

## Community Focus

### Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.

Monday on zoom at 10.30am

Tuesday after 9.00am Holy Mass

Wednesday 6.00pm before 6.30pm Holy Mass

Friday after 9.00am Holy Mass

Saturday 10am before 10.30 Holy Mass



Some of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this special time and in the future.

### FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Coffee, Cordial, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Pudding, Tinned Corned Beef, Tinned Spaghetti. Thank you for your continued support.

### Community Lunch

The next community lunch is after the midday mass Monday May 18th. Please sign the list at the back of church Due to the popularity of the lunches, we are having to limit the places on the list to 30. If the 30 places have been taken, then there will be a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Priority will also be given in Mat to those on the waiting list who did not get a place in April. Many thanks for your cooperation Anne and Sarah.

**If we are to continue this very important event then Urgent help is needed from SEPTEMBER. This is such a blessing for all our parish but especially for those who find it difficult to find opportunities to socialise during the week.**

**Sarah is happy to continue making the main course but we need someone to take over from Anne Sturman, who has served us very well for so long in organising this monthly event. Please contact the parish if you are able to help.**

### Society of St Vincent de Paul

If you are aware of anyone in the parish who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home or just a friendly visit, please contact a member of The SVP or telephone the Presbytery on 01606 832359

May is the Month of  
The Holy Rosary  
A Marian Procession  
Sunday 16th May at 5.30pm prior to  
6.30pm Holy Mass

It would be great to see as many  
as possible come to Honour Our  
Blessed Mother on this wonderful  
occasion.



A Novena Prayer for 9 days leading to  
Pentecost Sunday 24th May

Renew your wonders in this our day  
as by a new Pentecost.

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your  
people and grant us a new vision of your  
glory,

a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us  
and your Kingdom come:  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We welcome into our Parish Family  
Niah Eloise McEnaney  
who will be Baptised this Sunday  
Please keep the family in your prayers.

### HOUSE BLESSINGS

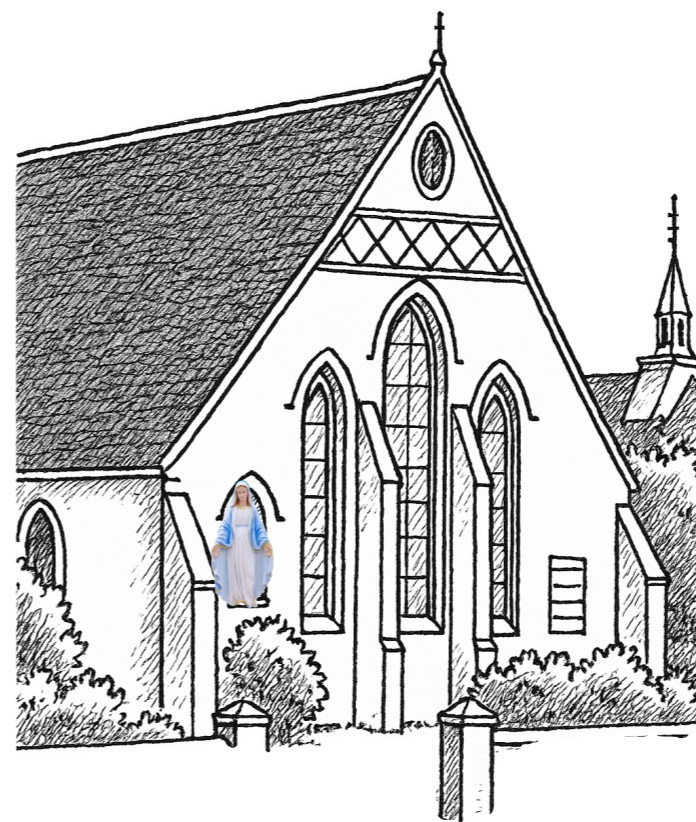
If you would like Fr Vijay to come and Bless your home  
please

email the Parish Office with your Name, address  
and telephone contact number.

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## NEWSLETTER

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10th May 2026. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reassures His disciples that even though He will no longer walk with them in the same way, they will never be left alone. He promises the coming of the Spirit of truth, the Advocate, who will dwell within them and guide them. It is a reminder that God's presence is not distant or occasional but intimate, steady, and deeply personal.

