
6th Sunday of Easter (A)
Mass Times and Intentions
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2


Saturday 9 th May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th May	11.00am	Paul Lowrey
Tuesday 12 th May	9.30am	Stephanie Spark
Wednesday 13 th May Eve of the Ascension	7.00pm	Irene Brown
Thursday 14 th May Ascension of the Lord	11.00am	Eddie Walsh
Saturday 16 th May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 th May	11.00am	Ann Ray

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May



That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

May is the month of Mary. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th Century. This month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.



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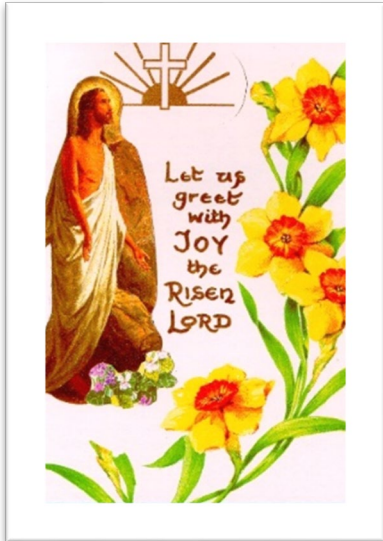
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10th May 2026



In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles we read or hear how Philip, one of the new deacons, went to Samaria to proclaim the Word of God. To draw attention to Philip's preaching, God worked many miracles through him, and many Samaritans were converted and baptized. The joy that was exhibited was not from the miracles or from Philip's preaching, rather, it was from the Spirit of Jesus that they received in Baptism. The conversion of heart and the commitment of Baptism bring the Holy Spirit who, in turn, gives joy, love, peace and many other gifts.

In the Responsorial Psalm we hear the psalmist extol the great wonders or miracles that God had worked in the past through his people who were faithful and obedient to Him. In the end, the psalmist is praising God for blessing him and answering his prayers.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter. In this passage, Peter is telling his followers,

and us, that we should share the Good News of the Gospel with anyone who is interested, not with force or domination, but gently sharing with them the great things God has done for all of us. If you need help in doing this, call on the Holy Spirit..

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John . This is a continuation of the Gospel from last Sunday. The scene is the Last Supper, and Jesus is telling the apostles that he is about to leave them "for a while" but that He would be with them through His Spirit. In this passage, we learn about the Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: All are One yet each has His specific role in God's Plan of Salvation. The "Oneness" of the Trinity is held together by the divine and perfect spiritual love that they share and want to share with us. This is the love that Philip shared with the Samaritans. This is the love that made the Psalmist sing the praises of God. And this is the love that made St. Peter so brave and bold after the Holy Spirit descended upon him that first Pentecost Sunday.



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

Parish Feast Day

This year our Parish Feast Day (24th May) falls on Pentecost Sunday, which takes precedence. So we will celebrate our Feast Day instead with Mass at 12.00pm on Monday 25th May, which is a Bank Holiday.

After Mass we would like to invite parishioners to bring a picnic to enjoy in our beautiful garden – or in the Parish Hall if the weather doesn't behave. We will provide tea, coffee and soft drinks and you are invited bring your own picnic and something stronger to drink if you wish!

Church Cleaning

Could you (male or female) spare a couple of hours once a month to help us keep our beautiful Church clean and welcoming? We are a friendly group who clean the Church every four weeks on a Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass. We usually have a cup of tea afterwards, which is a nice way to meet people.

We are very lucky at Our Lady Help of Christians to have volunteers who work behind the scenes. If you are interested in helping to clean our beautiful Church please call Pauline Webster on 07875 486 344. Thank you!

50 Plus Group

The next meeting of the 50 Plus Group is next Wednesday 13th May at 2pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join us for chat, tea/coffee, biscuits and a quiz!

Portico Fundraisers

Coffee morning and tabletop sale on 17th May after Sunday Mass. NEW clothes and footwear at £3. Also a great selection of books and CD's plus many more bargains.

Knitters and Stitchers Group

The K&S Group will next meet at 1.00pm on Thursday 21st May in the Parish Hall. For a future Parish project, K&S group are looking for people to help knit or crochet poppies. Patterns are available in the shop and completed poppies can be returned here. Or donations of black or red wool will also be gratefully received in the shop.

Annual Pentecost Celebrations

The Two Cathedrals Walk will take place on Sunday 24th May at 3pm. All are warmly welcome to join us in this ecumenical walk inspired by the visit of Pope St John Paul II's journey down Hope Street in 1982. Gather at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for a walk down Hope Street to Liverpool Cathedral in a time of celebration.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Please note that this coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Wednesday evening and 11.00am on Thursday morning.

May Procession

The Missionaries of Charity's annual May procession will take place on Saturday 30th May at 2pm beginning at St Peter's Square, Seel Street, Liverpool to the Blessed Sacrament Shrine.

Feast Days This Week

Monday

St Ignatius of Laconi – Born in the year 1701, he was the son of a poor farmer in Italy. During a serious illness he vowed that if he regained his health he would consecrate his life to God in the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. As a monk Brother Francis never had any important position in the Order. For fifteen years he worked in the weaving shed. Then for forty years he was part of a team who went visiting house to house, requesting food and donations to support the friars. He received their gifts, but in return people noticed how he consoled the sick, comforted the lonely, made peace between enemies, converted those hardened by sin and advised those in trouble. He died at the age of eighty on 11th May 1781, and was canonised by Pope Pius XII in 1951.

Tuesday

Saints Nerus and Achilleus – These 1st Century martyrs of the Early Church were Roman soldiers who were converted to the true faith and refused to serve in the army any longer. Because of this they were put to death, probably during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. Their tomb is in the cemetery on the Via Ardeatina, where a basilica was erected in their honour.

St Pancras – A saint of the 4th Century. According to tradition he was a Phrygian orphan brought by his uncle to Rome, where both were converted and Pancras suffered martyrdom by being beheaded at the age of 14 for refusing to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods. He was buried on the Via Aurelia, where Pope Symmachus built a church over his tomb.

Wednesday

St John the Silent – Born in the year 452 at Nicopolis in Armenia, he was Bishop of Colonia in Palestine and a hermit. He established a monastery when he was aged eighteen, and was appointed Bishop at the age of twenty eight. He spent nine years in office before retiring to Jerusalem to embrace the eremitical life. He found his way to the monastery of St Sabas, where he asked to be walled up and lived the life of a silent recluse for seventy five years. He died in the year 558.

Thursday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Friday

Our Lady of Fatima- The Blessed Virgin Mary is venerated under this title following apparitions to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a devotion to Our Blessed Lady, especially through praying the Rosary.

Saturday

St Simon Stock – Born in England, he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where he joined a group of Carmelites with whom he later returned to Europe. He founded many Carmelite communities, especially in University towns such as Cambridge, Oxford, Paris and Bologna. He helped to change the Carmelites from a hermit order to one of mendicant friars, and in the year 1254 he was elected Superior General of his Order in London. St Simon's lasting fame came from an apparition of the Virgin Mary that he received in Cambridge on July 16th 1251, at a time when the Carmelite Order was being oppressed. In the vision Our Lady encouraged people to wear the Scapular of Mount Carmel.