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5th Sunday after Easter

25th May – 1st June 2025



5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER & THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Dear faithful,

This week there are two special liturgical celebrations. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Ascension are the traditional “Rogation Days” in which the Litany of the Saints is sung while going in procession before the Mass. Historically, in rural areas this was also accompanied by the blessing of fields and crops. Join us to pray to heaven for all of our needs and intentions. **Note carefully that the procession will begin at 6pm with the Mass following immediately afterwards.**

This Thursday, 29th May, is the Feast of Our Lord’s Ascension into heaven. This is one of the great Christological celebrations of the year – coming 40 days after the Resurrection, it concludes the Saviour’s earthly ministry. After the Gospel of the Mass, the Paschal candle is extinguished, representing the physical departure of Christ. We will have a Sung Mass at the usual time of 6.30pm. Please note that this is a Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales.

Our Lord does not leave us orphans after His Ascension, promising us another Paraclete (a Greek word meaning “advocate”). Thus, we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter. The time of nine days between these two feasts is the first and greatest novena, and the origin of this Catholic devotion.



Raffle tickets for a drinks hamper will be on sale after both Sunday Masses £3 per ticket, please see Anne in the shop. The winning ticket will be drawn 14th June at the Summer Gala Dinner. All proceeds go to the Dome. Thank you for your support.

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.15pm**. **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. **Next practice, 9th of June.**

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. **Next practice 2nd June.**

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £710.36 Boxes: £128.34 Bank transfers: £375.00 Shop £15.73 Donations £n/a Total: £1,229.43. Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

New in stock! Dolours chaplets (for the Seven Sorrows devotion), scapulars of all kinds and beautiful mantillas for the ladies!

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** May's collection will be for the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus. Please note that all refreshments after the 10.30 Mass are donated by members of the congregation. Help and donations towards the purchase of disposable cups is always welcome! ***£59.40 was donated for the month of May.*** Thank you

✠ **Church Cleaning.** **11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass.** Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

✠ **Offertory Envelopes for 2025-2026.** Please do not forget to approach Canon Montjean to receive your offertory envelopes for 2025-2026!

✠ **Apiculæ – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ There are many unclaimed plates/dishes in the kitchenette. We would be very grateful if they could be collected and we could do some decluttering! Thank you!

Forthcoming events

✠ **Chartres Pilgrimage:** If you would like to walk the Chartres pilgrimage this year (7-9th June) between Paris and Chartres, please contact Tom: tom_keating97@outlook.com. Tom will help you register! For more information, visit the website: <https://www.nd-chretiente.com/en/accueil-2-ndc-english-2/>

✠ **Monthly Liturgy Class:** Explanation of the gestures and rites of Holy Mass. **Next class will be 27th June at 7.15pm.**

✠ **Catechism for catechumens and beginners:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. Classes will be held twice per month. **First class will be 7th June at 11am in the day chapel.**

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. **Next session, Saturday, 7th June.**

✠ **Summer Gala Dinner:** **Saturday, 14th June** at Wallasey Golf Club, Bayswater Rd CH45 8LA. 7pm arrival for 7.30pm sit down meal. Two courses £27.50. (Formal attire, jacket and tie, no jeans) Please fill in a menu booking form with the menu choices, your name and contact details along with payment either cash or cheque made payable to Wallasey Golf Club to Anne in the Piety shop by the **1st of June** or contact Anne.Barry345@gmail.com Any donations of drinks suitable for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please hand any donations into the shop. *Thank you!*

June and July Mass schedule changes

Due to the absence of the Canons:

2nd June: Mass at 8.30am only, no 6.30pm Mass.

From 3rd June to 6th June: no Mass.

2nd and 3rd July: no Mass.

