, Mother of the Church	
	10.00	All those with cancer
Tue 26th	St Philip Neri	
	10.00	
Wed 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury	
	10.00	Benefactors on the consecration of this church
Thu 28th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	
		No Mass
Fri 29th	Blessed Margaret Pole (Patronal Feast)	
	10.00	Mary Rose
	13.30	Requiem Mass for Olivia Cash
Sat 30th	Feria	
	12.00	Frank Shackles+
Sun 31st	Trinity Sunday	
	9.30	Fr Brian Copus+
	11.00	People of the Parish



St Peter's Basilica

Transformation

It is important to recognise the transformational aspect of the Feast of Pentecost. The disciples up to that point had mostly been passive. They had listened to Christ's message; they had followed him and they had witnessed his miracles but not much else.

But on the Feast of Pentecost, they are totally transformed; they suddenly become new people and are turned into active witnesses to Christ and his Gospel. They are emboldened and become missionaries to the world entrusted with the task of taking the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

We too are transformed though our reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It might not feel as dramatic as what happened to the first disciples on that Day of Pentecost; but please do realise that each one of us was completely and utterly changed through our reception of that wonderful sacrament. And each one of us now has the role of being a witness to Christ in the world of today; true Apostles in the modern age.

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses
 Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)..... Sunday 9.30
 Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass
 Confessions.....during Holy Hour Wednesday & at call
 Choir Practice..... 18.00 Monday in Church
 Sunday Readings:..... Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms.....Contact the Deacon
 Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest
 Mother's Prayer Group..... 2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30
 Rosary GroupFridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
 Friendship Club 14.00 Fridays
 Safeguarding & Data Protection Officer
 Mary Basing 07969 120264

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church

First Communion

The First Communion mass will be on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. For more information contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com.

Gardening

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the gardening, particularly weeding. Please contact Chris McNamara on 01202 433015.

**There are no shortcuts
to any place worth going**

Holding Our Young People in Prayer

Exam season can be a challenging time for many young people and, once again, St Peter's school would like to invite you to help support exam students through your prayers please. There is a bowl at the back of the Church with slips in with the first name of either a Year 11 or Year 13 student on it. Please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your prayers. Exams start soon and finish on 18th June. We'd also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student, just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in that bowl. The school will collect these messages and display them for all the students to read and see that you are praying. Thank you for 'Holding Our Young People in Prayer' at this very important time. God bless from the Chaplaincy team.

Funerals

The funeral of Olivia Cash (24 years) will take place on Friday 29th May at 13.30 followed by cremation at 15.00. Olivia was an altar server at our Church for a good number of years.

The funeral of Romilly Meager will take place at 13.30 on Thursday 4th June at Bournemouth Crematorium.

God With Us

On 16th & 17th May we hosted a prayer event in the hall titled 'God With Us' reflecting on the Holy Spirit. Local Churches dedicated stands exemplifying the fruits of the Holy Spirit and our Church reflected these through our parochial activities. Moments of silent prayer filled the hall and the event was truly evangelical. Many thanks to Vikki, Lilibet, those who visited and everyone who contributed to creating such an inspiring experience.

**Man is too noble
to serve anyone but God**

Cardinal Wyszynski

Garden Fete

The Garden Fete will take place on Sunday 28th June 2026. It will be a fun afternoon for all the family. Of course, it takes a lot of organisation in advance. Nicola is looking for volunteers to help in the weeks leading up to the Fete and on the day. If you wish to be involved, please contact her on 07966 222463.

Margaret Pole (1473–1541)

Margaret Pole was an English noblewoman, the last Plantagenet and one of the most tragic figures of the Tudor age. Born Margaret of Clarence, her Father was brother to Edward IV and Richard III. This made her a niece of two kings and one of the closest surviving members of the Plantagenet bloodline after the Tudor takeover.



Her early life was marked by vulnerability. Her father was executed in 1478 and her brother was imprisoned in the Tower by Henry VII from childhood and executed in 1499. Margaret herself survived by keeping a low profile. Henry VIII initially treated her well.

He restored her to the earldom of Salisbury in 1513, making her one of the wealthiest and most powerful women in England. She served as governess to Princess Mary. Her ruin came through her son Reginald Pole, a Cardinal who publicly opposed Henry VIII's break with Rome and wrote a scathing denunciation of the king. Henry could not easily punish Reginald (who was safely in Rome), so he turned on Margaret and her family instead. Two of her other sons were also executed. Margaret herself was imprisoned in the Tower in 1539, despite being in her mid-sixties and in poor health.

On 27 May 1541, at around 67 years old, she was beheaded on Tower Green, reportedly by an inexperienced headsman who made several blows. She is said to have refused to lay her head on the block, declaring she was no traitor and so was executed standing. She was one of the oldest people executed during the Tudor period. Pope Leo XIII beatified her in 1886, recognising her as a martyr for the Catholic faith. Her cause was based on her death being ultimately rooted in her family's resistance to the royal supremacy over the Church. She remains a poignant symbol of the old Catholic nobility destroyed by the Henrician Reformation.

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Recent Collections

Standing Orders £410, Sunday £350, Contactless £153, with thanks.

Second Collection

Today: World Communications Day

Forthcoming Dates

Feast of Blessed Margaret Pole 29th May
First Communion 6th June
Parish Fete 28th June
Father Ryan Browne's First Anniversary 26th July

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 B Nanovo, S Smith 11.00 C Wright, L Goodall
Ministers: 9.30 J Happe 11.00 N Jean-Francoise
n/w Readers: 9.30 R Hernandez, J Carr-Jones 11.00 M-A Jean-Francoise, V Dybka
n/w Ministers: 9.30 S McCaffrey 11.00 V Rochford