



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SCHEDULE		
Sun 17th	7th Sunday of Easter 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Rosary 12:00 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 18th	Easter week 7 08:00 Mass	
Tue 19th	Easter week 7 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Easter week 7	—
Thu 21st	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Easter week 7 12:00 Mass	
	12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 22nd	Easter week 7 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Sat 23rd	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Confirmation Programme 10:45 Meeting	
	Easter week 7 12:00 Mass	
	Pentecost 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 24th	7th Sunday of Easter 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	

“DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER”

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about a group of apostles and disciples. This group includes “the women and Mary the mother of Jesus...” They return from the mount called Olivet, from where Jesus had just ascended to heaven, to Jerusalem. We might think that they would rush out to tell people of the momentous event they had just witnessed.

However, they have been instructed to wait for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and so they have another ten days in which to pray and prepare carefully for the mission ahead. We hear, “All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer...”

In the Gospel reading, we hear more from Jesus’ “Farewell Discourse” at the Last Supper which has featured a lot in recent weeks. Another name for Jesus’ words here is “The High Priestly Prayer.” Jesus actually says, “I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me...”

So, here we are in this crucial time between the Ascension which was last Thursday and Pentecost which is next Sunday. We too are also called to deepen our prayer. Nearly always, when prayer is spoken about, some mention is made of how difficult it is to pray. A few weeks ago I introduced a way of praying using Holy Scripture.

This particular method of praying is called “Imaginative Contemplation” and involves putting yourself in a particular scene or event in the Bible and imagining yourself to be one of the people present. You could be an unknown and unnamed person, a disciple, a Pharisee, a blind beggar or even Jesus himself. The idea is to pray through the scripture through the experience, thoughts and emotions of one person.

At masses this weekend, I am going to talk about another powerful way of praying that should be familiar to most people: The Rosary. In May, Mary’s month, and as we too await the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday, there is an opportunity to pray the Rosary after the two main weekend masses. Let us renew our devotion to this great prayer.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

FREE ROSARIES

I have acquired some simple Rosaries which can be collected – at no cost whatsoever – after mass, so please do take one. Even if you have your own Rosary, you might like to take one, say a prayer, and wait for an opportunity to give a Rosary to someone you meet and even teach them how to pray it if they don’t already know.



ROSARY AFTER MASS

At both of the main masses in the two churches this weekend, there will be an opportunity to pray the Rosary. Parishioners, especially children, will be encouraged to lead a decade. The Rosary is a mighty and important prayer to pray at any time but especially appropriate in May, Mary’s month.

FREE FUN DAY

On June 6th we will have a free community "fun day" with the help of Manchester City Council "Pride in Place" grant. You will be able to have your say about the future of Gorton. **Volunteers are needed to support the day:** Refreshments, entertainment and games suitable for families. There will be a circus workshop from **Circus Sensible**.

JOB VACANCY AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart school is recruiting for an Admin Officer. Salary: Grade 4 £25,584 to £27,269 (pro rata, actual £22,066 to £23,519) Working Pattern: 35 hours per week. Term time only plus 5 INSET days. Start Date: As soon as possible. An application pack is available at: <https://www.sacredheartschool-gorton.org.uk/page/?title=Office+Vacancies&pid=106>

AFRICAN CARE GIVERS'

Research about caring for children with ADHD (diagnosed or suspected) is being conducted as part of a MSc at Manchester Metropolitan University. If you are interested in taking part, please email: Valiwe.parker-wood-brown@stu.mmu.ac.uk

BIBLES AND BOOKS ON FAITH

This is a reminder that there are beautiful "easy-read" Bibles on sale for just £5.00 at both churches. These Bibles contain essential Old Testament and New Testament readings and provide a wonderful summary of some of the most important parts of Holy Scripture. I have also taken delivery of a lot of brand new books on the Faith which have been massively discounted and also on sale at very cheap prices.

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YOUNG ADULTS HUB

Young Adults Hub was created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings. For more information, email Mikey hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Edward hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

NEW DAWN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 2026

Spring Conference from **29th - 31st May**. Celebrants & Speakers include: Bishop John Arnold, Fr Pat Collins CM, Fr James Anyaegbu, Fr Frankie Mulgrew, John Hesketh, Gary Stephens and Daniella Stephens. Daily Holy Mass, praise and worship, talks, adult, youth and child's prayer ministry and opportunities for confession and personal prayer; bookings are now open: <https://booking.princeofpeace.org.uk/>.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES—RESEARCH PROJECT

This research is investigating the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may affect the spiritual experience of Priests, Laity and Public. It is part of a MSc programme at University of the Built Environment (formerly known as UCEM) by Simon Gibson, You can complete it here: <https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>

PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.

MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY: MARY BRENNAN (90TH) x 2
ANNIVERSARY: KATHLEEN BENNETT (27TH), MARTIN GORDON (1ST)
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY: MARTIN GORDON (90TH)
HEALTH: SIMON ROSE
PRIVATE: SR MARGARET BRYANS, ANN WILSON,
RECENTLY DECEASED: PETER EMERY

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL




AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS



RIGHT TO LIFE UK

As we approach the Ascension of the Lord, this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit, all those who are in hospice care and all those who are terminally ill. May they feel the warmth of God's comforting presence and find strength and hope in their time of need. **Lord hear us.**

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND MAY 9TH	
 Basket	£80.30
 Basket	£338.00
 Digital	£173.66

Please consider making offertory contributions **by Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,

to enquire at his temple. **R**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,

'Seek his face.' **R**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let

him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia.**

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N.** *All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: JOHN

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. SIT.

