



### St John Southworth's RC Parish

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## 4th Sunday of Easter



11th May 2025

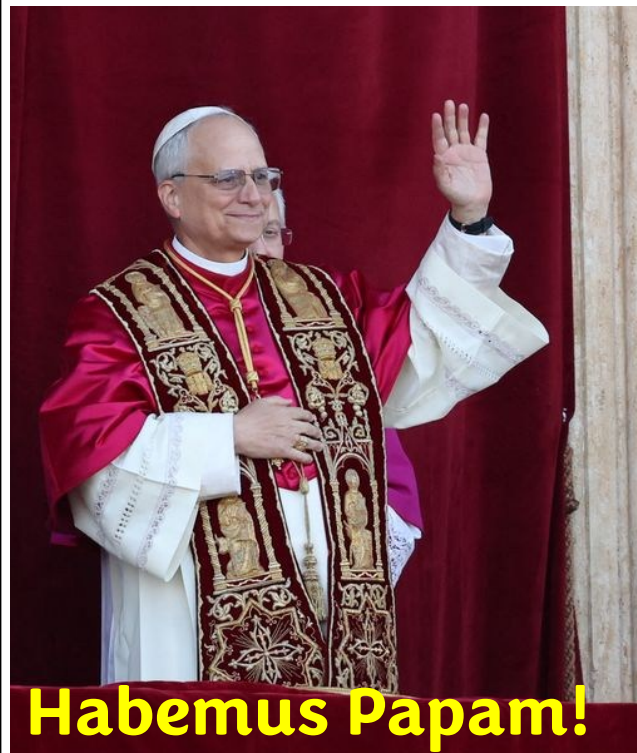


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# Habemus Papam!

On Thursday, 8th May, Robert Prevost was elected to be our Pope, taking the name of Pope Leo XIV.

We thank God who has surprised us once again by choosing for us, for the first time in history, an American Pope.

Pope Leo XIV is a member of the Augustinian Order who has served the Church as a missionary priest working in Peru where he was made bishop of Chiclayo from 2015—2023.

In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as a cardinal with responsibility for advising on appointments of bishops across the world.

In every Mass from today we will pray God's blessing on our new Pope as he takes up the heavy burden of leadership of the Catholic church.

## All Souls Cemetery

The team of volunteers at All Souls Catholic Cemetery have started their annual grass cutting, tree pruning, and bringing some of the older neglected graves back to their original status!

If you would like to participate in this most worthwhile work at the service of the Catholic parishes, and of the local community then any contribution you are able to make would be much appreciated.



Please talk to Joe Winkley or Ian Dempsey who can give you more details of how to be involved.

## CONFIRMATION 2025

On July 1st, Bishop John will be visiting St Mary's, Burnley to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates must be in Year 8 or above and have made their first Holy Communion.

Confirmation is conferred on those who are wanting to make a new step of commitment to Jesus and his Church and recognise that they need the gift of the Holy Spirit in order to make progress on this road.

Our joint programme of preparation with the parish of the Good Shepherd will begin at the end of this month, so all application forms need to be in this week before the cut off on Friday 16th May. Just speak to me, or email me, if you have any questions

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 12th May

Monday 12th May	Tuesday 13th May	Wednesday 14th May	Thursday 15th May	Friday 16th May	Saturday 17th May	Sunday 18th May
Rosary H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am No exposition	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Baptism	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 11th May	Luke	David
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 18th May	Monica	Joan

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Barbara H & Mary M

**H.S.** - Lisa S, Joanne T

### Eucharistic Ministry 2nd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)

Roger Lee	Barbara Martin
George Winkley	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon



### May is the Month of Mary!

On Monday evenings during May, the Rosary will be recited at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm.  
Is this something the Lord is calling you to?

### MASS INTENTIONS

Zeke Parks, died recently.  
Andrew & Marie Cave, sick.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 14th Maurice Harrison (1961)  
May 15th James Rossall (1996)  
Sean A Yates (2004)



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*  
AMEN

### BAPTISMS

Next Saturday, we will celebrate the baptism of Toby Taylor, son of Lee and Charlotte Taylor.

On Sunday, we baptise Phanuella, Immaculate, and Diandra who are the three daughters of Emmanuel and Emmanuella Dwamena (Emmanuel is one of our parish readers at Christ Church).

May these families always know the love God, and may the children find happiness as friends of Jesus.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Antonio Parente  
£10.00 Fr Gerard  
£10.00 Joe Winkley  
£10.00 Marie Clark



£106.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

4th May: £198.40  
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w  
Many thanks!

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next Sacramental Programme meeting takes place this coming Tuesday at 6.00pm at Christ Church.

### JOINT COUNCIL

The next Joint Council meeting will be at Christ Church on Monday 12th May at 7.00pm

**Community Lunch** Tuesday 13th May at 12 noon, £4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.

**Knights of St Columba:** Meeting this Tuesday 13th May at 8.00pm at the club on Forest St. For men seeking fellowship and a ministry of serving those in need.

