

Never alone

SUNDAY *Plus*

10 MAY 2026

6th Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Wanted and loved



I didn't yearn for a career, or maids and a fur coat, or a trip to Europe. All in the world I wanted was a happy, normal little family. Perhaps, if God could arrange it, Carl and I could have a boy first, and after that, a little girl. God didn't arrange it. In fact, as a doctor regretfully informed us, Carl and I couldn't have any children of our own...

Every time I walked down the street and saw a fulfilled mother strutting along the sidewalk behind a baby buggy, I was possessed with violent jealousy, envy and acute self-pity.

Carl, who was a patient man, finally had enough.

"For heaven's sake stop mooning, or you'll have us both neurotic," he said. "If having a baby is that important, why don't we adopt one?"

The more I mulled the idea over, the better I liked it. Wasn't motherhood

compounded more of love than biology?...

The social worker droned on, going down the two pages of the questionnaire we had filled in. God bless her, she shut her portfolio, smiled like an angel, and said, "I have a baby for you."

Just like that. "I have a baby for you..."

Carl said, "Well, Helen, have you everything you need to make you happy, now?"

"Almost," I said.

"What else?"

"A little girl," I said... "He ought to have a little sister..."

The greatest joy of my whole life has been as the mother of my twelve adopted children.

Helen Doss, The Family Nobody Wanted

Lord, help me to keep on going even when I am exhausted. Give me the energy I need to see me through the day. Help me to love you with every fibre of my being.  Amen.

Stay with me

"Out of all eternity, I chose you, I need you. I need your hands to continue to bless, I need your body to continue to suffer, I need your heart to continue to love, I need you to continue to save, Stay with me."

Here I am, Lord.
Here is my body.
Here is my heart.
Here is my soul.
Grant that I may be big enough to reach the world,
Strong enough to carry it,
Pure enough to embrace it without wanting to keep it.
Grant that I may be a meeting place, but a temporary one.
A road that does not end in itself, because everything to be gathered there, everything human, leads towards you.

Michel Quoist, Prayers of Life

Let us live our faith... in search of hope; but seeking to be ourselves the witness that offers hope to the world.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Thursday 14 May

The Ascension

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the crucified and risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the risen Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

Pope Francis

READINGS

Today:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday:
Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26 - 16:4

Tuesday:
Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday:
Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday:
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday:
Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

Saturday:
Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23

Next Sunday:
Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11



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The Word This Week

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.



Mass Times 10th May 2026		
Sunday 10th May	Vigil - Saturday 9th Sunday Morning	4pm - Martin Coriam Mitchell 11am - Parish
Monday 11th	Mass	9.30am - Peter Egan (A)
Tuesday 12th	No Mass	
Wednesday 13th	Mass	9.30am - Tom Lally (RIP)
Thursday 14th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm— Dave Stacey (LD)
Friday 15th	Mass	9.30am— Noel Ward (LD)
Saturday 16th Sunday 17th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Parish 11am – Patrick Delaney (A)
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Shelia Lakes (A) Patrick Delaney (A); Wendy Jean Wilde (LD); Mrs Gee (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; John Tetlow (A); Jenny Kinsley; Ian John Stierl

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 10th May 2026	
The Sanctuary	Better Health
Sacred Heart	Anthony Scanlon
Our Lady	Tom Lally

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

What’s coming up in our parish

Scripture Course

Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2026 11th June

A Man for All Seasons

We have chance for some tickets to see A Man for All Seasons at The Lowry Theatre on Saturday 7th November at 2pm. Ticket price is £38.00. Anyone who would like to place a Register of Interest in this event (this does not guarantee you a ticket) Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion at Mass this weekend.



Mass Intentions.

We have nearly allocated all the Masses to the end of June, Once June is full, we will forward any intentions to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st July.

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.

Pastoral Visits to Hospitals and Care Homes.

If you have a relative or friend who has been taken into hospital or has moved into a Care home, and requires a visit from a Catholic Priest/Chaplin for Pastoral support, please ask the Nursing staff to contact the local Hospital Catholic Chaplin or Parish Priest in that area.

For Care home visits, this would have to be carried out by the Parish Priest local to the home itself and may be outside of our parish boundaries. Homes that are in Stockport; Dukinfield and Hyde, are located in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and unfortunately Priests from our Diocese have no authorisation in these areas.

Faith in Action—Lourdes Fundraising Raffle

Thankyou to everyone who bought tickets. Over £450 was raised.

1st Prize—2 Tickets for Manchester City v Brentford, on Saturday 9th May. This was a yellow ticket 755 which was won by D. Townson.

2nd Prize—Legal Will, Curtesy of Mr John Galvin This was a blue ticket 160 which was won by T. Moran.

3rd Prize—£50 towards a meal at the Dane Bank Pub. This was a green ticket 728 which was won by D. Walsh. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

New Offertory Envelopes

There are still a few envelopes not collected at the back of Church. You should search for your name and address, as envelope numbers change each year. If you are unable to find your box please contact the office. **The New envelopes started on Sunday 12th April.**

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.



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