



NOTICE BOARD

The first formal running of THE GIFT course programme is now concluded. However, this is not the end because THE GIFT was far more than just a course. It was an initiation, a new start perhaps, for a journey that Jesus called us on and that Pope Francis reminds us that we need to be taking. Participants, of the first course are invited to the various intercession sessions that Fr Shaun is organising to pray for clarity for how we proceed from here together in our Parish of St. Monica's. See his letter "**The Gift is not just for Christmas (or Pentecost!)**" on the "links" page of the Parish website.

Watch this space for any new resources or notification of any catch-up or optional extra sessions.

Coming up:-

Sunday 28th June: THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION FOR THE WAY AHEAD. 6:30pm in Church

Monday 6th July: REFLECTION AND INTERCESSION FOR THE WAY AHEAD. 10:15am or 7:30pm in the Hall

Friday 10th July: DEANERY HOLY HOUR FOR NATIONAL PROCLAIM'15 CONFERENCE. 7:30pm in Church

See articles by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa (under "resources") if you want to get more understanding of the feast of Pentecost.

See video of a recent talk by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa – Preacher to the Pope and the Papal Household – where he talks about his experience of "Baptism in the Spirit". <https://lc17.alpha.org/node/125>

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

THE GIFT has been put together by the CaFE team (www.faithcafe.org) in response to Pope Francis's call for us all to become "missionary disciples".

It's a six-week course opening up the treasures of the Faith. The Gift is the gift of the Holy Spirit, God Himself, within us, who wants to help us discover these treasures and live life to the full.

"This is the perfect course for every parishioner to explore the exciting invitation of Pope Francis. An opportunity not to be missed."

Fr. Shaun

COURSE SCHEDULE

The first course is now completed. However, the schedule is still shown here so that you can see what went on and what you have to look forward to when the next course commences. (Some future courses may be run over a weekend rather than spread over six weeks, which might suit some people better.)

Date	Day	Talk
11 th May	Monday	1. The Father's Loving Plan
18 th May	Monday	2. The Joy of the Gospel
25 th May	Monday	<i>Bank Holiday (no meeting)</i>
1 st June	Monday	3. The Gift of the Spirit
8 th June	Monday	4. Unwrapping God's Gift
15 th June	Monday	5. Encountering God's Spirit
22 nd June	Monday	6. Living in the Spirit

Choice of MORNING or EVENING Sessions

10:15am – 11:45am or 7:30pm – 9:00pm

St. Monica's Large Hall

RESOURCES

Questions pondered over during discussion times:-

<PDFs available on website "links" page>

Daily Prayer Reflections following Sessions:-

<PDFs available on website "links" page>

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

OPTIONAL EXTRA READING/VIEWING

"The Law of Love – Acts 2:1-4. The Spirit brings to life the love of God in us." (plus 4 more essays on the Holy Spirit and Pentecost) *By Father Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal Household.*

www.christlife.org/resources/articles/C_reflectionspart1.html

"Longing for Unity" (30 min video of a talk by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, who shares his testimony of encountering the love of God through Christ and Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and what inspired his longing for unity in the church.)

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CONTACTS/OTHER LINKS

"THE GIFT" WEBSITE

www.thegiftofthespirit.org

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 a life in the Spirit course

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