



Dome of Home

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Fourth Sunday after Easter

3rd - 10th May 2026

✠ **Mass cancellations:** There will be no daily Mass THIS week **Monday through Thursday (May 4th - 8th)** due to the absence of priests for ICKSP provincial days. The church will be open during the day for private prayer.

✠ **May Procession and Crowning:** The traditional procession and May crowning of Our Lady will take place **next Sunday, 10th May**, following the 10.30am Sung Mass.

✠ **First Communions for children:** We intend to begin a new round of classes to prepare children (6 years old and up) for first Holy Communion. Intended date: **Sunday, 7th June, Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. Classes will be on Saturday at 11am, 9th and 23rd May and another date to be determined. Contact Canon Post to register.

✠ **Introduction to the Solesmes Method of Gregorian Chant:** We will be holding three workshops on Saturdays, **23rd May, 27th June and 18th July from 11.00-12.30** run by Canon Montjean and Christian Spence exploring some key aspects of the Solesmes Method of singing Gregorian Chant. They will cover reading the neumes, rhythm, modality and spirituality of this method, with both theory and an opportunity to sing and practice. Members of the schola and choir are particularly encouraged, but all are welcome who have an interest in discovering more of this great Catholic treasure! We will follow this with a more in-depth course from September.

✠ **Monthly Prayers for priests**

This **Thursday, 7th May**, the prayer group for priests will meet at St. Catherine's in Hoylake, **13.00-14.00**.

Pastoral Letter on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

My dear brothers and sisters,

{For the} World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo calls young people across the world to “listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life.” The Holy Father urges the young to seek something more than self-knowledge, for, he insists it is in “the beauty of the Divine light” they will find their vocation by “the interior encounter with Christ in prayer.” Pope Leo encourages them to do this by spending generous time in Eucharistic Adoration, meditating on the Word of God and frequenting the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist...

{In this letter} I want to focus on the one vocation on which all other vocations in the Church depend: namely, the Ordained Priesthood. During his apostolic visit to Britain, Pope Benedict called for an outpouring of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood because, he said, “*the more the lay apostolate grows, the more urgently the need for priests is felt*” (ii). Saint John Vianney invited everyone to consider the place of the priest in their lives, from the day of our Baptism to every Mass and Holy Communion, to every Confession and Absolution, and in the great crises of life, most especially the last. We might think of the many priests we have known, yet the Scriptures remind us there is but one Priest and Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is into His Priesthood that every priest is ordained, to give his life for the salvation of his brothers and sisters. By this total self-gift of each priest, we can recognise the true Shepherd of our souls, He who came “*that (we) may have life and have it abundantly*”.

Today, in Shrewsbury Diocese, we must give thanks for the 12 men who are at various stages of their training for the Priesthood.[...] The Second Vatican Council insisted every member of the faithful has a responsibility to so pray and support new vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood. [...]

Our Lady is the model of this joyful faithfulness, as Pope Leo observes, showing every member of the Church how to listen in prayer and receive the gift of their vocation. Let us entrust to Our Lady's prayers, the 12 men now preparing for the Priesthood, and all coming forward to consider the priestly vocation on which the future mission of our Shrewsbury Diocese so much depends.

United in this prayer,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury.

Full text https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/letters_item/vocations-day-202

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on [Monday at 7.15pm](#). **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. [Next practice: 11th of May](#)
Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 01516 391 999/07714 710 275. [Next practice: 18th May](#).

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose plate £528.00 Boxes £145.00 Bank Transfers £638.00 Shop £88.29 **Total £1399.29**. 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.

✠ **Donation point:** Since last October, a new “Card donation point” has been installed. You can also make donations to Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena Church by scanning the following QR Code on your phone. Thank you for your support!



✠ **Offertory Envelopes 2026-2027:** If you would like to make use of offertory envelopes in the coming financial year 2026-2027, please fill out the forms displayed at the back of the church. Once filled out, one of the canons will give you your set of envelopes.

✠ **Piety Shop:** The Piety shop has a selection of postcards with views of the Dome for purchase. Also lovely cards and gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Ordination as well as Birthday and Thank you cards. All reasonable prices and all profits go to the Dome. Thank you for your continued support from the Piety Shop Team - Angela Sarah and Anne.

✠ **200 Club:** If you would like to join the 200 Lottery club there are plenty of numbers available. The cost is £1 per week per number. This must be paid monthly by standing order which is £4.33 per month per number. Come and see Anne in the Piety Shop to sign up for your number and details for payment. All profits to the Dome. Thank you.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass** We will collect for **Aid to Church in Need** over the following few months to support our fellow Catholics in the Lebanon who are facing great adversity at the moment. £57 was donated last week. Thank you!

