

SUNDAY PLUS

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St Peter heals the cripple. Detail from a window in Exeter College chapel, Oxford.

Insisting on love

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

After a long night's fishing the disciples come up with zero and a distant figure on the shore tells them to try again. They pull in a marvellous haul. The beloved disciple identifies the figure as the risen Jesus and Peter, in his excitement, tries treading water to be with him. Peter has a wet breakfast with the Lord.

After the meal Jesus asks Peter three times about the reality of his love. Insisting on love is something of a mark with Jesus. Three times Peter affirms his love, as three times Jesus insists on it. And when Peter professes his love Jesus commissions him to care for his flock. Seeing the Lord is always a dismissal for ministry; loving the Lord is always a charge to care for others.

And that is what Peter does – as we heard from today's first reading. In his ministry of preaching and healing Peter gets through to many people, and the authorities become nervous at the ability of Peter and the apostles to work in the name of Jesus. Despite the opposition Peter will continue insisting on his love for Jesus and this insistence will take him to martyrdom in Rome. In the end Jesus' question, "Simon, do you love me?" becomes profoundly unnecessary. There is nothing circumstantial about Peter's love.

So, the question of Jesus is openly directed to each of us: "Do you love me?" But before Jesus puts the question to us, he goes to enormous trouble to first assure us that he really loves us. He died making the point.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Work and workers

It is important for workers to be at home in the parishes, in the associations, in groups and movements; for their problems to be taken seriously; for their request for solidarity to be heard. Indeed, work is undergoing a phase of transformation that must be accompanied. Social inequalities, the forms of slavery and exploitation, poverty in the family due to lack of employment or poorly-

paid work are realities that must be heard in our ecclesial environments. They are more or less forms of exploitation: let us call them what they are. I urge you to keep your minds and hearts open to workers, especially the poor and defenceless; to give voice to the voiceless... No-one should feel excluded from work. Let there be no lack of commitment to promote work for women,

to encourage young people to enter the workforce, with decent contracts and not starvation contracts, to safeguard time and breathing space for the family, for voluntary work and for the care of relationships. Please reject all forms of exploitation!

Pope Francis



Join hands!

By Francis Abanga

In Africa, the beautiful concept of "Join Hands" resonates deeply within the community. It signifies the spirit of unity, cooperation and shared responsibility. This cherished practice is rooted in the region's rich cultural heritage and traditions, highlighting the importance of togetherness among the people.

The willingness of the other disciples to respond to Simon Peter with "We will go with you" recalls the solidarity and unity of the early apostles as they came together for greater good.

The incredible strength that comes from unity in facing and overcoming challenges, and working together to

achieve shared goals, is truly inspiring. Over time, Africans have shown remarkable resilience and self-reliance by creating sustainable solutions to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and development of their communities.

The adinkra symbol, Bese Saka, represents unity and togetherness for the Akans in Ghana, a powerful reminder that we are all interconnected and that our actions can have a profound impact on those around us.

Together, united across the world, we can show our dedication to nurturing resilient communities, advocating for harmony, and nurturing lasting progress.

The African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together" rings true.

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Loving Lord,
bless me in
my work, even
when I can see
no results or
when it seems
unimportant
in the global
scheme of
things. Let all
that I do be
done for you.
 Amen.

Today: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

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3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday 4th May 2025

The Word This Week



Congratulations to all the children of our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend



The rest of the world has settled "back to normal" after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: "Come and have breakfast." We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

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Tiberias
Galilee
shore
Simon
bread
Amen

Didymus
Zebedee
disciples
Peter
breakfast
glorify

Nathanael
fishing
boat
charcoal
sheep
Follow

Mass Times 4th May 2025		
Sunday 4th May	Vigil - Saturday 3rd May	4pm - Parish
	Sunday Morning	11am - Lillian Ellis
Monday 5th	Mass	9.30am— June Doherty (LD)
Tuesday 6th	No Mass	
Wednesday 7th	Mass	9.30am— Thomas Lyons (A)
	Film Night	7pm, The Scarlet & the Black (PG) 2hrs 20min
Thursday 8th	Exposition	6pm
	Mass	6.30pm Tom Lally (LD)
Friday 9th	Mass	9.30am—Forgotten Souls
Saturday 10th	Vigil Mass	4pm— John Kelly (A)
Sunday 11th	Mass	11am— Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Janine Ingram (LD); Peter Egan (A); Tom Lally(LD); Martin Coriam Mitchell (A)

Bridie Churchward (LD)

(Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

RAFFLE

We shall be selling raffle tickets to support Olivia Kelly who is going to be volunteering in a local school in Cambodia. Tickets will be on sale at the end of mass on 3rd/4th May and 10th/11th May with the draw taking place on 17th May after 11am mass. Prizes include a hamper from Morrisons, a foot spa, a make up box from Boots and various other prizes. Tickets cost £1 each or £3 for a strip of 5. There will also be a bake sale on 25th May to raise funds.

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Patricia Morrison**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Her Funeral Service will be at **St Mary’s on Tuesday 13th May**. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of **Richard Tarnowski** Our prayers and condolences go to his family and friends. His Funeral Service will be at St Mary’s on **Friday 16th May** at 11.45. May he rest in peace.



Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.



Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioners who have a red mission box please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and very much appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you, Paula & Dorothy



Email Address.

We are in the process of bringing in a new Parish Email address, **rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**. This is a more secure address and will start to be rolled out over the next few weeks



What's coming up in your Parish



May

7th WED – 7pm Film Night – The Scarlet & The Black (PG) 2hr 20min

21st WED - 6.30pm Faith In Action Meeting

28th WED- 6.30pm Scripture course

June

4th & 5th WED/THUR 7pm Film Night – Peter & Paul (3hrs – 1.5 each night)

12th THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

18th WED – 6.30pm Faith in Action Meeting

July

3rd THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

9th WED – 7pm Film Night – Remember the Titans (PG) 2hrs

August

7th THUR - 7pm Scripture Course

13th WED – 7pm Film Night – Seabiscuit (PG) 2hr 20min

GIFT AID - Boost your offering!

If you are on the Gift Aid scheme and you have not completed a Gift Aid donation form in the **last 12 Months**, could you please contact the Parish Office and request a form.. The Diocese are introducing a new system for this new Tax Year which enables the Parishes to claim their Gift Aid donation back from the government, on a quarterly basis, rather than annually. For this new system, we are required to upload an **up to date** Gift Aid donation form for every parishioner who has been signed up onto the Gift Aid Donation scheme, If you require a form, or you are not sure when you last completed a form, please speak to the Parish Office.

Salford Diocese Information

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimages

Our diocesan youth ministry team is organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/ministry/prayer-and-pilgrimage>

CAFOD’s Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit cafod.org.uk/myanmar to find out more and donate.

Mercy in the Holy Year

The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

