



Parish Bulletin

6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday May 11
Weekday of Easter

📖 Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-2. 3-4. 5-6a, 9b. R4a;
John 15:26-16:4a.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday May 12
Weekday of Easter

📖 Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 3. 7c-8. R3a;
John 16:5-11.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday May 13
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 14
The Ascension of the Lord
(solemnity and Holyday
of Obligation)

📖 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47(46):2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R6; Ephesians 1:16-23;
Matthew 28:16-20.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Friday May 15
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

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

Saturday May 16
Weekday of Easter

📖 Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47(46):2-3. 8-9. 10. R8a; John 16:23b-28;

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 17
7th Sunday of Easter

📖 Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13; 1 Peter 4:13-16;
John 17:1-11a.

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

(Divine Office Week 3)

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 Crichton, Helen Matiasso, Bernard Sanderson, Pat Shepherd, and Tracy. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: William Swallow, Harry O'Neill, Harold Walsh, Amarachukwu Sherline Chukwuma, Patrick Rafferty and William Harold Barlow. 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 Leanne and Mason, in memory of Ian Bird.

Solemnity of the Ascension This Week

This coming Thursday, May 14, is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, 9:15 am, and at St Mary's Church, 6:00 pm.

Death and Funeral

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

Urgent Call for Help

We are urgently looking to house a student for a few weeks. If anyone has a spare room and is able to

accommodate, please contact one of the priests directly, or via the Parish email:

saint.marys@hotmail.com.

CWO First Anniversary and Thanksgiving

This Sunday, May 10, the Parish group of the *Catholic Women Organization* will celebrate their first anniversary with a special Thanksgiving during the 11:15am Mass at Holy Family Church, which all women are invited to join. A brief meeting of the group will then take place in the Lady Chapel immediately after the Mass.

Thank you again, line dancers.

Thank you, line dancers, for your kind donation of £50 to Parish funds.

Bonus Ball Numbers Available

Some St Mary's church and charity Bonus Ball numbers have become available. Any parishioners interested in having a number assigned to them

should speak with Hayley Rafferty, or should pass their contact details to one of the helpers (to be found in St Mary's narthex on Sundays), or to one of the priests.

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. 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. Pay by Friday, May 29. Late payments cannot be accepted.

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 110

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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 8:5-8, 14-17

'They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.'

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

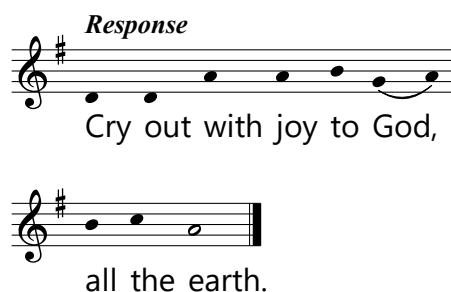
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1

All sing the response:

Response



Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth.

- 1 Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'
- 2 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.
- 3 He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
- 4 Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

'Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.'

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him.

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 14:15-21

'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my

Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

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 209

Come down, O love divine

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.

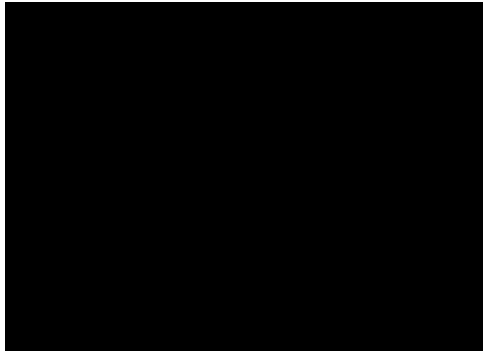
The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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 461

Love divine, all loves excelling

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 358

I'll sing a hymn to Mary

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