



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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7th Sunday of Easter



17th May 2026



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During the Church's year, we have three periods of time which we set aside for waiting, watching, and praying. The first such period is that of Advent, as we await for God to fulfil his Old Testament promise to send his Messiah into the world.

The season of Lent is a second period of time when the Church asks us to turn away from some of the preoccupations of life in order to come to a deeper realisation that we all need a Saviour. In his entry into death, and in his rising to new life, Jesus overcomes death and sin and awakens us to the promise of new and eternal life.

The astonishing gift of faith allows us to tune into the living presence of the Risen Lord in such a way that our own lives take on a new dimension. We are no longer earthbound in our understanding of who we are. Our lives are filled with new meaning and purpose—the purpose that God writes into the core of our being.

The third period of waiting is the period of time between the Ascension and Pentecost. We are waiting for the Advocate—the Holy Spirit. During this period of time, we are invited to spend some time watching, and praying.... we are expecting, anticipating, and hoping that the Holy Spirit will become a life-transforming power for us. We don't know quite what the coming of the Holy Spirit will bring to us... will he come to us as water, or as fire, or as wind? These mysterious symbols of the Holy Spirit can serve only to prepare us to expect the unexpected!

The invocation, 'Come, Holy Spirit', when spoken from the heart, is a prayer which is the key to the wonder and excitement of the Christian life. We cannot discover or fulfil our divine vocation without the One who reveals these things to us, and then empowers us to rise up and take on a new identity as disciples of Jesus.

Let us be generous in our prayer that our hearts, which are so easily desensitised by the world, may be made ever more responsive to His dynamic presence. 'Come, Holy Spirit'.

Fr Gerard (on mission in Aberdeen!)

Home-Baking CAKE SALE



*This will take place at both churches on **Pentecost Sunday***

***24th May.** Cakes, tarts, biscuits and all suchlike goodies will be*

gratefully received. Just leave them in the kitchen before Mass. Proceeds will go towards the coach trip to Southport on Sat, 4th July. We want to keep the price down to £10 for adults and FREE for children.

If you would like to make an extra donation, just put money in one of the brown envelopes and mark it 'coach trip'. Many thanks!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 18th May 2026

Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th May	Wednesday 20th May	Thursday 21st May	Friday 22nd May	Saturday 23rd May	Pentecost Sunday 24th May
NO MASS	Eucharistic Service C.C. 10.00am	Eucharistic Service H.S 7.00pm	Eucharistic Service 10.00am C.C. Exposition	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 17th May	Margaret Needham	Margaret Borman
Next Sunday: 24th May	George Winkley	Sarah Ellison

Children's Church: C.C. Barbara H and Linda G **H.S** David A, Venus G / Catherine M, Irene B,

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Dawid Zycinski	Marian Reilly
Joe Gibbons	Lisa Stinchon
Tyrone Mclaughlin	Marcin Zycinski
Helen Keating	James Hargreaves
Linda Goddard	Liz Variyam

MASS INTENTIONS

Alec Holt, anniv, 22nd May (2020)
Holly Morgan, b'day anniv.


POUND DRAW

£10.00 Bernadette Whitaker
£10.00 Marie Clark
£10.00 Barbara Quinn
£10.00 Steve Wignall

£93.00 towards Parish Funds
Many thanks for your participation and support!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 18th Maurice Harrison (1961)
May 19th James Rossall (1996)
 Shannon Anthony Yates (2004)
May 20th Rev Bernard Heseltine (1978)
May 21st Leonard Redfern (1961)
May 22nd Alexander Holt (2020)
May 23rd William Variyam (1980)



*May the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace!*

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £765 p/w
10th May 2026: £223.80
Many thanks!

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants and their families as they celebrate their special day with the parish.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

On the evenings of the month of May, we will pray the Rosary at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

The piety stalls are open at the end of our Sunday Masses.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus, you send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.
May your Breath of Life bring us forgiveness and freedom from sin.
May your Spirit of Love lead us into new depths of relationship with you and with one another.
May your Church, gifted with signs and wonders, be empowered to bring your Good News to our world.
AMEN

Welcome to Fr Jude Harrison!

Fr Jude Harrison, who recently retired from St Joseph's Blackburn, will be covering the Sunday Masses this weekend.
Many thanks, Fr Jude!