



## Parish Bulletin

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 3

### Website

[nativityparish.org.uk](http://nativityparish.org.uk)

### Our Churches

**Church of St Mary the Immaculate Conception**  
Clive Road, Failsworth, Manchester,  
M35 0NN.

**Church of the Holy Family**  
407, Roman Road, Hollinwood, Oldham,  
OL8 3PY.

Email: [saint.marys@hotmail.com](mailto:saint.marys@hotmail.com)  
Tel 0161 681 1835

### Parish Priest

Canon Michael Job

### Assistant Priest

Fr Celestine Nyikwagh

### SVP

[Parishofthenativitysvp@outlook.com](mailto:Parishofthenativitysvp@outlook.com)

### Youth Group

[youth.parishofthenativity@gmail.com](mailto:youth.parishofthenativity@gmail.com)

### Bee Together Community Garden


[beetogetherhollinwood@gmail.com](mailto:beetogetherhollinwood@gmail.com)

 @ParishoftheNativity

 @oldham\_nativity


## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

**Monday April 20**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119(118):23-24. 26-27. 29-30. R1b;  
John 6:22-29.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**


**Tuesday April 21**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31(30):3c-4. 6ab, 7b, 8a. 17, 21ab. R6a;  
John 6:30-35.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**


**2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family. All are welcome.**

**Wednesday April 22**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. R1; John 6:35-40.


**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Thursday April 23**  
St George, Martyr, Patron  
of England (solemnity)

 Revelation 12:10-12a; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R5;  
2 Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12; Luke 9:23-26.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Friday April 24**  
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15; John 6:52-59.

**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

**6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's meeting room**

**Saturday April 25**  
St Mark, Evangelist (feast)


 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Ps 89(88):2-3. 6-7. 16-17. R2a;  
Mark 16:15-20.

**11:00-11:45AM Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession),  
St Mary's**

**11:00-11:50AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St  
Mary's**

**12:00 noon: Mass, St Mary's**

**Sunday April 26**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1;  
1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10.

**9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.**

**9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's**

**10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.**

**11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family**

Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning  
Masses.

**6:00PM Mass, St Mary's**

(Divine Office Week 4)

### Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

### Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a marriage, please  
speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

**Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.**

### We Pray For...

#### Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham, Dave Riley, Stuart Radcliffe, Mark Wilkinson, John Crichton, Peter Colton, Fr. John Conconnor, Robert Blackmore and Pat McEntegart.

#### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Lynn Redikin, Joseph Glynn and Michael McBride. May they rest in perfect peace.

#### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: William Molloy, Mary Murphy, Albert Hyde, Ann Brennan, Kathleen Walsh, Brendon Maguire, Lilian Jones and Thomas Gerard Rafferty. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

**We pray for the forgotten souls in Purgatory.**

## Sanctuary Candle

This week's sanctuary candle was donated by Peter Holland, in memory of **Edith Holland**.

## Additional Mass This Week

Thursday April 23 is the solemnity of St George, Patron of England. Mass on that day will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, 9:15am, in place of the usual Eucharistic Service.

## Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the death of **Joseph Glynn**. The funeral will take place at St Mary's Church at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 29.

We keep Joseph's family and friends in our prayers.

## Safeguarding Leads Required Urgently

We are seeking two volunteers to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, one for each of our church locations. This is an urgent requirement vital to the continued operation of the parish. If you have a heart for the safety of our community, please step forward. No prior experience is necessary as the Diocese provides full training. Please contact one of the priests if you think you can help.

## Catenians Concert, Supper and Raffle

Magnificent vocalist, 'Shadia', will be singing hit songs dating from the 1960s to the present day at the Parish Room, Holy Family, Limeside, on

Friday, April 24 2026. Tickets are priced at £15 – includes Meat and Potato Pie / Cheese and Onion Pie supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided, though all are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks. Tickets will be on sale at the churches after Sunday Masses this weekend and are otherwise available by calling Iain O'Hare—07977 720108. All proceeds will go to the Failsworth Catenians Group's Pilgrimage fund and to Parish funds.

