

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Priest Training Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**Pentecost Sunday 5th June:** We shall have our inter-cultural mass at 11.30am that celebrates the richness of our cultural diversity. We aim to have element of every culture reflected in the mass. e.g. a word of welcome from a representative of some language groups in the parish at the beginning of the mass, as always the second reading will be in Gaelic, Irish (an English translation will be provided), the Duo (Jasmine & Iwona) and the Seraphs (11.30am) choir will be singing. The bidding prayers will be rendered in different languages. Offertory procession as done by many of our parish communities. The mass will be followed by a mini celebration in the parish car park with some of our usual features. Parishioners are encouraged to bring in diverse cultural dishes for sharing. Please kindly speak with the parish office for any further clarifications.

• **Planning:** We need hands for the many logistics including cleaning and setting up of **both the church and the Parish Car park**, serving food and drinks, and tidying up at the end. Please speak to Joe Ogbonna 07947643252 or the Parish Office. The preparatory meeting for this event will be held at 7pm on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May while the rehearsals will be held on Thursday the 2nd of June.

All who have ideas to share are invited at these meetings.

**Fr Aodh's Memorial Mass** will be held on Saturday the **28th of May at 2pm** here in our parish. May his soul and the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

**First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates:** May 15th, 29th, June 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 11.30am Celebration of First Holy Communion.**


**GAP Year Volunteering With JUST YOUTH.** Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on [www.justyouth.co.uk](http://www.justyouth.co.uk) to apply". Just Youth is a spiritan organization based in Salford diocese in Manchester that works with young people in schools and in the parishes. They are engaged in an exciting ministry that helps in shaping the lives of young people in the community. Each year, they have a couple of other young people who are looking for new and exciting experiences for a GAP year. They do this sharing in the life and charism of the spiritans by living in a multi cultural spiritan community based in Salford.

**Christian Stewardship:** (8th May 2022) **Envelopes:** £151 **Loose:** £335.37 **Contactless:** £73.75 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

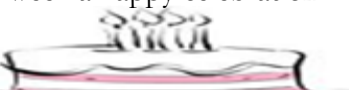
## May Diary

Tuesday 17th 7pm: **Pentecost Volunteers Meeting. All are welcomed to attend.**  
 Thursday 19th 7.15pm: **Parish Finance Committee Meeting** in the Meeting room.  
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**  
 Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**  
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**  
 8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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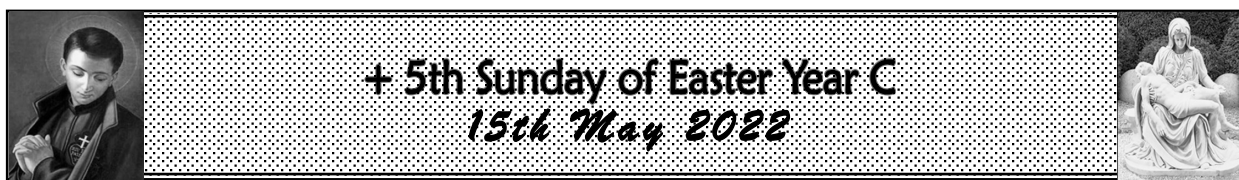
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



**Food for Thought**  
 When Edward Everett Hale was Chaplain of the American Senate, someone asked him, Do you pray for the senators, Dr. Hale? He replied, No, I look at the senators and I pray for my country.



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We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

**Reflection for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter year C**  
 On the fifth Sunday of Easter, gradually Christ approaches his Ascension into heaven. Hence, He promised us a place with him in his kingdom if we persevere in our faith and in love with one another. In today's gospel, Christ gives us a new commandment that will help us to overcome this world. He says: "I give you a new commandment, love one another; you must love one another..." Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love. In times of trials and persecutions, love is the greatest virtue that sustains every Christian community. The early Christian community understood this very well. They obeyed Christ's command and were successful in their missions. So their admirers commented thus: "See how they love one another" Any Christian community or family that is united in love will never lose its focus or faith in God. This is the love that Paul described in chapter thirteen of his first letter to the Corinthian Christian community. This love cares, it does not exploit the other, it endures and forgives, and it empathizes and sympathizes with the other. This love may be blind, but it still remains very prudent, sensible, reasonable and godly. Finally, the love that Christ talks about here is an identification mark. Hence He says: "...By this love everyone will know that you are my disciples." In other words, it is what defines us as true disciple of Christ. Only those who love sincerely can enter the New Jerusalem that the risen Christ promised his people. This love is a mark of the newness of life that Christ brings to all his people this Easter season

**Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st May 2022**  
**Sat 14th 6:30pm:** Michael O'Neill, Donald Murphy (RIP), Sarah Connelly (INT)  
**Sun 15th 9:00am:** Uche Obi Amaliwu, Vinny Magee (RIP), Amy, Precious, Sarah, Thresiamma Mani, Fr Vincent Waiga (INT)  
**11.30am:** Fr. Kevin McDevitt, Fr Aodh, Peg Murphy, Dylan & Shane Hegarty, Collette Dewulf (RIP), Joe Brickley, Mary Slattery (ANN), For grand & great grand children of Alice Nwokeji, Maryanne Hayes, Mary Sandy, Marie, Thanksgiving, Evang. Ebuka Obi, Sara Tesfazgi, Rose Laurette Ogbuka (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Stella Anakor, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, All GCSE & A LEVEL examination students  
**Mon 16th: 10:00am:** Anne Bolger (RIP), Alan Ross (INT)  
**Tue 17th 10:00am: Funeral Mass For Ellen Murphy**  
**Wed 18th St John I 10:00am:** Veronica Crawley (Get well), Derek Winskill Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)  
**Thur 19th 10:00am:** Philip Thomson (RIP), Margaret & Patrick Reaney (ANN)  
**Fri 20th St Bernadine of Siena 10:00am:** Tony Mackey (RIP), Precious Udoh 18th birthday, Fr Ben Baka, Marcus D'Mello (INT)  
**Sat 21st St Christopher Magallanes 10:00am:** Denis O'Gorman (ANN)

**Please Pray For:** Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikukwa, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**  
**Parish Priests:** Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp  
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald  
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**Pastorals/Devotions:** Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am  
**Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm  
**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us; that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

**R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; Your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just I have loved you'.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**R.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Mullett	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

## The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,

We bless You,

We adore you,

We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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