Phụng Vụ Lời Chúa

Bài đọc I: Cv 1,12-14

Sau khi Đức Giêsu được cất lên trời, các Tông đồ từ núi gọi là Núi Ôliu trở về Giêrusalem; núi này gần Giêrusalem, cách một quãng đường đi trong ngày sabát.

Khi về đến nơi, các ông lên lầu trên, nơi các ông vẫn ở: Phêrô, Gioan, Giacôbê, Anrê, Philipphê, Tôma, Bartôlômêô, Matthêu, Giacôbê con ông Anphê, Simon thuộc nhóm Nhiệt thành, và Giuđa con ông Giacôbê.

Tất cả các ông đồng tâm nhất trí chuyên cần cầu nguyện, cùng với các phụ nữ, với Đức Maria là Mẹ Đức Giêsu, và với anh em của Người. [\[studylight.org\]](http://studylight.org)

Đó là Lời Chúa.

Cộng đoàn: Tạ ơn Chúa.

Đáp Ca

Đáp: Tôi tin chắc sẽ được hưởng lòng nhân hậu của Chúa trong cõi đất dành cho kẻ sống.

Chúa là ánh sáng và là ơn cứu độ của tôi,
tôi còn sợ ai?
Chúa là thành lũy bảo vệ đời tôi,
tôi khiếp gì ai nữa?

Con chỉ xin một điều, một điều duy nhất,
là được ở trong nhà Chúa
mọi ngày suốt đời,
để chiêm ngưỡng vẻ đẹp của Ngài
và tìm hiểu ý Ngài trong đền thánh.

Lạy Chúa, xin nghe tiếng con kêu,
xin đủ lòng thương và đáp lời con.
Lòng con đã như:
"Hãy tìm kiếm Thánh Nhan Ngài."

Bài đọc II: 1 Pr 4

Anh em thân mến, anh em hãy vui mừng vì được chia sẻ những đau khổ của Đức Kitô, để khi vinh quang của Người được tỏ hiện, anh em cũng được vui mừng hớn hở.

Nếu anh em bị sỉ nhục vì danh Đức Kitô, anh em thật có phúc, bởi vì Thần Khí vinh quang, tức là Thần Khí của Thiên Chúa, ngự trên anh em.

Đừng ai trong anh em phải chịu khổ vì là kẻ sát nhân, trộm cắp, làm điều gian ác, hay xen vào việc người khác. Nhưng nếu chịu khổ với danh nghĩa là Kitô hữu, thì đừng xấu hổ, trái lại hãy tôn vinh Thiên Chúa vì được mang danh đó.

Đó là Lời Chúa.

Cộng đoàn: Tạ ơn Chúa.

Tung Hô Tin Mừng

(Đứng)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Chúa nói: Thầy sẽ không để anh em mồ côi;
Thầy ra đi và sẽ đến cùng anh em,
và lòng anh em sẽ vui mừng.
Alleluia.

Tin Mừng

Phó tế/Linh mục: Chúa ở cùng anh chị em.

Cộng đoàn: Và ở cùng cha. [\[congdoandu...entroi.com\]](http://congdoandu...entroi.com)

Phó tế/Linh mục: Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo thánh N...

Cộng đoàn: Lạy Chúa, vinh danh Chúa.

Tin Mừng theo thánh Gioan

Khi ấy, Đức Giêsu ngược mắt lên trời và cầu nguyện rằng:

"Lạy Cha, giờ đã đến; xin Cha tôn vinh Con của Cha, để Con cũng tôn vinh Cha, vì Cha đã ban cho Con quyền trên mọi người, để Con ban sự sống đời đời cho tất cả những ai Cha đã ban cho Con.

Sự sống đời đời là họ nhận biết Cha, Thiên Chúa duy nhất và chân thật, và nhận biết Đấng Cha đã sai đến là Đức Giêsu Kitô. Con đã tôn vinh Cha dưới đất, khi hoàn thành công việc Cha giao cho Con. Và giờ đây, lạy Cha, xin tôn vinh Con bên Cha, với vinh quang mà Con đã có nơi Cha trước khi có thể gian." [\[bible.usccb.org\]](http://bible.usccb.org)

"Con đã tỏ danh Cha cho những người Cha đã ban cho Con từ giữa thế gian. Họ thuộc về Cha, và Cha đã ban họ cho Con, và họ đã tuân giữ lời Cha.

Giờ đây, họ biết rằng mọi sự Cha ban cho Con đều bởi Cha mà đến. Vì những lời Cha đã ban cho Con, Con đã truyền lại cho họ; họ đã lãnh nhận và thật sự biết rằng Con bởi Cha mà đến, và họ đã tin rằng Cha đã sai Con.

Con cầu nguyện cho họ. Con không cầu nguyện cho thế gian, nhưng cho những kẻ Cha đã ban cho Con, vì họ thuộc về Cha.

Tất cả những gì của Con đều là của Cha, và tất cả những gì của Cha là của Con; và Con được tôn vinh nơi họ.

Con không còn ở trong thế gian nữa, nhưng họ còn ở trong thế gian, còn Con thì đến cùng Cha." [\[bible.usccb.org\]](http://bible.usccb.org)

Đó là Tin Mừng Chúa.

Cộng đoàn: Lạy Chúa Giêsu Kitô, ngợi khen Chúa.
(Ngồi)

