

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 16th May Week 6 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	First Holy Communion St Joseph's School Year 4	For the children and their families
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### Saturday 16th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Bernard Worden RIP
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### Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Terry & John Donohue RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Ted Burgess RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Rosalia & Roel Vasija

### Tuesday 19th May Week 7 of Easter

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Brother John Dawson (Sick)
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### Wednesday 20th May Week 7 of Easter

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Garvey Anniversary
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### Thursday 21st May Week 7 of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Beatrice Fletcher Anniversary
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### Friday 22nd May Week 7 of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Lucy Hurst RIP
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### Saturday 23rd May Week 7 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	First Holy Communion Sacred Heart School Year 4	For the children and their families
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### Saturday 23rd May Vigil of Pentecost—Whit Sunday

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Gerard Poyner Anniversary
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### Sunday 24th May Solemnity of Pentecost—Whit Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick & Deirdre Costello & Family

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**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 17th May 2026**

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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
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### Office Hours:

Mon, 9am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10am—2pm **SH**  
Thurs, 10am - 2pm **St J**  
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### Food for thought!

Today, the 7th Sunday of Easter is World Communications Day. As we approach Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens us in what we do, and how we can be effective listeners and communicators of God in our everyday lives. In today's first reading, we are reminded of the need to be courageous like the early disciples of Jesus who devoted themselves to prayer. In the second reading, Peter reminds us that communicating the good news to the world will definitely not be an easy task. For us to effectively communicate Christ to our world, we must first wait on the Lord and the Holy Spirit to fill and empower us. Communicating the Good News of Jesus is more than sharing words – it's sharing hope, love and the promise of new life. In a world that is often filled with fear, uncertainty and division the message of Jesus brings peace and purpose to all who are willing to listen. Communicating the Good News is both a privilege and a responsibility. Even the smallest act of kindness or testimony of faith can touch hearts and lead others closer to the Lord. So, as we celebrate World Communications Day today, a very important question is, what do we communicate to our world, and how do we do it?

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Patricia Hoy**

**Ellen Johnson**

**Ann Smith (nee Cooney)**

**Alan Whittle**

and those whose

anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

James Allen

Patricia Case

Nuala Conroy

Brother John Dawson SCJ

Sean Fleming

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to him or contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Peace in the Middle East**

at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Those sitting exams**  
at Sacred Heart Church

### The Pope's Intention for May:

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large Producers to small Consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the Year 4 Children from St Joseph's School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

The Year 4 Children from Sacred Heart School, make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 23rd May, at 10.30am, at St Joseph's.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer

**Rosalia & Roel Vasija**

and their family, who receive this powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

### The Month of May

The month of May is a time of special devotion to Mary, our Spiritual Mother, and Mother of the Church. As spring brings new life and beauty into the world, we are reminded of Mary's role in bringing Jesus, the source of life and grace into our lives.

This week the Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### World Communications Day

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication; through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

**This weekend's Second Collection will be for World Communications**

### An Evening Talk by Mary Hardiman:

**'Walking with Jesus'**

**Wednesday 20th May at 7pm**

All are invited to an evening talk entitled 'Walking with Jesus'. A captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary will be presenting her thoughts on the gospel story of The Road to Emmaus. She will be asking searching questions and helping us see its relevance in our faith journey.

A former School Teacher, Mary is now a Counsellor working in North West prisons with people affected by trauma, as well as the author of 'My Name is Beloved', a book of gospel stories.

The event will take place at Our Lady and All Saints School, Parbold, WN8 7HD, With refreshments provided.

[parbold@hotmail.com](mailto:parbold@hotmail.com)

or **01257 463248**

### Reconciliation

Please note that the Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration and Mass will now be celebrated on Saturday 6th June at 11.00am followed by midday Mass.

**The Sodality Hall/Mather Room** is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince **07766681339**

**Kevin McCloud's Listed Britain Starts Wednesday 13th May at 9pm on More4**

We're excited to announce that our mother Church, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, will be featured in the new series 'Kevin McCloud's Listed Britain' which started on Wednesday 13th May at 9pm on More4.

Tune into episode 4 on **Wednesday 3rd June at 9pm**, to see Kevin McCloud explore the stories behind our wonderful Cathedral and its stunning, unusual architecture.

### Foundations Governors

We are looking to fill positions for Foundation Governors at our two Primary Schools, Sacred Heart School and Twelve Apostles School. To become a Foundation Governor you must be a practicing Catholic, with an interest in working alongside other governors, the Headteacher and staff, for the good of our young children. For more information, please contact: Sacred Heart School: 01942 674226 or Twelve Apostles School: 01942 674312 or speak to Fr. Kieran after Mass or the chair of governors for each school:

Mrs Kathryn Perry: Sacred Heart  
Mrs Paula Crawley: XII Apostles