

PARISH NEWS

MAY DEVOTION:

This month of May and the month of October is dedicated to the Blessed virgin Mary, we are encouraged to say our rosaries throughout the month. Therefore through out the month of may, we shall say the rosary, starting 30 mins (8.45am) before our masses in the morning with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. On Fridays in the month of May, we will say the rosary within the period of adoration.

MAY DAY PROCESSION: CROWNING OF OUR LADY

This year's May day procession and crowning of our Lady shall be on Wednesday the 6th of May. It shall begin with a procession from the school at 9.00am and Mass will be at 9.30am.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION:

Let us pray for: Ray, Billy, Penelope, Teddy, Harry Dunn, Edie, Kain, Patrick, Orla, Jarvis, Harry Neild, Aurora, Arthur and Maggie who at this Sunday mass will be making their first Holy Communion. On the 17th of May another set of 8 will be receiving too.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ITALIAN WALK MARSHALS:

This years Madonna Procession (Italian Walk) shall be on 5th July. We have been asked to provide Marshals who will be trained for that procession. Please if you are able to help as there will be a list for that at the back of the Church.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

As you may have noticed, we have changed the format of our weekly Newsletter. It shall provide information about the daily activities in the Parish. We have also added a the Sunday readings and prayer for our parish which we shall all pray before the final blessing at every weekend masses.

COFFEE AND TEA NEXT SUNDAY

Coffee and Tea will be served in the Parish Hall next Sunday (10th April) morning after 10.30 Mass. Everyone is welcome. All donations and raffle profits go to HUGS to help support Dokolo Girls' School in Uganda.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

National Deaf Awareness Week - Free Resources

From 4-10 May it's national Deaf Awareness Week. Did you know that Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a range of resources and tips on its website to help you make your parish even more accessible to people locally? You can access these and a range of other free resources, prayers and other documents on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH OF ST. ANNES FAIRFIELD

Heavenly Father, We come before you as a parish family of Saint Anne Fairfield, united in our devotion to you and to one another.

We ask through the intercession of Saint Anne, patroness of our parish, that inspired by her faith and guided by her exemplary life of love, our parish may be a beacon of hope and joy, where your love is shared and your word is proclaimed.

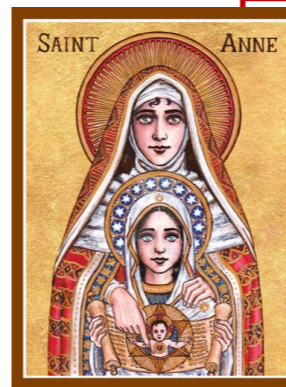
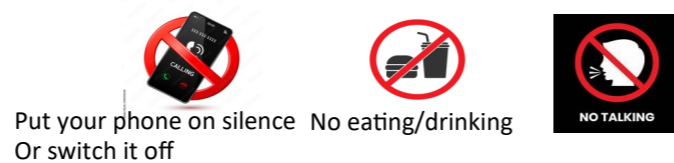
May we support one another, and may our faith be strengthened through prayer, worship, and service.

Grant healing and comfort to our sick and house-bound brothers and sisters.

Watch over our families and protect them from harm. Bless our parishioners with unity, love, and growth in faith.

We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MASSES: When we come for mass, we have to be rightly disposed. We have to remove every form of distraction. Get a copy of the Newsletter and Mass sheet and respond to the parts of the Mass.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr. A

2nd/3rd May 2026

JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Welcome and Happy Sunday!

THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS:

Lately Dead: Linda Sayers, Kieran Walsh, Geraldine Hopkins x2

Anniversary: Paul McGregor

Others: Barbara Ogedengbe—GCSE Students preparing for Exams, Christopher Bowman—sick x2

THIS WEEK'S PARISH ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY 5TH 8: 45am 9.15am 10.00am to 1:00pm	Exposition and Rosary Mass : Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 14:19-28, Gospel: John 14: 27-31a Office Time: The Priest and the Parish Administrator shall be in the Office
WEDNESDAY 6TH 9:30am 10.30am to 1:00pm	Mass: May Day Procession and crowning of our lady 1st Reading: Acts 15:1-6, Gospel: John 15:1-8 Office Time: The Priest and the parish Administrator shall be in the office
THURSDAY 7TH 8:45am 9.15am	Exposition and Rosary Mass: Thursday of the 5th week of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 15:7-21, Gospel: John 15:9-11
FRIDAY 8TH, 12:00am 6:30pm 7:15pm	Funeral Mass: Vincenzo Arnone (RIP) Adoration (Rosary) and Benediction (Come let us Adore Jesus) Mass: Friday of the 5th week of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 15: 22 –31, Gospel: John 15:12-17
SATURDAY 9TH 2:00pm 5:45pm—6:15pm 6:30pm	Wedding Mass of Sean and Kirsty Confessions Vigil Mass: 6th Sunday of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18, Gospel: John 14: 15-21
SUNDAY 10TH 10.30am 11:30	Mass: 6th Sunday of Easter (Readings are as on Saturday vigil) Coffee Morning (Come join us at the hall for tea and coffee)

NOTE: Bible references are provided for personal reflections to prepare us for the masses or for when we are unable to attend the mass.

Readings at Mass

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,



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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:1-2.4-5, 18-19(R.22)

(R) May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

1. 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)**

2. 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)**

3. 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)**

**(R) May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope
 in you, O LORD.**

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

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

Beloved: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

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

Priest/ Deacon: The Lord be with you

Response: And with your Spirit

Priest/ Deacon: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John **Response:** Glory to you O Lord

In those days: 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.'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Response: 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.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
 and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
 to pass from former ways to newness of life.
 Through Christ our Lord.