



## Parish Bulletin

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 3

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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

**Monday May 18**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68(67):2-3. 4-5ac. 6-7b. R33a;  
John 16:29-33.

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

**Tuesday May 19**  
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68(67):10-11. 20-21. R33a;  
John 17:1-11a.

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

**12 noon Funeral Mass - John Crichton, Holy Family**


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

**Wednesday May 20**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68(67):29-30. 33-35a. 35b-36c. R33a;  
John 17:11b-19.

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


**Thursday May 21**  
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11. R1;  
John 17:20-26.

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

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

**Friday May 22**  
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103(102):1-2. 11-12. 19-20b. R19a;  
John 21:15-19.

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

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

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

**Saturday May 23**  
Weekday of Easter


 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11(10):4. 5, 7. R cf. 7b;  
John 21:20-25.

**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 24**  
Pentecost

 Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

**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**

### 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 and Loretta Dwyer. May they rest in perfect peace.

#### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Kevin Heatley, Fred Higgins and Ronnie Gill. 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 Mary Gill, in memory of Ronald Gill.

### 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.

## Death and Funeral

We recently announced the death of **John Thomas Crichton**. The funeral Mass will take place this coming Tuesday May 19, 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. Committal follows at 1:30 pm, at Hollinwood Crematorium.

### Caritas Volunteer Week

June 1 thru 7 is National Volunteer Week, with various celebrations and activities taking place across the UK. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to help support their work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. If you have a passion or skillset you'd like to share with others, you can find out more about the volunteering opportunities available on their website at:

[caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer](http://caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer)

or contact Matt Yates at:

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### 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 5pm.

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) = £145. 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 194

*Christ be beside me*

### 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 1:12-14*

*'All with one accord were devoting  
themselves to prayer.'*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew,

Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters\*.

*\*In the original scriptural text, this refers to Jesus' cousins or other near relations, not Mary's children.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13

*All sing the response:*



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?
- 2 There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD all  
the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple.
- 3 O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.'

### Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

*'If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.'*

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Cantor:** I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.  
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**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 17:1-11a

*'Father, glorify your Son.'*

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

**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 182

*Breathe on me, breath of God*

### 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:*

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**

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## **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 309**

*Hail, Queen of Heaven*

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## **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,