



I feel nourished and affirmed by the experience. I felt an awareness of God's love.

They opened my eyes to the tools which God places at our disposal.

It improved my prayer life.

The insights of the group

I learnt more about the Holy Spirit than I knew before. I am also inspired to read the Bible.

The Prayer Journal was helpful and meeting such lovely people was really special.



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Yes, I'm interested in signing up

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Life in the Spirit Seminar
 Starts 18th April 2018 for 8 Consecutive Wednesdays
7:00pm - 7:30pm Registration & Refreshments
7:30pm - 8:00pm Welcome & Gathering
8:00pm - 9:30pm Seminar
 SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish, Plaistow Lane, Bromley. BR1 2PR. 020 8402 0459 / admin@stjosephsbromley.org

- 18 April** **God's Love** - Jenny Baker
 God is not someone who lives far away. He loves us unconditionally and wants us to be in a personal relationship with him like a son or daughter.
- 25 April** **Salvation** - Father Mark White CP
 Jesus is our saviour, it makes sense to really get to know him.
- 2 May** **New Life** - David Wells
 If you are open to receiving God's Holy Spirit you will experience a new kind of life - become a changed person - our faith becomes real.
- 9 May** **Receiving God's Gift** - Michelle Moran
 Ask God to prepare you, he loves you and he will do it, but we have to turn to Jesus to receive God's gifts.
- 16 May** **Renewal in the Holy Spirit** - Charles Whitehead
 We all know the problem of trying to live out our Christian calling in our own strength. God's answer is to enlist the help of the Holy Spirit.
- 23 May** **Growth** - Father Stephen Wymer
 Prayer is important. It is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God. A Bible is essential because through it we will hear God speaking to us.
- 30 May** **Transformation in Christ** - Sister Josephine Walsh, Daughters of the Holy Spirit. As we are refreshed in the Trinity of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we undergo inner transformation.

Celebration Mass on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church



Jenny Baker co-ordinates the Regional Celebrate Catholic family conferences and is also a member of the English National Service Committee for Renewal in the Catholic Church.



Father Mark White CP is a member of the Passionists; a religious congregation founded by St. Paul of the Cross. He is the Rector and Parish Priest at our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Herne Bay and a frequent leader and speaker at Retreats and Missions.



David Wells has contributed to the production of catechetical resources in the UK and North America. He is a catechist and author who regularly speaks at conferences throughout the world and presents at conferences in every diocese in England and Wales



Michelle Moran, is a founding member of the Sion Community for Evangelisation. She is an international preacher and currently the chairperson for the National Service Committee for CCR in England and Wales and is international president of ICCRS and regularly meets with the Pope through her work.



Charles Whitehead KSG is a renowned Catholic author and conference speaker, former President of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services in the Vatican and founder of Celebrate Catholic Conferences.



Father Stephen Wymer is parish priest at St. Edmunds in Beckenham and is a popular speaker at Days of Renewal and at the New Dawn Conference each year at Walsingham, England's National Shrine.



Sr. Josephine Walsh is a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit congregation. Her work includes working with refugees and Healing Ministry in this country and overseas. She is also an author and popular speaker with faith groups.



On behalf of SS Joseph & Swithun Parish, I welcome you most warmly to our Life in the Spirit Seminars. The Seminars are a spiritual journey led over seven Wednesday evenings by a variety of gifted speakers. This is a special occasion when we set aside some time to reflect, pray and respond to the action of God's Spirit in our lives, the Spirit given to us in Baptism.

I recall, thirty years ago now, when following my annual retreat I was driving the long journey back to London, a prayer (Ps.99) began to rise up and sing in my heart. *"Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him singing for joy"*.

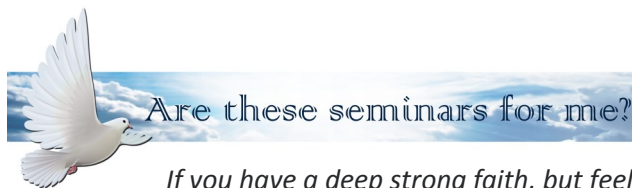
The Spirit has continued to echo this prayer silently in my heart ever since. I had come to realise deeply that I am a loved sinner and that we belong to God and are called to share the Joy of the Gospel.

Three years ago Pope Francis urged clergy to provide Life in the Spirit Seminars in parishes, seminaries, schools and neighbourhoods and to share Baptism in the Spirit. Since then people from our parish community have participated in Seminars in St. Edmunds, Beckenham and St. Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells which they greatly appreciated.

We have been praying for the past four years that we be open to the "freshness of the Spirit", and now daily after Mass we pray "pour out on us the gifts of the Holy Spirit". As we journey towards a new Pentecost in 2018, remember that Mary our mother prays with us as she did with the disciples before the first Pentecost.

Set out below, you will see that the Seminars are open to all who come with an open and sincere heart. This includes active and 'resting' Catholics, Christians from our sister churches, people of other faiths or no faith.

You will experience a warm welcome and be wonderfully blessed and surprised by God.



Fr. Tom McHugh

If you have a deep strong faith, but feel in need of renewal - for you!

If you attend church fairly regularly, but find no real life or enthusiasm - for you!

If you have drifted away from the church, but would be interested in finding a way back - for you!

If you are young and want more purpose and direction in your life, whilst deepening your faith - for you!

If you're still unsure, bring a friend! The speakers are stimulating and the company good. Although the seminars are being run in a Catholic parish, questions of other traditions are most welcome.