✠ **For Life Matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

| Ordo | Mass | Mass intentions | | Devotions | Confessions |
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| | | Canon Montjean | Canon Post | | |
| Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Endose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 23 rd July | | | | Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page) | |
| Sunday 25 th May Fifth Sunday after Easter <i>White</i> | 8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass | Novena for Jennifer Welsh | Ronnie Cleator RIP Tara-Lynn Ball | 5.30pm Solemn Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline | 9.30am–10.15am |
| Monday 26 th May Rogation Day <i>Violet</i> | 6pm Procession & Low Mass | Msgr Wach | Private intention | 6pm Rogation Day Procession | |
| Tuesday 27 th May Rogation Day <i>Violet</i> | 6pm Procession & Low Mass | Joyce Sample RIP Eunan McCall | Private intention | 6pm Rogation Day Procession | |
| Wed 28 th May Rogation Day <i>Violet</i> | 6pm Procession & Low Mass | Gerard Hanratty Jerry and Margo Gout | Private intention | 6pm Rogation Day Procession | |
| Thurs 29 th May Ascension of the Lord <i>White</i> | 6.30pm Sung Mass | Hugh Nielsen Joanne Nielsen | Private intention | 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction | 5.40pm–6.10pm |
| Friday 30 th May Feria of the Ascension <i>White</i> | 6.30pm Low Mass | Cross Family | Private intention | 5.15pm Vespers 5.40pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10 Compline | 5.40pm–6.10pm |
| Saturday 31 st May Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>White</i> | 10am Low Mass | Alexander Gannon RIP | Private intention | 9am Adoration 6.30pm Vespers & Compline | 9am–9.40am |
| Sunday 1 st June Sunday after the Ascension <i>White</i> | 8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass | Holy Souls | Private Intention Philip Rushton | 5.30pm Solemn Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline | 9.30am–10.15am |

Comment of St Francis de Sales on preparation for Holy Communion The only preparation for Holy Communion which is truly worthy of Our Lord is constant preparation. By this St. Francis de Sales means the constant desire to please God in all our actions. When he was a young man preparing for the priesthood, he made the resolution to do everything as a preparation for Holy Mass and Holy Communion, so that if anyone were to ask him what he was doing in any of his actions, he would answer, I am preparing for Holy Mass and Holy Communion.

Spiritual Directory of St. Francis de Sales, the spiritual directory for daily actions, article XII (<https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com>)

Prayers for the Sick: *Please keep in your prayers*

Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth

PROPER FOR FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT *Isaiah 48. 20*

Declare it with the voice of joy, and make it known, alleluia: declare it even to the ends of the earth: The Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65.1-2* Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: give glory to His praise. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O God, from whom all good things do proceed, grant unto Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that are right, and under Thy guidance may perform the same. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE *James 1. 22-27*

Dearly beloved, be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass: for he beheld himself and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was. But he that hath looked into perfect law of liberty and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work: this man shall be blessed in his deed. And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation and to keep one's self unspotted from this world.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Christ is risen, and hath shone upon us whom he redeemed with his blood.

Alleluia. *John 16. 28* V. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world and I go to the Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 16. 23-30*

At that time Jesus saith to His disciples: Amen, amen, I say to you: If you ask the Father any thing in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked any thing in My name: Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father. In that day you shall ask in My name: and I say not to you that I will ask the Father for you: for the Father Himself loveth you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father and am come into the world: again I leave the world and I go to the Father.

Music Programme for Sunday 25th May

Mass I

Credo I

Communion: *Laudate*

Recessional: *O Purest of Creatures* n° 426

His disciples say to Him: Behold now Thou speakest plainly and speakest no proverb. Now we know that Thou knowest all things and Thou needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe That Thou camest forth from God.

OFFERTORY *Psalms 65. 8-9, 20*

O bless the Lord our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of His praise to be heard: who hath set my soul to live, and hath not suffered my feet to be moved. Blessed be the Lord, Who hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me, alleluia.

SECRET

Receive, O Lord, the prayers and sacrifices of the faithful, that by these offices of loving devotion we may attain to heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously at this time above all others, when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who took away the sins of the world: Who by dying destroyed our death, and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, ever more saying:

COMMUNION *Psalms 95. 2*

Sing unto the Lord, alleluia, sing unto the Lord, and bless His name: show forth His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been nourished and strengthened at the heavenly table, both to desire that which is right, and to gain that which we desire. Through our Lord.