

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS MEETING FOR THE PLANNING OF OUR FAMILY FUN DAY/ PARISH FEAST

We shall have a meeting of Volunteers for the planning of this year's Family Fund Day and Parish Feast after the 10.30am mass next Sunday 31st of May. The date for this year's Family Fund Day is Sunday the 12th of July.



VOLUNTEER FOR PARISH GARDEN

We are in need of a volunteer gardener to improve and care for the Parish flower garden. Anyone interested in gardening should please let me or John Garvin know.

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 throughout 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.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION:

Let us pray for: Davies-Ghirlanda, Lord Bleu Lavien Ellis—Parsons, Emily Kaplewska, Chase Maduke – Monteiro, Edward Shields, Liam White-ly, Emmanuel Dominic and Vincent Njoku who will be making their first Holy Communion this Sunday the 24th of May. This is the final batch, so we thank our Parish Catechists, the parents and all our first Holy Communicants this year for their dedication through the journey. May Jesus be their source of blessing and peace. Amen The common celebration will be after mass on Sunday the 5th of July followed by the Italian walk.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Free energy bill advice from Caritas

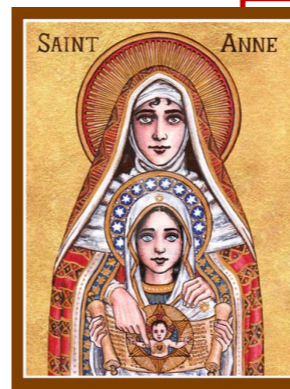
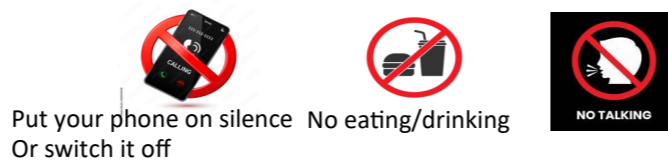
If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

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



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST Sunday Yr. A

23rd/24th May 2026

'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven'

Welcome and Happy Sunday!

THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS:

Lately Dead: Patricia O'Kane

Others: Barbara Ogedengbe—GCSE Students, Lorraine Ellis—Sick, Bernard Shaw— Sick, Rose Galligan—Birthday memorial, Vincent Njoku—Birthday & First Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 24TH 10.30	Mass: Pentecost Sunday 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11, 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, Sequence, Gospel: John 20:19-23
TUESDAY 26TH 8: 45am 9.15am 10.00am to 1:00pm	Exposition and Rosary Mass : Memorial of St. Philip Neri 1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16, Gospel: Mark 10:28:31 Office Time: The Priest and the Parish Administrator shall be in the office
WEDNESDAY 27TH 8:45am 9.15 am 10.30am to 1:00pm	Exposition and Rosary Mass: St. Augustine of Canterbury (Feast) 1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2b-8, Gospel: Luke 10:1–9 Office Time: The Priest and the Parish Administrator shall be in the office
THURSDAY 28TH 8:45am 9.15am	Exposition and Rosary Mass: Our Lord Jesus the Eternal High Priest (Feast) Reading: Genesis 22:9—18, Gospel: Mathew 26:36-42
FRIDAY 29TH, 6:30pm 7:15pm	Adoration (Rosary) and Benediction (Come let us Adore Jesus) Mass: Friday of the 8th week in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: 1 peter 4: 7-13, Gospel: Mark 11:11-26
SATURDAY 30TH 5:45pm—6:15pm 6:30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass: The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 1st Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9, 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14, Gospel: John 3:16-18.
SUNDAY 31ST 10.30am	Mass: Most Holy Trinity Sunday (Readings are as on Saturday vigil)

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

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. (R) cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. (R)

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

O LORD my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O LORD!

The earth is full of your creatures.

3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!

May the LORD rejoice in his works!

2. You take away their breath, they die,

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

returning to the dust from which they came.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,

From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure;

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul's delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,

Give us life with thee on high;

Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