

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect: Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Acts 6:1-7

'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R.22

R: *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R)**

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **(R)**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:4-9

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2 living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation:

(ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

John 14:1-12

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

P/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.



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3rd MAY 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Sunday Mass Times:

6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10am
(Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn)
5pm (Portuguese)

Other Mass Times:

Mondays & Fridays: 12 Noon
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

As announced



Confession Times:

Fridays 12.35-1pm, Saturdays
11-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm or by
appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays: 12:30pm-1pm,
Saturdays: 5.15-5.45pm

Parish Office Opening Times:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays: 10am-2pm
Wednesdays: Closed

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Faith That Shows in Daily Life

Today's Gospel gives us one of the most comforting promises in Scripture. Jesus tells his disciples that in his Father's house there are many rooms, and that he goes ahead to prepare a place for us. These words have brought peace to countless Christians, especially in times of grief and uncertainty. They remind us that our true home is with God, and that Jesus himself is "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

But the Gospel also asks something of us. Jesus says, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." Faith, then, is not simply something we keep privately in our hearts. Real faith becomes visible. It shapes the way we live, speak, work, forgive, and serve.

We do not earn heaven by our good works. Eternal life is always God's gift. But because we have received God's grace, our lives should reflect it. If we believe in Christ, something of Christ should be seen in us.

That is especially true in the ordinary places of life: at home, at work, at school, in our parish, and in the small daily encounters we can easily overlook. Many people in Scripture met God in the middle of ordinary work. Moses was tending sheep when he saw the burning bush. The shepherds were watching their flocks when the angels announced Christ's birth. The first apostles were fishing when Jesus called them.

We too are called to meet and serve God in daily life. We do this through integrity, compassion, and witness: by being honest and trustworthy; by noticing those who are struggling; and by allowing our faith to be seen naturally and humbly. Jesus has prepared a place for us in the Father's house. Until that day, he asks us to walk his way here and now. This week, may others glimpse something of God's love through the way we live.

Have a blessed week.

Father Mark

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO THE PARISH (SUNDAY COLLECTION ETC):



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O'Neill, Jilly Taylor, Marie Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, George Spencer, Ann Olive, Esmeralda Costa.

HAL LAMPS: MICHAEL MOORE & TONY RANKIN (B'DAY R)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: We pray for all those who have died recently.

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those who died around this time.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Date	Feast/Event	Vigil	Time	Intention
W	Sunday	3rd May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		People of the Parish Roy Sabandal Blossom Harris (RIP)
R	Monday	4th May	The English Martyrs	12 Noon	Pauline O'Sullivan (INT)
W	Tuesday	5th May	Easter Feria		NO MASS
W	Wednesday	6th May	Requiem Mass	12 Noon	Fr Colin Patrick McLean (RIP)
W	Thursday	7th April	Easter Feria	9:30 am	Francis Hanley (ANN)
W	Friday	8th May	Easter Feria	12 Noon	Pauline O'Sullivan (INT)
W	Saturday	9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Vigil	6:00 pm Mary Brady (RIP)

NEWS AND VIEWS

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

PLEASE DO collect your new envelopes as you leave Mass this Sunday from the table near the church main door.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Vespers will resume after Easter. Date to be announced over the following weeks.

New Way to Donate to the Parish.

Many of us no longer carry cash making it tricky to donate to the Sunday collection and other collections for the Mission of our church. For your convenience, you can set up regular offerings and donations by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. Shortly, this QR Code will be displayed on church notice boards etc to make giving easier. We thank you for your generosity.

Music at Sunday Masses

For the next few weeks, whilst our Hal Singers are on Easter break, there will either be no music at Sunday Masses or just congregation hymns accompanied by the organ.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome you to Mass in our church and especially at the 10am Family Mass. Please note you may be more comfortable sitting in Our Lady of Hal's chapel on the left hand side at the front of the church. The chapel doubles as a 'crying chapel' as it is soundproofed but one can still hear the Mass.

Fr Colin's Requiem Mass – Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 12 Noon

Church will open at 11am for the 12 Noon funeral. Some of the priests will use Our Lady of Hal Chapel to vest. The Repository will be closed as servers are vesting in there. Buy candles etc after Mass if you wish. It is a private cremation. All present are invited to tea and coffee in the hall immediately after the Requiem and a light lunch will follow when the family return from the cremation. All are welcome.

Music for Father Colin's Requiem Mass.

Thanks to some very generous donations we are now able to cover the cost of the musicians for the funeral. The collection is now closed. May God bless your generosity.

Pray for Vocations.

Richard, our Archbishop, has asked the diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood and, specifically, from now until Pentecost. We will dedicate Friday's Adoration (and when we have Vespers and Adoration on Saturday evening) to this intention, commencing this Friday 1st May. These are the weekly prayer intentions: **1st May:** Pray for men to be open to God's call to the priesthood. **8th May:** Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood. **15th May:** Pray for seminarians in their formation. **22nd May:** Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese. Those of us who pray the Rosary are encouraged to pray for vocations too.

MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO JUNE 8TH-14TH 2026

Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the Beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026

First Holy Communion 2026: The next class will be on Saturday 9th May at 11am in the hall.

Confirmation 2026: The next class will take place on Tuesday 5th May at 6pm in the hall.

TEA & COFFEE

Parishioners and visitors are all welcome to join us in the Van Pelt Hall after 10am Sunday Mass.

COLLECTIONS: LAST SUNDAY (THANK YOU!)

Friday Collection: £34.20 Envelopes: £231.50 Loose: £221.44 Total: £487.14 **Priest Training Fund:** £437.46
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £318.80 and £519 per week by standing order.