



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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6th Sunday of Easter



25th May 2025



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Confirmations

Due to such a good response to the call for candidates for Confirmation to come forward, we are moving the venue for our preparation meetings from Sacred Heart to Christ Church.

We now have 38 candidates who are under eighteen, and 7 candidate who are 18+.

Because of our large numbers, the Bishop has agreed to make a special trip to Sacred Heart church in Colne where our Confirmations will now take place on Monday 7th July at 7.00pm.

The first preparation meeting for the under eighteens will take place this coming Tuesday, 27th May, at 6.00pm at Christ Church.

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

First Holy Communions



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates who have now completed their preparation sessions. Over the next two weeks they will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at our Sunday Masses where the first few rows in church will be reserved for the children and their families.

An Update from Sarah and Trevor



Alzheimer's Society

Hello everyone,
We're absolutely delighted to share that last Sunday's retiring collections raised an incredible **£1,170.70** for the Alzheimer's Society. The retiring collections were made in loving memory of Liz Stone and Ann Mullarkey, as part of supporting Liz Stone's family in their upcoming 26-mile sponsored walk.

Thank you SO much for your generosity and kindness!

Date for the Diary

Our parish trip to the sea-side this year will take place on Saturday 12th July when we will be going to Morecambe.

Further details will be issued nearer the time.



Ascension Thursday

This Thursday, 29th May, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, the day on which the risen Jesus ascended to the Father. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we begin a novena of pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit whose arrival we celebrate ten days later on the Feast of Pentecost.

Parish Retreat Days

Ladies: Saturday 28th June at St Mary's Catholic Church, Sabden. Led by Sr Nuala Docherty, a religious sister from Rochdale who has spent over twenty years working in Equador.

Men: Saturday 4th October at St Chad's Church, Whittle-le-Woods. Led by Fr Kevin McLoughlin, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.


Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 26th May

Monday 26th May	Tuesday 27th May	Wednesday 28th May	ASCENSION THURSDAY 29th May	Friday 30th May	Saturday 31st May	Sunday 1st June
Rosary H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Vigil Mass for the Ascension H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am Exposition	Mass C.C. 10.00am	No Mass	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 25th May	Margaret Borman	George Winkley
Next Sunday: 1st June	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham

Children's Church: C.C. - Linda & Bridgette H.S. - Sarah K, Suzanne K and Gift Team

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Monica McArdle	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih



May is the Month of Mary!

LAST CHANCE THIS MONDAY!


On Monday evenings during May, the Rosary will be recited at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Christopher Quinn, died recently.
 Mary Ashe, RIP.
 Zeke Parks, RIP
 McGuinness Family, anniv, 26th May.
 Mary Casson, anniv, 28th May (2023).
 Barbara Cave, special intentions.
 The Holy Souls.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 25th James Jennings ((2001)
 May 26th Mildred Watson 2007)
 May 27th Barbara Burnett (2020)
 May 28th Colin Starkie 2013)
 May 30th Claude Rushton (1974)
 May 31st Grace Langstroth (2009)
 Matthew Holgate (2008)



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


Standing Order Donations

If you would like to contribute to the parish by standing order, or amend a current standing order, then our parish bank details are as follows:
 Account: Salford Diocesan Trustees
 Sort Code: 20-55-34
 Account number: 10878510

Standing Order forms and Giftaid declaration forms are available at the back of church.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Bernadette Turner
 £10.00 Terry Pollard
 £10.00 Gary Dewhurst
 £10.00 Barbara Martin



£92.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

CHURCH COLLECTION

18th May: £320.40
 Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
 Many thanks!






Half-term Holiday

We pray that the children will have a safe half-term holiday!