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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 10th May 2026

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THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Sunday	10th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:30am	Mass
11:00am	Mass
Monday	11th May: Easter Weekday (w) English Martyrs
09:30am	No Mass
Tuesday	12th May: Easter Weekday (w)
9:00am:	No Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30am	Mass
Wednesday	13th May: Easter Weekday (w) Our Lady of Fatima.
9:00am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30am	Mass
Thursday	14th May: ASCENSION DAY
8:45am	Mass Holy Family College
9:30am	Our Lady and St Paul School
1:00pm	Requiem Mass for Jennifer Taylor
5:00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm	Mass
Friday	15th May: Easter Weekday (w)
9:00am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30am	Mass
Saturday	16th May: Easter Weekday (w)
10:00am	Mass:
10:30am.	Adoration and Confessions.
6:00pm:	First Mass of Sunday:
Sunday	17th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:30am	Mass
11:00am	Mass

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 9th/10th April:

Readers: 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: D. Doyle,
Eucharistic Minister: 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: L. Mather, 11am C. Shore.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 15th/16th May:

Readers: 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: FHC Communion
Eucharistic Minister: 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: S. Fitzsimons.

Thank you for your generosity. Last Weekend: £389.20 (Gift Aid) £340.82 (Loose Change)

200 Club If you would like to join it is only £5 a month which needs to be paid at the beginning of every month. The more members we have, the bigger the prize and more money going back into our church. Winners are on the Notice Boards.

200 Club March Winners: Frances O'Donnel, Constance Hoyle, Pat Greenall & C. McFadden. Winners **Envelopes are ready for collection in the Sacristy.**

Unclaimed 200 Club Winnings: Nora Horan & David Sumner. Please pick up Winnings from the sacristy.

Gift Aid Boxes: Do remember to pick up your new gift aid box and form.

Coffee and Tea: Please join us for Tea and Coffee served every Sunday after 9:30 Mass.

First Holy Communion Practice: Wednesday 13th May at 3.50pm.

Junior Choir Practice: The Parish Junior choir will be having their choir practice on Monday 11th May @ 3:40pm (we need more children to join the choir to enhance the two First Holy Communion celebrations.)

Confirmation 2026: For young people in year 8 and above who have done their First Communion and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, especially those in non Catholic Schools. Who have picked and filled the confirmation form to kindly return it to the presbytery as soon before the end of the week.

Bereavement Group invite you to an evening of song from Kadria Thomas and her choir on Tue 5th June 7-8:30pm at the parish meeting room. Refreshments included cost £5

Pope's May prayer intention: That everyone might have food From large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

For the people of the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, for Canon Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean, and Fr Nathan Horne, and Fr. Frankie Mulgrew, together with their parish primary schools and the Chaplaincy to the University of Salford with Father Arthur-Marie Matip, CSsP.

For those who live and work on Unity Cl, Weaver Cl, Fustian Wat, Trippear Way, North Light Way, Rose Hill St, Gale St, Moor St. **For** Szymon Rinke and all who celebrate their birthday in the month of May

For Fr Michael Johonnett and all the sick and the housebound members of our parish.

For Jennifer Taylor, Dave Castello, Susan Tubano, Teresa Logan, Michael Welsh, Ken Jones and all who have died recently.

For Frank and Clara Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Lillie Wrigley, Hugh McCormick, Maria Clancy, Michael Flaherty, Dave Castello, Peter James Horan, John and Celia Kirrane and all we remember at this time.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A): 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. For more information on how to book your free place, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

From the Catechism CCC 2670-2672

"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action. "If the Spirit should not be worshipped, how can he divinize me through Baptism? If he should be worshipped, should he not be the object of adoration?"

The traditional form of petition to the Holy Spirit is to invoke the Father through Christ our Lord to give us the Consoler Spirit. Jesus insists on this petition to be made in his name at the very moment when he promises the gift of the Spirit of Truth. But the simplest and most direct prayer is also traditional, "Come, Holy Spirit," and every liturgical tradition has developed it in antiphons and hymns. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love."

"Heavenly King, Consoler Spirit, Spirit of Truth, present everywhere and filling all things, treasure of all good and source of all life, come dwell in us, cleanse and save us, you who are All Good."

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SUNDAY *Plus*

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