

Come, Holy Spirit

SUNDAY *Plus*

Pentecost **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

24 MAY 2026

Here
I am.
Send
me

Your Holy Spirit blows where he will – where he will, not where I will. He is not simply always there, whenever and wherever someone wants him to be. We must go to him, there, where he chooses to give his grace. And that's why your salvation is bound up with your visible Church. That's why your grace comes to us in visible signs.

This is all quite clear to me, Lord, and I'm very happy about this distinctive characteristic of your grace. It's comforting to know that I can approach you... in concrete, tangible, visible signs. It warms my heart to know that I can be sure of your power and presence in my life through the water of baptism, or by the audible

word of forgiveness spoken by the priest, or in the holy bread of the altar...

Can one pass on your truth without having fully grasped it himself? Can I preach your Gospel, if it has not struck deep roots in my own heart? Can I pass on your life, if I am not alive with it myself? Your holy signs can produce grace of their own power, it's true...

Thus, I shall be happy to set out again and again on my messenger's rounds to my fellow men and women. You have sent me, and so I go in your name, not my own. Let your power triumph through my weakness, whenever you desire it to do so.

Karl Rahner SJ,
Encounters with Silence

Spirit of love and peace, humanity is often divided. Unity and understanding can seem so distant as innocent people become victims of injustice and cruelty. Help me to radiate love to my own little world. Make me an instrument of your peace.  Amen.

Blessing of St Clare of Assisi

What you hold, may you always hold.

What you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, may you go forward securely, joyfully and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness, not believing anything, not agreeing with anything, that would dissuade you from this resolution or that would place a stumbling block for you on the way, so that you may offer your vows to the Most High in the pursuit of that perfection to which the Spirit of God has called you.

St Clare of Assisi

Today, as in the days after Pentecost, the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Wednesday 27 May

St Augustine of Canterbury (d. 604)

St Augustine landed in Anglo-Saxon Britain after Pope Gregory the Great met some slaves on sale in the market in Rome. The experience catalysed him to send Augustine to people who were, "Not Angles but angels!"

The Romans brought Christianity to Britain. St Alban, the first-recorded British Christian martyr, died in 305, 590 years before Augustine landed on Kentish shores. The Glastonbury Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea set up the first British Christian community at Glastonbury. After the departure of the Romans, small pockets of Christianity survived until Augustine's arrival, although there is little evidence that Romano-British Christians tried to bring the Anglo-Saxons into the fold.

After Kent's King Ethelbert became a Christian, Augustine reported that ten thousand of his subjects followed the king.

Augustine's limited understanding of the culture, traditions and thinking of the people he had come to evangelise possibly explains his limited effectiveness in Wales and other parts of England, during his eight years as the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

READINGS

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

Monday:
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or
Acts 1:12-14
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:
1 Peter 1:10-16
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday:
1 Peter 1:18-25
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday:
Genesis 22:9-18
Matthew 26:36-42

Friday:
1 Peter 4:7-13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday:
Jude 17, 20b-25
Mark 11:27-33

Next Sunday:
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians
13:11-13
John 3:16-18



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Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026

The Word This Week

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal'



Mass Times 24th May 2026		
Sunday 24th May	Vigil - Saturday 24th Sunday Morning	4pm - Ellen Judge 11am - Parish
Monday 25th	No Mass	
Tuesday 26th	No Mass	
Wednesday 27th	No Mass	
Thursday 28th	No Mass	
Friday 29th	No Mass	
Saturday 30th Sunday 31st	Vigil Mass	4pm— Parish 11am – Sick & Infirm Clergy
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Tom Lally (RIP); Martin P Mitchell (BM); Trudy Mitchell (A)

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

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.

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

Faith in Action (held in the Parish Hall)

Wednesday 17th June 2026 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 19th July 2026 (BBQ)

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Bernadette Mulligan**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Bernadette’s Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 15th June at 10am. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of **Ann Fadden**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Ann’s Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 17th June at 10am. May she rest in peace

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.

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.

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.

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

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; ; 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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