

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S



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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter -A

Sunday, 10th of May, 2026.

1st Reading: Act 8: 5-8, 14-17

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66 (65)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

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

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Reflection: Have You Ignited the Gift Within You?

The scenario of a parent on their deathbed, surrounded by their children, is common. Knowing that their time is near, parents gather their children close and share deep thoughts with them. Parents make their children promise to safeguard the legacy they have left behind, live in peace with one another, and treasure the inheritance being handed over to them. They hope the inheritance will be used according to the giver's wishes. Days after their passing, the children read the Will, and each gets what has been willed to them.

In today's Gospel (John 14:15–21), we hear Jesus speaking to his disciples in much the same way. He knows that his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension are near. He knows that the disciples are troubled by the thought of his departure. And so, like a loving parent preparing his children, he reassures them. He tells them that his departure is not the end but the beginning of something new. He makes a promise "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever." The Holy Spirit is their inheritance who will lead them on the mission.

Unlike material inheritance, this gift cannot diminish. The more it is received, the more it bears fruit. It is the very life of God poured into the hearts of believers. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of so many miracles performed by the Apostles, such as the healing of the lame man at the beautiful gate (Acts 3:1-10). It was the Holy Spirit at work through the invocation of the name of Jesus. What Jesus promised, the Church received and put into action. What the apostles received, they handed on. And what they handed on has also been given to us through the laying on of hands. We received the Holy Spirit at Baptism and in fullness at Confirmation. Hands were laid upon us. Sacred chrism touched our foreheads. The Spirit was given.

But here is the question we must ask ourselves: Have you ignited the gift within you? Too often, the Holy Spirit remains like fire hidden beneath ashes. He is present, but hidden. The gifts are there, but remain uninvited into the practical realities of our daily lives. Many of us are familiar with novenas to Our Lady, St Michael, or St Jude. Many of us are faithful to these novenas.

But how often do we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit personally? How eager are we to know the Holy Spirit in a personal way?

The Holy Spirit was not given to remain a distant memory of a sacramental ceremony. He was given to strengthen, guide, teach, console, and transform us. When you have that desire and inspiration to seek Jesus, that is the Holy Spirit at work. When you are prompted to speak the truth in the face of opposition, that is the Holy Spirit. When you confess Jesus as Lord and God, that is the Holy Spirit breathing in you (1 Corinthians 12:3). Do not be afraid to surrender to him. The Holy Spirit will unlock the gifts and make you perform signs and wonders to the Glory of God.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord	No. 105
Offertory: Love is his Word	No. 462
Communion: As I kneel before you	No. 141
Communion 2: Bring flowers of the rarest	No. 185
Recession: Walk in the light	No. 672

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially **Maureen Weir**.

Death: *Liz Miles, Elsie Sweeney.*

Anniversary: *Robert Stirling Ignatius Onyenuru, James McDowall, Sarah McAleer, Kenneth Macleod, Martin Leary.*

The Funeral Mass for **Elsie Sweeney** is on Wednesday, the 13th of May, at 10 AM, with a reception on Tuesday, the 12th of May, at 7 PM

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is on **Thursday, 14 May**.

There will be a Vigil Mass on **Wednesday, 13 May at 7.00 pm**

Second Collection

There will be a **second collection next week for Communication**.

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Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit will take place from the 15th to the 23rd.

Weekdays: after Mass

Saturdays: before Mass

Sunday: before the 12 noon Mass

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate as we prayerfully prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

We warmly congratulate our children who will soon be celebrating their **First Holy Communion**. The celebrations will take place in two groups on **Saturday, 9 May and Saturday, 16 May**, both at **10.00 am**.

As a Parish family, we look forward to welcoming our new communicants in a special way at the **10.00 am Mass on Sunday, 24 May**. **All new communicants and their families are warmly encouraged to attend.**

To help mark this special occasion, we invite families and friends to visit the **Parish Stall**, where you will find a lovely selection of **First Holy Communion cards, gifts, and keepsakes**. It is a wonderful opportunity to choose something spiritual and devotional.

Collections for 26/04/2026

Offertory: £599.38

Gift Aid envelopes: £287.

Ecclesiastical Students: £601.37

Collections for 03/05/2026

Offertory: £661.11

Gift Aid envelopes: £339.80 **Thank you**

Newman Association: Women in the Church: From Francis to Leo - A presentation by Professor Tina Beattie: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th May 2026 . All welcome. Refreshments provided.