



Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday of Easter
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Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 4
The English Martyrs
(feast)

 Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31(30):3c-4. 6ab, 7b, 8a. 17, 21ab. R6a;
Matthew 10:17-22.

10:00AM Mass, Holy Family


Tuesday May 5
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145(144):10-11. 12-13b. 21. R cf. 12a;
John 14:27-31a.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's


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

Wednesday May 6
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. Rcf.1; John 15:1-8.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family Primary School

Thursday May 7
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 10. R3; John 15:9-11.

No services today

Friday May 8
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57(56):8-9. 10-12. R10a; John 15:12-17.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Saturday May 9
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c; John 15:18-21.

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 May 10
6th Sunday of Easter

 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1;
1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

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 are normally served after both Sunday morning Masses.

6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

(Divine Office Week 2)

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...

A Special Intention.

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of John Reilly, Maria Ward, John Crichton, Helen Matiasso and Bernard Sanderson. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Angela Drury, Rita Trippier, Lily McGroarty, Eileen & Gerry Maguire, William Swallow, Harry O'Neill and Harold Walsh. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Changes to Divine Services This Week

As **Monday May 4** is a national holiday, morning Mass at Holy Family Church will be celebrated at the later time of 10:00am.

Please note that, on **Wednesday May 6**, the 9:15am Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Primary School on Lime Green Road. It will be followed by the Crowning of the image of Our Lady. There will be no services at either church on that day.

Also note, there will be no services in the Parish on **Thursday May 7**.

Altar Servers Needed

The Parish is in need of additional committed individuals to join its team of altar servers.

As this is sacred ministry requiring focus and spiritual reverence, there are some specific requirements:

First Holy Communion

The foundational requirement is that the individual must have received their First Holy Communion. Because altar servers assist closely at the altar and handle the vessels used for the Eucharist, they must be initiated into this sacrament.

Active Catholic Faith

Servers are expected to be practicing Catholics who regularly attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.

Understanding and Reverence

The individual must be mature enough to understand the structure of the Mass, the solemnity of the role, and be capable of carrying out their duties with appropriate reverence and focus.

But please note that all necessary training will be provided.

Commitment to Training

Prospective servers will need to attend some parish-led training sessions. This

involves learning the order of the Mass, and the correct names and handling of liturgical items.

Reliability

Servers are generally required to arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass begins, to help prepare the sanctuary, vest in their robes, and participate in pre-Mass prayer.

National Deaf Awareness Week – Free Resources

May 4-10 is national Deaf Awareness Week. Did you know that Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a range of resources and tips on its website to help you make your parish even more accessible to people locally? You can access these and a range of other free resources, prayers and documents on the Caritas website at:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

ORDER OF MASS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



(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, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.
Christe eléison². Christe eléison.
Christe eléison, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ Lord, have mercy.

² 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 6:1-7

'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the

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,**

disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22

All sing the response:

Response

May your mer-ci-ful love
be up-on us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

- 1 Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp; with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
- 2 The word of the LORD is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The LORD loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.
- 3 Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight

of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

John 14:1-12

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now

on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

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 215

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

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 165

Be still, for the Presence of the Lord...

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 141

As I kneel before you

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