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 01519 241 178.

Forthcoming events

✠ **Spring dance for young Catholics:** We are a group of young Catholics in Liverpool organising a big Spring Dance at St. Margaret Mary's Parish Centre on the [8th of May](#). The Spring Dance is aimed for young people aged 18-30. Here is a link to our WhatsApp group where we are giving out all the announcements.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DkXxNeUxBShEywEoFQcu30>

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “The Catholic Moral Life”:** One Saturday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on [Saturday, 16th May at 11am](#). Topic: Human acts, ignorance, passions and conscience.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “Bread of Angels – The Holy Eucharist”:** One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on [Friday, 22nd May at 7.15pm](#), following the evening Mass.

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07767 752 671. [Next meeting, a Saturday to be determined](#).

✠ **Reception into the Church:** We are overjoyed to announce the upcoming reception into the Catholic Church of Mr. Andrew Joseph Williams on the [Saturday of Pentecost Week, 30th May](#). He will make first Holy Communion on the following day, Trinity Sunday. Congratulations Andy!

✠ **Summer dinner:** This year's Summer dinner will be on [Saturday 25th July](#) at Wallasey Golf Club at 7.30pm. The dinner will be less formal affair with a sumptuous 2 course Buffet plus tea and coffee and mints. If you would like to book your place please see Anne in the Piety Shop for more information. Cost is £30 per person payable by cash only please in advance. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael, Donna and Gabriella.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 18th September				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 3 rd May Fourth Sunday after Easter <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Michael Hulme and family	Victoria Vincent O'Donnell RIP	4.30pm Solemn Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am-10.15am
Monday 4 th May Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales <i>Red</i>	No Mass	Nicola Carr and family	Vincent O'Donnell RIP		
Tuesday 5 th May St. Pius V <i>White</i>	No Mass	Justin Carr and family	Vincent O'Donnell RIP		
Wed 6 th May St. John before the Latin Gate <i>Red</i>	No Mass	Jilly Russell-Young	Vincent O'Donnell RIP		
Thurs 7 th May Votive of O.L.J.C. Sovereign Priest <i>White</i>	No Mass	Leanne and family	Geoff Russell		
Friday 8 th May Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Elaine Buckley	Philip Russell		
Saturday 9 th May St. Gregory Nazianzen <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Hines family	Linda Russell	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am-9.30am
Sunday 10 th May Fifth Sunday after Easter <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass & Procession	Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP	All the Canons of the ICKSP Eileen and George Sutherland	4.30pm Solemn Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am-10.15am

How is extreme unction (anointing) and communion for the sick administered?

This sacrament may or may not be accompanied by Confession and Holy Communion. As a *sacrament of the living*, the anointing is normally received by one in the state of grace. Thus, those who are able and in need of the sacrament should confess first. Holy Communion would also be given to those able to receive.

The priest enters the home or sick room saying: "Peace to this house." The response is "And to all who dwell therein." If the priest is going to give Holy Communion, the faithful should ideally prepare a table with a clean linen cloth on it for the pyx. Two candles are lit in honour of the presence of Our Lord and it is helpful to provide a small glass of water for the priest to purify his fingers and the pyx after Holy Communion.

The priest will then do the rite of the 'asperges' or sprinkling of the room with holy water, saying: "Cleanse me of sin with hyssop, Lord, that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow, have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, etc."

To be continued. For more information, see the link: <https://www.fisheaters.com/unction.html>

PROPERS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT *Psalm 97. 1, 2*

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, alleluia, for the Lord hath done wonderful things, alleluia: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him salvation. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Thy people to love that which Thou commandest and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the changing things of this world, our hearts may be set where true joys are to be found. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE *James 1. 17-21*

Dearly beloved, every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creature. You know, my dearest brethren. And let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

ALLELUIA *Psalm 117. 16; Romans 6. 9*

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength, the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me.

Alleluia. *V.* Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more: death shall no more have dominion over Him. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 16. 5-14*

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: I go to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you: but if I go I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me; and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself: but what things soever He shall hear He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me: because He shall receive of Mine and shall show it to you.

Kyriale: Mass I, Credo I

Communion: Ave Maria by Witt

Recessional: O Purest of Creatures (426)

OFFERTORY *Psalm 65. 1-2, 16*

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, and I will tell you, all ye that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

SECRET

O God, who by the sacred intercourse of this sacrifice hast made us partakers of the one supreme divine nature: grant, we beseech Thee, that as we know Thy truth, so we may follow it by a worthy life. Through our Lord.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously especially in this season when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath 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 the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying

COMMUNION *John 16. 8*

When the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Assist us, O Lord our God, that by these gifts which we have received in faith, we may be purified from vice and delivered from all dangers. Through our Lord.

