



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

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Divine Office: Week 3:

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 5 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119(118):23-24. 26-27. 29-30. R1b; John 6:22-29.

10:00AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 6 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31(30):3c-4. 6ab, 7b, 8a. 17, 21ab. R6a; John 6:30-35.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday May 7 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. R1; John 6:35-40.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family School (no Mass at Holy Family Church).

Thursday May 8 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 8:26-36, 38-40; Ps 66(65):8-9. 16-17. 20. R1; John 6:44-51.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday May 9 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15; John 6:52-59.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday May 10 Weekday of Easter

 Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116(115):12-13. 14-15. 16-17. R12; John 6:60-69.

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 11 4th Sunday of Easter

 Acts 13:14, 43b-52; Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c; Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

Divine Office Week 4

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 Anniversary

Rita Trippier.

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, Angela McDonagh and Burny Maughny.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Tony McMalon, Thomas Hendrick, Mary Gunning, June McArdle and Kathryn Prescott.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: John Walsh, Patrick Rafferty, Harold Wash and William Swallow.

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 Gill and John Green, in memory of Bernadette Mitchell.

Change to Mass Venue

This coming Wednesday, May 7, Mass will be celebrated at **Holy Family School at 9:15am**. The school address is: Lime Green Rd, Oldham, OL8 3NG. There will be no Mass at Holy Family Church on that day.

Death & Funeral

We sadly announce 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 Tuesday, May 13, 11:30am at St Mary's Church.

Let us keep their families and friends in our prayers.

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, May 11 at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW. Confessions are available between 4:45pm and

5:15pm. Please stay after Mass for a short talk exploring more about our Catholic faith.

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Come along on Tuesday, June 3 at 7pm, to St Bernadette's Church in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful sacrament. Friends and family are welcome, and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass.

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

'We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.'

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.'

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be

blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

'Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.'

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there

were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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