



Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday of Easter

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Divine Office: Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 19
Weekday of Easter

📖 Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115(113b):1-2. 3-4. 15-16. R1; John 14:21-26.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 20
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

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

Wednesday May 21
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

Thursday May 22
Weekday of Easter

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

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday May 23
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

11:00AM Funeral—Kathryn Prescott

Saturday May 24
Weekday of Easter

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

11:00 - 11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.

12:00 noon: Mass, St Mary's

Sunday May 25
6th Sunday of Easter

📖 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.

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

Confession

Saturdays (see above); or otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, 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, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Teddy Holt, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Eileen Clare, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley and Jill Chadderton.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Kathryn Prescott, Eileen Maguire, Shirley Quinlan and Choi Ford.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Tara, Kevin Heatley, William Harold Barlow, Gordon Crompton, Fred Higgins, Ronald Gill, Paul Anderson, Helen Melia and Pat O'Brien.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Kevin, Helen and Jane Murphy, in memory of Anne Murphy.

Deaths & Funerals

Last week, we announced the death of **Eileen Maguire**, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, June 6 at 10:00am (correction to last week's announcement). The evening reception (receptio corporis) will take place at the same location on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00pm.

We recently announced the death of **Kathryn Prescott**. Kath's Funeral will take place at St Mary's Church this coming Friday, May 23, 11:00am, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery at 12:30pm.

Let us keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Retiring Collections for Vocations

As announced last week, there will be retiring collections across all Masses this weekend, in support of vocations.

June Baptism Classes

Next Sunday, May 25, will be the last Sunday of May. A baptism class will therefore take place immediately following the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's on that day, for all who have booked baptisms for the month of June.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Every year, the Church in England and Wales marks the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as a day of prayer for survivors and victims of abuse. This year, it falls on Tuesday, May 20. There is an open invitation to gather with Bishop John for Mass this coming Tuesday at 6pm at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Manchester, to pray for all

survivors and victims of abuse. Members of parish safeguarding teams, in particular, are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministry Job Opportunity – Castlerigg Manor

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns, and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary; accommodation and food provided. If you are interested, please contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

'Me, Him and Jim'...

...will delight us with an afternoon of music, singalong and 'magic' (well, skilful illusion) at the *Cuppa Club* meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw April 26. Winning no. 21. Prize: £150. To church fund: £140 *minus* £5 admin *plus* £10 March late donation = £145. Next draw: Saturday, May 31. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday May 30. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: April 26. Charity: British Heart Foundation. Winning no. 21. Winner: Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £150. To charity: £145. Next draw: Saturday, May 31. Charity: British Heart Foundation. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday May 30. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

Readings and Psalm for Sunday Mass

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First Reading

Acts 14:21b-27

'They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.'

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church

together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R cf. 1

R I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

- 1** The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
- 2** All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.
- 3** To make known your might to the whole human race,
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all generations.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

'God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.’

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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