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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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Mass Intentions for week commencing 24th May 2026

Sat 23 rd Sun 24 th	9:30am 6:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Vigil of Pentecost Sunday (A) Pentecost Sunday (A) Day of Prayer for the Church	Mario Sladen & Family Denise Wright Joseph Lam Ting Luk (RIP) People of the Parish
Mon 25 th	9:30am	Mary, Mother of the Church Bank Holiday	Holy Souls
Tue 26 th	9:30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention
Wed 27 th	9:30am	St Augustine of Canterbury	Private Intention
Thur 28 th	9:30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Private Intention
Fri 29 th	9:30am	St. Paul VI, Pope	Private Intention
Sat 30 th	9:30am 6:00pm	Our Lady Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity (A)	Private Intention People of the Parish

Pentecost Sunday - Cycle A. This Sunday the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the Easter Season and the birthday of the Church. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Jerusalem, empowering them to proclaim the Gospel courageously to all nations. In the **First Reading (Acts 2:1–11)**, the Holy Spirit descends with wind and fire, enabling people of many languages and cultures to hear the Good News, revealing the universal mission and unity of the Church. The **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)** proclaims that God’s Spirit continually renews the earth and sustains all creation. In the **Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3b–7,12–13)**, Saint Paul reminds us that although believers possess different gifts and vocations, all are united in the one Body of Christ through the same Spirit. These gifts are given for the service of the Church and the common good. In the **Gospel (John 20:19–23)**, the risen Christ appears to the disciples behind locked doors, offers them peace, breathes upon them the Holy Spirit, and commissions them to continue his mission of reconciliation, mercy, and forgiveness. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to dwell within and guide the Church today. Christians are called to move beyond fear and complacency, witnessing to Christ through lives marked by love, peace, compassion, forgiveness, and service. This solemnity also invites us to reflect: Have I opened my heart to the Holy Spirit? Do I use my gifts for the building up of the Church and the service of others? Am I an instrument of reconciliation and peace? Do I witness to Christ courageously in daily life? The Holy Spirit is not merely an abstract idea, but the living presence of God sanctifying, guiding, strengthening, and empowering us for mission. As we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, our parish community, our families, and the world. May the Spirit who transformed the apostles transform us also, so that we may faithfully proclaim the mighty works of God in our own time and place. **“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”**

Humour: Paul: “How do we know the Holy Spirit was really at Pentecost?” Clara: “Because twelve men immediately went out to evangelize instead of forming a committee.”

Parish Info: PARISH OFFICE HOURS - Office closed next week
Tea/Coffee: Please join us for coffee after the 9.30 Mass on Sunday
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Please note that on Friday 10 th July there will be the Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors at 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Church. The Confirmation Mass, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley will be on Saturday 18 th July at 6:00pm.
MONDAY CLUB: Adults who are looking to make new friends or come with existing friends. All welcome including non-parishioners to the Church hall for refreshments on the First Monday of every month from 10.30-1.30pm for refreshments and activities. Next date 1 st June 2026
PARISH LEDGER: Thank you for your continued generosity; every contribution plays a vital role in keeping our parish welcoming, vibrant, and active in faith and service. Please consider setting up a Standing Order. This will help us manage our finances smoothly, even when you are away on holiday. It also reduces administrative work, and you won't need to remember to withdraw cash every week. Good news! No More Cheques. Online payments are now live. Offertory last weekend: Plate £407.87 Second collection World Communications Sunday £80.75 Standing Order £380. Thank you, and may God bless you and your families. <i>Ira (Gift Aid Organiser & Bookkeeper)</i> suttongreengac@rcaos.org.uk

May is the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. This would be a good occasion to join us in reciting the Holy Rosary before weekday Masses. The month of May has long held a special place in the life of the Church as a time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Throughout Christian history, the faithful have honoured Our Lady during this season of renewal and beauty, recognising in her the perfect model of discipleship, humility, faith, and loving obedience to the will of God. May is also a special opportunity for families and parish communities to renew traditional Marian devotions, especially the Holy Rosary. As we honour Our Lady during this month, let us entrust to her maternal care our parish, our families, the sick and elderly, the young people of our community, and all those who are in need of comfort and hope. May Mary, Star of the Sea and Mother of Mercy, guide us always to her Son and help us to grow in holiness, charity, and perseverance in faith. To mark the conclusion of the Month of May, Marian prayers and devotions will be offered during the 9:30am Mass on Saturday, 30 May. **The Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, Our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.**

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for May 2026: Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray "that everyone might have food," asking that "everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food." In his message for the month, Pope Leo highlighted the suffering caused by hunger and food waste, noting that millions of people continue to experience acute hunger while large amounts of food are discarded. He called for both prayer and practical action rooted in solidarity, compassion, and responsible stewardship of God's gifts. Let us pray and work together so that no one is left without daily bread.

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest: On Thursday, 29 May 2026, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, inviting us to reflect on Christ's saving sacrifice for the life of the world. Unlike the priests of the Old Testament who repeatedly offered sacrifices for sin, Jesus offered Himself once and for all as the perfect and eternal sacrifice. He is both Priest and Victim, the one mediator between God and humanity, who through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection reconciles us to the Father and opens for us the way to eternal life. Through Baptism, all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ and are called to offer their lives, prayers, and acts of charity as a spiritual offering pleasing to God. We also give thanks for the gift of the ministerial priesthood, through which Christ continues to nourish and guide His Church in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the sacraments. On this feast, let us pray especially for our priests and seminarians, that they may faithfully serve God's people with holiness, humility, and compassion. *Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, we give You thanks for the gift of the priesthood. Bless our priests and seminarians. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to You. May they preach the Gospel with pure hearts and be shepherds according to Your own heart. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life. Amen.*

THE LIFE OF CHRIST 16 - 20 June 2026 - The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life. Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>. **Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**