



Parish Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 25 Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87(86):1-2. 3. 5. 6-7. R3; John 19:25-34.
Mary, Mother of the Church (memorial)
10:00AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 26 Philippians 4:4-9; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R2a;
John 17:20-26.
St Philip Neri, Priest (memorial)
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family. All are welcome.

Wednesday May 27 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8; Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10. R3;
Luke 10:1-9.
St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (feast)
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday May 28 Hebrews 10:4-10; Ps 40(39):7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17. R8a, 9a;
Matthew 26:36-42.
Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest (feast)
9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday May 29 1 Peter 4:7-13; Ps 96(95):10. 11-13a. 13b-d. R13b;
Mark 11:11-26.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday May 30 Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. R2b; Mark 11:27-33.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
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 31 Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b;
2 Corinthians 13:11-14; John 3:16-18.
The Most Holy Trinity (solemnity)
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
Divine Office Week 1 (from Monday June 1)
Light refreshments are normally served after both Sunday morning Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

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.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of Pat Shepherd, Kathleen Quinn, Margaret Dudley, Loretta Dwyer, Joyce Smith, Stephanie Squires and Peter Lupton. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Kevin Heatley, Fred Higgins, Ronnie Gill, Helen Melia, Dawn, Eileen Maguire, Pat O'Brien, Hugh Maguire, Christopher Madden and Trevor Wright. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Candle

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Pat and the girls, in memory of Damian Wolstenholme.

Changes to Service Times This Week

Please note: as Monday May 25 is a national holiday, Mass at Holy Family Church will begin at **10:00am** on that day, instead of the usual 9:15am.

Sanctuary Candle – The Light of the Real Presence

Our sanctuary candles burn twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, as a silent witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. It is a beautiful tradition at Holy Family Church for families or individuals to 'sponsor' this candle for a week at a time.

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle at **Holy Family Church** in memory of a loved one, please enquire at the piety shop there. Your intention will be kept in prayer throughout the

week as the flame burns before the Lord.

Holy Family Primary School Vacancies

Holy Family RC Primary School currently has places available in Reception class for September. We are a warm, welcoming and inclusive school where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. To find out more or arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 0161 770 2400 or email: info@holyfamilyRCPS.co.uk.

June Baptism Classes

Parents or guardians of infants/ young children due to be baptized in June, please be reminded that you need to attend the baptism class taking place next Sunday, May 31, after the 9:30 Mass at St Mary's Church.

St Mary's Readers' Rota

Copies are now available for collection from St Mary's sacristy.

Bonus Ball Numbers Available

Some St Mary's church and charity Bonus Ball numbers have become

available: any parishioners interested in having a number assigned to them should speak with Hayley Rafferty, or should pass their contact details to one of the helpers (to be found in St Mary's narthex on Sundays), or to one of the priests.

Deanery Pilgrimage to Holywell

Combine faith, fun and friendship by joining the Deanery Pilgrimage to Holywell on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Programme of events:

- 8:30am: Pickup at St Mary's Church.
- 11am: Mass (priest dependent).
- 12 noon: Service & veneration of the holy relics of St Winefride.
- 1-1:30pm: Bathing/submerging (please bring suitable attire).
- Free time to explore.
- Home by 5:00pm.

The cost is £25 per person—this includes travel and admission.

Please bring your own packed lunch.

To reserve your place, contact Lisa on 07850 391 570.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: April 24. Winning no. 23 – Clare Williamson. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £5 (1 unpaid number) = £140. Next draw: Saturday, May 30. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must pay by Friday, May 29. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: April 24. Charity: British Heart Foundation. Winning no. 23 – Maria Sumner. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £10 (2 numbers unpaid) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, May 30. Charity: British Heart Foundation. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must pay by Friday, May 29. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 210

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come

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, 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 2:1-11

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34.

R cf. 30

All sing the response:

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.
- 2 You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 3 May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All say together:

**Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.**

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;**

Come, thou light of all that live!

**Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.**

**Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.**

**Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:**

**If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will;
All his good is turned to ill.**

**Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;**

**On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;**

**Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.**

**Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:**

**Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 20:19-23

'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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 583

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.

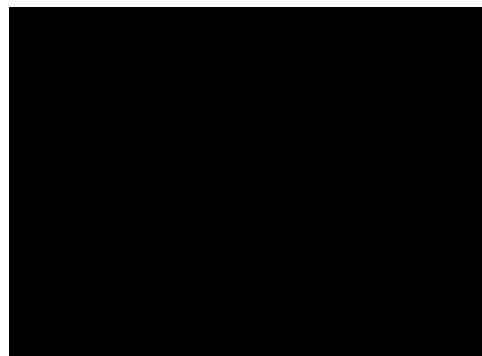
*The congregation kneel for the
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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.**

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The Spirit lives to set us free

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