## Grand National Sweepstake Results

Thank you for your support. The winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ticket 0819: [REDACTED]

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ticket 0891: [REDACTED]

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ticket 0660: [REDACTED]

## ORDER OF MASS

### ENTRANCE HYMN

- 1 Come into his presence** singing:  
'Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.'  
Come into his presence singing:  
'Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.'
- 2 Come into his presence** singing:  
'Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.'  
Come into his presence singing:  
'Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.'
- 3 Come into his presence** singing:  
'Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.'  
Come into his presence singing:  
'Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.'

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### General Confession

*All say together:*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and  
sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do,**

*(Striking breast:)*

**through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our  
God.**

### Kýrie Eléison

*All sing together:*

**Kýrie, eléison<sup>1</sup>. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.  
Christe eléison<sup>2</sup>. Christe eléison.  
Christe eléison, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.**

*Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:*

<sup>1</sup> *Lord, have mercy.*

<sup>2</sup> *Christ, have mercy.*

### GLORIA

*(Sung)*

*Refrain:*

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory  
to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.**

**1. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

*(Refrain)*

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only  
Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of  
the Father,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

*(Refrain)*

**3. For you alone are the Holy  
One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
(Refrain) Amen, amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

*Acts 2:14, 22-33*

*'It was not possible for him to be held  
by death.'*

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not

abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

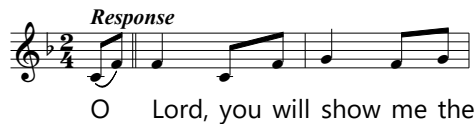
*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1

*All sing the response:*



- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord.’  
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
you yourself who secure my lot.
- 2 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the LORD before me always;  
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 3 And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my flesh shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
nor let your holy one see corruption.
- 4 You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

*‘You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.’*

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung)*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Cantor:* Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

**All:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

### Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

*He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him,

‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the homily:*

### THE CREED

*All say together:*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,**

born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were  
made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined  
words that follow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and is glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### HYMN 479

*My God, accept my heart this day*

#### Preface Dialogue

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them up to the  
Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

*All:* It is right and just.

#### Holy

*All sing together:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of  
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,  
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in  
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes, who  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in  
the highest.**

*The congregation kneel for the  
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

#### The Mystery of Faith

*The priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith

*All sing together:*



#### Conclusion

*The priest alone sings or says:*

Through him, and with him, and in  
him,

O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*All respond:*

Amen.

#### COMMUNION RITE

*All stand: the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare  
to say:

*All sing:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every  
evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ.

*We conclude the prayer together, by  
singing:*

**For the kingdom, the power and  
the glory are yours now and for  
ever.**

#### Lamb of God

*All sing together:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy  
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy  
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, grant us  
peace.**

#### Invitation to Communion

*The priest says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that you  
should enter under my roof, but  
only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.**

## HYMN 194

*Christ be beside me*

### Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

*Sing three times:*

**O Sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving  
be every moment thine.**

## HYMN 184 v1 - 4

*Bring all ye dear-bought nations*

*Mass texts ©ICEL.*

*Scripture texts are taken from the ESV® Bible  
(The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® in  
British English), ©2001 by Crossway, a  
publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.  
ESV Text Edition: 2025. The ESV text may not be  
quoted in any publication made available to the  
public by a Creative Commons license. The ESV  
may not be translated in whole or in part into  
any other language. Used by permission. All  
rights reserved.*

*Psalm Text: The Abbey Psalms and Canticles by  
the Monks of Conception Abbey ©2010, 2018  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,  
Washington, DC. Used by permission. All Rights  
Reserved. Administered in England and Wales  
by Colloquium on behalf of the Catholic Bishops'  
Conference of England and Wales.  
Psalm musical setting: Parish of the Nativity  
(Response); Alan Rees ©Belmont Abbey,  
Hereford, HR2 9RZ (tone).*

*'We proclaim your Death': Musical setting from  
the 'Mass of Christ the Savior' by Dan Schutte. b.  
1947, © 2007, 2009, Daniel L. Schutte. Published  
by OCP. All rights reserved.*