



Parish Bulletin

6th Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 26
St Philip Neri, Priest
(memorial)

 Philippians 4:4-9; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R2a;
John 17:20-26.

10:00AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 27
St Augustine of Canter-
bury, Bishop (feast)

 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8; Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10. R3;
Luke 10:1-9.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday May 28
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2. 11-13a. 13c-14. R cf. 12a,
13a; John 16:12-15.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday May 29
The Ascension of the Lord
(solemnity and Holyday
of Obligation)

 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47(46):2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R6; Hebrews 9:24-28;
10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Friday May 30
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47(46):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R8a; John 16:20-23a.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday May 31
The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(feast)

 Romans 12:9-16b; Resp. Psalm 15 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3;
Luke 1:39-56.

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

12:00 noon: Mass for the Sick, St Mary's

Sunday June 1
7th Sunday of Easter

 Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97(96):1, 2b. 6, 7c. 9. R1a, 9b; Revelation
22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

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...

Birthday

Ann Appleton.

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Pdraig 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, Jill Chadderton and Glennis Evans.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Kathryn Prescott, Eileen Maguire, Shirley Quinlan, Choi Ford, Gerry Clarke, Tom Ferrie, and Bernard & Peter Holt.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: 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 Pat and the girls, in memory of Damian Wolsenholme.

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. The evening reception (receptio corporis) will take place at the same location on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00pm.

Let us keep Eileen's family and friends in our prayers.

Masses This Week

This Monday, May 26, Mass at Holy Family will take place at 10:00am.

Thursday May 29 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, which is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, 9:15am; St Mary's, 6:00pm.

A Mass for the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday May 31, 12:00 noon (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Celebrating 10 Years of Laudato Si'

Join us at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, M28 2MD, on Friday May 30 as we celebrate 10 Years of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', with a contemplative and interactive day of reflection. The day begins at 10:00am with various activities throughout, including a Mass in the Forest Walk area before the event ends at 2:30pm. There is no charge for this event but numbers are limited, so **please register** by emailing: laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Pilgrimage Walk at St Alban's, Blackburn

A wonderful pilgrimage event has been announced by one of our Jubilee churches, St Alban's in Blackburn. Taking place on Saturday May 31, this hour-long pilgrimage walk begins at 2:00pm. It will take in the remarkable history of the parish and will end with a short Benediction at the Altar. Our time of prayer will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity to

explore more of this impressive church.

To register for this event, call 01254 241211 or email: jude.harrison@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults

Young adults across the diocese are once again invited to join our next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place at 5:30pm on Sunday June 8 at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW. Confessions will be heard between 4:45pm and 5:15pm. Please join us after Mass for a short talk exploring more about our Catholic faith.

St Mary's Readers' Rota

Copies of the readers' rota for St Mary's are now available for collection from the sacristy.

'Me, Him and Jim'...

...will entertain us with an afternoon of music, singalong and 'magic' (well, skilful illusion) at the *Cuppa Club* meeting this coming 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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.'

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and

Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to

us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4

R Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1 May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.

- 2 Let the nations be glad
and let them shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may
revere him.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

*‘He showed me the holy city coming
down out of heaven.’*

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had

twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

*‘The Holy Spirit will bring to your
remembrance all that I have said to
you.’*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your

remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I will come to you.” If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.’

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