



Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday April 27
Weekday of Easter

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

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family


Tuesday April 28
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

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


Wednesday April 29
St Catherine of Siena,
Virgin, Doctor of the
Church, co-patron of
Europe (feast)

 1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 13-14. 17-18a.
R1a; Matthew 11:25-30.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family


12:00 noon Funeral - Joseph Glynn, St Mary's

Thursday April 30
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 1
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

6:30PM Scripture Study ('Know Your Faith'), St Mary's meeting room

Saturday May 2
St Athanasius, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church
(memorial)


 1 John 5:1-5; Ps 37(36):3-4. 5-6. 30-31. R30a;
Matthew 10:22-25a.

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 3
5th Sunday of Easter

 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22; 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12.

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

(Divine Office Week 1)

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 John Reilly and Maria Ward. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Kathleen Walsh, Brendon Maguire, Lilian Jones, Thomas Gerard Rafferty, Angela Drury, Rita Trippier, Lily McGroarty, and Eileen & Gerry Maguire. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Candle

This week's sanctuary candle was donated by Catherine Taylor, in memory of **Gerry Taylor**.

Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the death of **Joseph Glynn**. The funeral will take place at St Mary's Church at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 29.

We keep Joseph's family and friends in our prayers.

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.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham—last chance to book

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday May 2, 2026. There are a few spaces left for the day trip, picking up in Salford, Collyhurst and Oldham. The cost is £40.

To book your place please contact the pilgrimage office at:

walsingham.pilgrimage@
dioceseofsalford.org.uk

or call 0161 817 2209, **before the close of Monday April 27**. Bookings cannot be taken after this date.

Catholic Social Teaching

Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday April 30, 2026, from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life.

Register for your free place or find out more at:

[http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/
events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

Retiring Collection

This weekend's retiring collection is for Vocation Support—training for priests and deacons.

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 310

Hail, Redeemer, King divine

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 2:14a, 36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

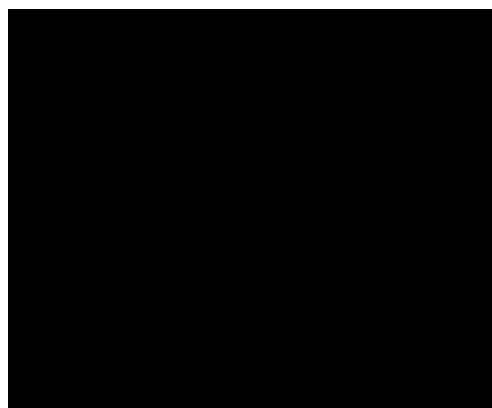
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22): R1

All sing the response:



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.
- 2 He guides me along the right path for his name's sake.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

- 3 You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

- 4 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.'

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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 good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know 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 10:1-10

'I am the door of the sheep.'

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has

brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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 656

The King of love my shepherd is

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.

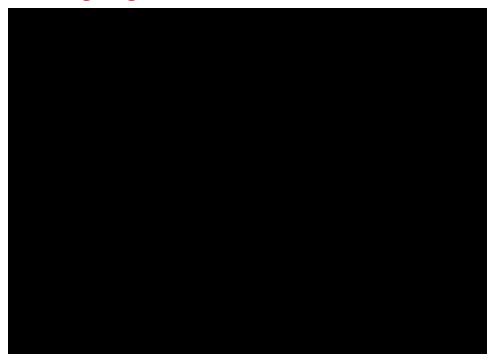
The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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 628

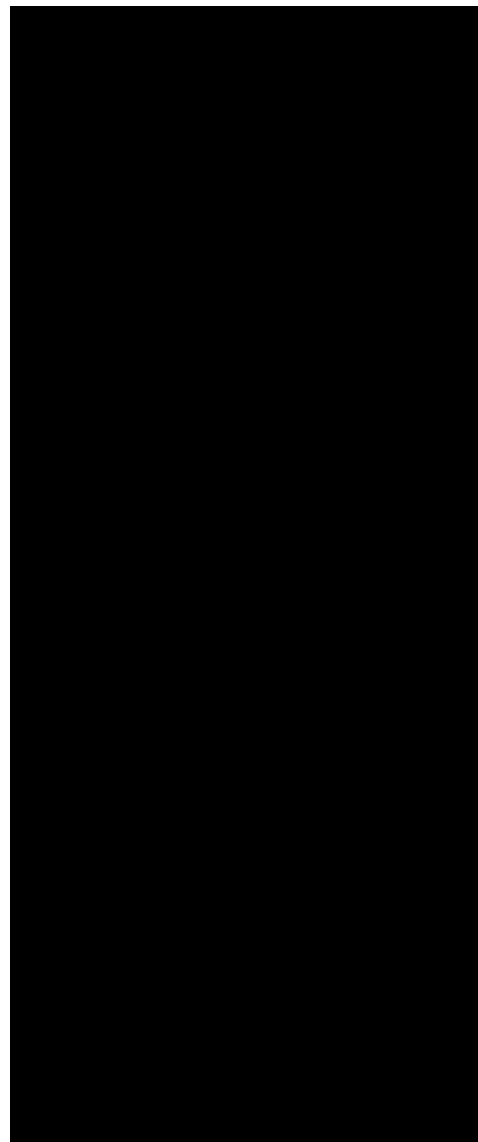
Soul of my Saviour

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN



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