

Spread the Good News

SUNDAY *Plus*

17 MAY 2026

7th Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week III Year A**

World Communications Day

Tell the Good News

If a chance occurs [to] explain our faith; at all events we shall be able to. We shall have to know it so well that it is in our blood, and to adhere to it so well that we can, in a certain way, give it, just by being what we are. Thus, we must be the book of the Gospels ourselves, with the words and teachings of Christ in our minds, but also in our hearts, and whenever the occasion demands, upon our lips...

Thus, we return to the primitive Christianity of the apostles, and having, as Christ had, only ourselves, we require no more. All that was false or doubtful will drop off like a dead branch, the wheat will be made white in the

fire. It is Christ's passion, and his resurrection is just as certain as it was when he went up to the cross. But his resurrection, like his passion, will not vary from what it was like in his own life. He will not rise in us through force... He will not rise through legislation, or powerful movements, or brilliant organisation, and his rising will not be delayed until there is peace in Europe. He will rise in the humility, the courage and love of those few Christians who will keep his kingdom in their individual souls.

Caryll Houselander, *This War is the Passion*



Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.

Pope Leo XIV

The voice of an angel

A mother found a note written by her child, who was deaf. It went something like this: "Dear God: I don't want to hurt your feelings but I wish you hadn't made me deaf. Could you change me back? [signed] Sue. PS Say hello to my guardian angel."

The next day, Sue found a note. It was written in gold ink and went something like this: "Dear Sue: I am your guardian angel, and I asked God if I could

answer your note. You see, God made me deaf, too. But God did give me two fast legs, so I can run like the wind; two lovely arms, so I can hug everybody; and an imagination, so I can fly anywhere. What I really like most, however, is being able to turn off my hearing aid when the other angels are yelling. It makes things quiet so I can better hear God singing love songs to me in my heart. [signed] Your guardian angel. PS We love more and more every day!"

Mark Link SJ, *Jesus 2000: a contemporary walk with Jesus*

Lord, when I was a child, I took risks that, years later, I would never dare consider. Yet it's good to sometimes step out into the unknown without fearing the consequences. Lord, take my hand and let me walk with you.  Amen.

Feast of the week Sunday 17 May Monks of Tibhirine

"I should like, when the time comes, to have a clear space which would allow me to beg forgiveness of God and of all my fellow human beings, and at the same time to forgive with all my heart the one who would strike me down"...

"For this life given up, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God who seems to have wished it entirely for the sake of that joy in everything and in spite of everything. In this 'thank you,' which is said for everything in my life from now on, I certainly include you, friends of yesterday and today, and you my friends of this place, along with my mother and father, my brothers and sisters and their families – the hundredfold granted as was promised!"

"And you also, the friend of my final moment, who would not be aware of what you were doing. Yes, for you also I wish this 'thank you' – and this adieu – to commend you to the God whose face I see in yours."

"And may we find each other, happy 'good thieves,' in Paradise, if it pleases God, the Father of us both. Amen."

From the Last Testament of Fr Christian de Chergé

READINGS

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

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11

Wednesday:
Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Thursday:
Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11

Friday:
Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11-19

Saturday:
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Next Sunday:
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians
12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



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Mass Times 17th May 2026		
Sunday 17th May	Vigil - Saturday 9th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Patrick Delaney (A)
Monday 18th	Mass	9.30am - Jenny Kinsley
Tuesday 19th	No Mass	
Wednesday 20th	Mass	9.30am—Tom Lally (RIP) Faith in Action meeting Parish Hall 6.30pm
Thursday 21st	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm— Charlotte Conlan (A)
Friday 22nd	Mass	9.30am— Alan Appleton (BM)
Saturday 23rd Sunday 24th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Ellen Judge (BM) 11am – Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Tom Fleming (BM); Tom Lally (RIP); Nola Nelson (A); Bejoy & Rincy (23rd Wedding Anniversary); Marie Pessagno (RIP); Veronica Byrne (A); Brendan Mullaney (RIP); Nora & Jim Whelan (55th Wedding Anniversary) Charlotte Conlan (10th Anniversary Remembrance); Alan Appleton (BM); Ellen Judge (BM); <i>Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)</i>
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Altar Prayer Candles W/C 17th May 2026	
The Sanctuary	Sr Dolores
Sacred Heart	William Hughes, Successful Operation
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

What’s coming up in our parish Scripture Course Wednesday 11th June 2026 6.30m in the Parish Hall. Faith in Action (held in the Parish Hall) Wednesday 20th May 2026 6.30pm to 8.30pm Wednesday 17th June 2026 6.30pm to 8.30pm Sunday 19th July 2026 (BBQ)
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New Offertory Envelopes There are still some envelopes to be collected for the new financial year from 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.
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Mass Intentions. All the Masses up to the end of June have now been allocated. All Mass intentions received now until the end of June will be forwarded to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st July.
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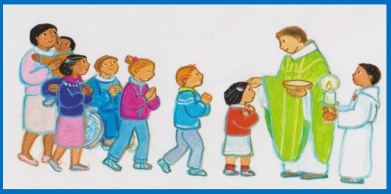
Lost Property; We have recently found an item of Jewellery after one of the weekend Masses, if you have lost something, please contact the parish office, with a description of your lost Item. We would like to return this to the rightful owner
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Altar 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.
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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

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.
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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.
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First Holy Communion Please keep all our Parish Children in our Prayers as they make their First Holy Communion 
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A Prayer for Children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. <i>Jesus, I know that you love me.</i> <i>Prepare my heart so that I can receive you soon!</i> A Prayer for Children to say in their heart after Holy Communion. <i>Thank you, Jesus. I love you.</i> <i>I entrust to you everyone I carry in my heart.</i> <i>Keep us always in your love.</i>

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6 As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, <u>we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.</u> The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 8.30pm. <u>Our Faith in Action young people will run it</u> (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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Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime This course will be held on Saturday 5th September and Saturday 12th September 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher’s Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk Free energy bill advice from Caritas If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport
