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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR. A 10TH MAY 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A, reveal the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the call to live as witnesses of Christ's love.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and remain with us always. We are invited to keep His commandments and live faithfully in His love.

The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17, we see Philip preaching in Samaria. The joyous response of the people, as they witnessed miraculous healings and heard the message of Christ, illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit at work. The joy that fills the city reminds that our faith is not meant to be hidden, but shared and celebrated.

The 2nd reading from the first letter of St. Peter, encourages us to be prepared to defend our hope with gentleness and respect. This highlights our call not only to live as witnesses of Christ but also to articulate our faith with love. Our actions and words should foster an environment where others can encounter the kindness and grace of God.

The Gospel is taken from John 14:15-21, Jesus reassures us of His continued presence among us through the Holy Spirit, our Advocate. He promises that, though we may not see Him, we are never alone. This promise invites us to deepen our relationship with Him, to keep His commandments and to live out the love He has shown us.

As we approach the Ascension and Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit's guidance.



Santacruzán sa Chelsea 2026 – a flower offering to our Mother Mary will be on 31st May 2026 at 2:00pm. There will be a procession and mass celebration afterwards. Young girls and boys including young adult ladies are invited to participate.

Thanksgiving for Confirmation – We thank God for the beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Heartfelt thanks to our candidates for their preparation, to our parents for their support and witness of faith, and to our catechists for their dedication and guidance.

Safeguarding – Our Diocese is strengthening safeguarding across all parishes, not just as a requirement, but to uphold the dignity of every person. All parish volunteers are asked to complete a short safeguarding training (under one hour). Details are in a letter available from the colonnade or parish office, and via group leaders. Please complete the training as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued service.

Appeal for the Lighting System – Our parish church had made a major repair to the electrical lighting system that costs £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mass Collections (2nd & 3rd May 2026) – £1,004 was received in the main collection, and £402 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 11th – Bl. Benincasa of
Montepulciano
Tue 12th – Bl. Francis of Siena
Wed 13th – Our Lady of Fatima
Thu 14th – St. Matthias
Fri 15th – St. Isidore the Farmer
Sat 16th – St. Margaret of Cortona



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **27th May** at 6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

YOUR GIVING BUILDS THE PARISH

Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish. Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing. Come and visit the parish office for further information.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

8:5-8, 14-17

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.



The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

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

R. 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!'. **R**

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. **R**

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GOSPEL

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. **R**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God;

I will tell what he did for my soul.

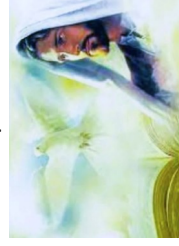
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer, nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of

St. Peter 3:15-18

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.



The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

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 bow for following three lines)

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 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to John 14:15-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

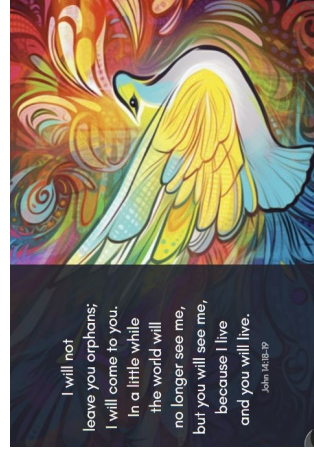
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he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

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. John 14:18-19