



Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter

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Divine Office: Week 4:

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 12 Weekday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42(41):2. 3.; Psalm 43(42): 3. 4. R42(41):3;
John 10:1-10.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 13 Weekday of Easter

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87(86):1-3. 4-5. 6-7. R Zechariah 8:23;
John 10:22-30.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

11:30AM Funeral - Clare Burns, St Mary's

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

Wednesday May 14 St Matthias, Apostle (feast)

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113(112):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 8;
John 15:9-17.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday May 15 Weekday of Easter

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89(88):2-3. 21-22. 25, 27. R cf. 2a; John
13:16-20.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday May 16 Weekday of Easter

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R7; John 14:1-6.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday May 17 Weekday of Easter

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R1a; John 14:7-14.

**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 18 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21b-27; Ps 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R cf. 1;
Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

Divine Office Week 1

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, Cristopher McAuley and Burny Maughny.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of Kathryn Prescott and Eileen Maguire.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: John Walsh, Patrick Rafferty, Harold Walsh, William Swallow, Tara, Kevin Heatley and William Harold Barlow.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

A Prayer for Leo, our Pope

May the Lord protect Leo, our pope, and grant him length of days.

May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life.

Amen.

Good Shepherd Sunday: Prayer for Vocations

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we pray for priestly vocations to our diocese:

Heavenly Father, in the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to priestly life. Mould their hearts, Lord, after the

Sacred Heart of your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Leanne and Mason, in memory of Ian Bird.

Death & Funeral

We sadly announce the death of **Eileen Maguire**, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, June 6 at 10:30am. The evening reception (receptio corporis) will take place at the same location on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00pm.

Last week, we announced the death of **Kathryn Prescott**. Kath's Funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, May 23, 11:00am, followed by

burial at Failsworth Cemetery, at 12:30pm.

We recently announced the death of **Mrs Clare Burns**. Clare's funeral Mass is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 13, 11:30am at St Mary's Church.

Let us keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Catenians Group.

The next meeting of the Catenians group will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family, Limeside at 7:30pm on Wednesday, May 14. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on the night. If you would like further information about the group, please contact Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

'Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.'

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard

this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

- 1 Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
- 2 Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
- 3 Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

'The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.'

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading

John 10:27-30

‘I give eternal life to my sheep.’

At that time: Jesus said, ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is

greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.’

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