



## Parish Bulletin

### Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 1

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
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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

### Monday April 6


Easter Monday

 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1; Matthew 28:8-15.

**10:00AM Mass, both churches**

### Tuesday April 7

Easter Tuesday


 Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33(32):4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. R5b; John 20:11-18.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**

(No Cuppa Club meeting today)

### Wednesday April 8


Easter Wednesday

 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105(104):1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9. R3b; Luke 24:13-35.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

### Thursday April 9


Easter Thursday

 Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9. R2ab; Luke 24:35-48.

**9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family**

### Friday April 10

Easter Friday

 Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118(117):1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a. R22; John 21:1-14;


**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

(No scripture study today)

### Saturday April 11

Easter Saturday

 Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118(117):1, 14-15b, 16-18, 19-21. R21a; Mark 16:9-15.

**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**

**2:00PM Marriage Ceremony, Holy Family**

### Sunday April 12

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118(117):2-4, 13-15b, 22-24. R1; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

**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); 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. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham, Dave Riley, Stuart Radcliffe and Mark Wilkinson.

##### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Mary Woods, Edie Dwyer, Pamela Scanlon, Lynn Redkin, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Geoff Ubhi and Pdraig Rafferty. May they rest in perfect peace.

##### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Annie & Thomas Farrell, Tony & Peter Farrell, Tom & Margaret Farrell, Beryl Rocznik, Ted Bridgen, Carol Jones, Laurence Devine and Patrick Mahoney. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

## Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle was donated by Deacon Stephen Scott, in memory of **Isabelle Batey**.

### Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the death of **Mary Woods**. Reception into St Mary's church (Receptio Corporis) will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 15. The funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church at 11:30am on Thursday, April 16.

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

### Forthcoming Marriage

We joyfully announce the forthcoming marriage of **Salman Arshad** and **Anna Louise Fletcher**. The marriage ceremony will take place on Saturday April 11, 2:00pm, at Holy Family Church.

We pray for God's blessing upon Salman and Anna.

### Change to Mass Schedule

Mass on Monday, April 6, will be celebrated at both churches, at 10:00am.

### Easter Recess

There will be no meeting of the **Cuppa Club** this coming Tuesday, April 7. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, April 14.

There will be no **Scripture Study** session on Friday, April 10. The programme will resume on Friday, April 17.

### Catenians Concert, Supper and Raffle

Magnificent vocalist, 'Shadia', will be singing hit songs dating from the 1960s to the present day at the Parish Room, Holy Family, Limeside, on

Friday, April 24 2026. Tickets are priced at £15 – includes Meat and Potato Pie / Cheese and Onion Pie supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided, though all are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks. Tickets will be on sale at the churches after Sunday Masses on April 5, 12 and 19, and are otherwise available by calling Iain O'Hare—07977 720108. All proceeds will go to the Failsworth Catenians Group's Pilgrimage and to Parish funds.

### Grand National Sweepstake

The race will be run next Saturday, April 11. The draw for runners will take place this Sunday, April 5, after 11:15 Mass. The winner receives £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> £50; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10. Tickets £1 each, available at both churches

**Bonus Ball** St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: March 28. Winning no. 18 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £300. To church fund: £290 minus £20 (2 unpaid numbers) minus £20 (2 unsold numbers) minus £5 (1 unpaid number) = £245. Next draw: Saturday, April 25. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday, April 24. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: March 28. Charity: Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Winning no. 18 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £300. To charity: £290 minus £30 (3 unpaid numbers) minus £60 (6 unsold numbers) = £200. Next draw: Saturday, April 24. Charity: British Heart Foundation. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Thursday, March 26. Late payments cannot be accepted.

## ORDER OF MASS

### HYMN 389

*Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!*

### 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, eléison<sup>1</sup>. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Christe eléison<sup>2</sup>. Christe eléison.  
Christe eléison, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

*Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, have mercy.

<sup>2</sup> 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 10:34a, 37-43*

*'We ate and drank with him after he  
rose from the dead.'*

In those days: Peter opened his mouth  
and said: 'You yourselves know what  
happened throughout all Judea,  
beginning from Galilee after the  
baptism that John proclaimed: how  
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with  
the Holy Spirit and with power. He  
went about doing good and healing all

who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

All sing the response:



(Organ) This is the



day the LORD has made; let us re-



- rejoice in it and be glad.

- 1 Give praise to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 2 The LORD's right hand is exalted. The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 3 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

*'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'*

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life

appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Sequence

*Victime Paschali Laudes*

*All recite together:*

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.**

**The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**

**Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!**

**Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.**

**Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.**

**The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!**

**The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.**

**Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.**

**That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.**

**Victorious king, thy mercy show!**

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Cantor:** Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

**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 20:1-9

*'He must rise from the dead.'*

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did

not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the homily:*

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*The Priest addresses the congregation:*

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

*Then the Priest continues:*

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**Amen.**

*The Priest now sprinkles the congregation with the blessed water.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### HYMN 105

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

#### 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.**

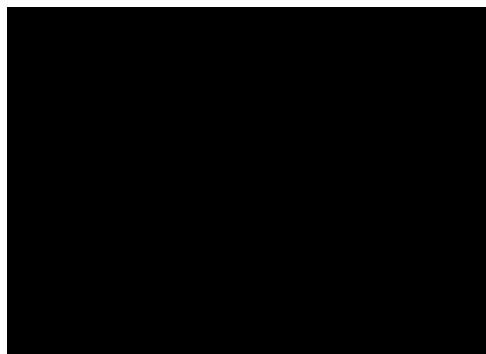
*The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

#### 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 659


*The Lord is alive! Alleluia!*

### Song of Praise and Thanksgiving


*Sing three times:*


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

#### DISMISSAL

*Priest*  
  
Go forth, the Mass is end-ed,

  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Assembly*  
  
Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia,

  
al-le - lu - ia.

## HYMN 678

*Thine be the glory*

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