As we move through the Easter season, this promise speaks to our own lives. Whenever we feel uncertain, weary, or stretched thin, the Holy Spirit is already at work—strengthening, comforting, and gently nudging us toward what is good. Jesus invites us to show our love for Him not only in words but in the daily choices that reflect His compassion, patience, and mercy.

Saturday Eucharistic Adoration 11.15 - 12.15pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

### Key Contacts

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Office Hours: Monday 9.30 - 11.30 Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30 Friday 9.30 - 12.00

**CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.**

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

**Parish Finance Group**

March Income: £8637.87  
March Outgoings £12219.14

**DIGITAL GIVING**

To help support the life of our parish, we are introducing a new digital system which will allow parishioners and visitors to donate through a new device located at the back of Church. The system is easy to use - select the amount you wish to donate, tap your card or smartphone and your donation is made, simply, quickly and securely.

The machine will be installed in the next couple of weeks at the back of St Mary's.

**The new system is OPTIONAL and is not a replacement for the current system of giving. All parishioners are welcome and able to continue to give through standing orders or envelope collections which are gratefully received.**



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th-16th MAY 2026**

Christian Aid is focusing on supporting families facing the daily stress of food insecurity in Nairobi. In crowded and noisy settlements, parents wake up knowing they must earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. With tools, seeds and training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, families can grow nutritious vegetables in small city spaces and grow hope for the future. Every pound we raise can help supporting community-led projects that strengthen food security and incomes. On Sunday May 10th there will be a United Service for Christian Aid at St Lukes Church, Holmes Chapel at 10.30am. A representative from Christian Aid North West will be speaking about its work during the service, all are welcome!

Envelopes will be available in St Margaret's Sunday 10th May for your donations. Alternatively please use the On-Line Platform specifically for Christian Aid Week found by using this link online: <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/holmes-chapel-group>

**The Parish Garden Team**

Thank you for the very genius gift of £100 from the ladies of the flower team towards the upkeep of the gardens at St Mary's Church. The money has been well spent on bark mulch and some perennial plants.  
*The Garden Team*



**OUR MISSION TOGETHER**

We have remaining funds from the Diocesan Mission Together that took place a few years ago. We would like to use these funds towards the maintenance and upkeep of our Church buildings. Please let us know if you would prefer it to be used for any other purpose.

**What's on in the Parish Centre this week**

Day	Activity	Time
Thursday	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Friday	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Sunday	SVP	10.10am

Sat 9/5	10.30am	Holy Mass <i>Margaret, Jim &amp; John Strong RIP</i>
Sat 9/5	6.30pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Louise Turnbull RIP (Anniv)</i>
Sun 10/5	9.00am	<b>(St Margarets)</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 10/5	11:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Celebration <b>First Holy Communions</b></i> <i>Presentation prior to Baptism Maddison Lillian Anne Hough</i>
Sun 10/5	<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism Niah Eloise McEnaney
Mon 11/5	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for John Wells</b>
Tues 12/5	9.00am	Holy Mass Barry Eddleston RIP
Wed 13/5	6.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass of The Ascension of The Lord.</b> <i>Balaswamy Bhupathi (Anniv).</i> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Thurs 14/5	9.00am	<b>St Mary's Church</b> <b>The Ascension of The Lord</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Fri 15/5	9:00am	Holy Mass. <i>Caroline De Vere (1st Anniv)</i>
Fri 15/5	12.00pm	Wedding Ceremony Emily Stubbs & Cowen Hallwood
Sat 16/5	10.30am	Holy Mass <i>Vilma Holbrook (Special Intention)</i>
Sat 16/5	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Marian Procession</b>
Sat 16/5	6:30pm	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 17/5	9.00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Shackleton Family Int</i>
Sun 17/5	11:00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Celebration <b>First Holy Communions</b></i>
Sun 17/5	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Baptism Maddison Lillian Anne Hough</i>

**Anniversaries**

Annie Griffiths

Thomas McNeela

Graham Falkner

Monica Hulse

Michael O'Hare

Veronica Kavanagh

Terry Hopton

John Cregg

James King

George Edward Fisher

**Anniversaries**

Sandra Flynn

Margaret Jordan

John Spilsbury

Audrey Buddle

Fred Trim

Derek Whittaker

Mary Basford

Christopher Fear

Margaret Morris

Tom O'Connor

**Anniversaries**

John Hough

Caroline Anna-Maria De Vere

Emilia Anna Killinger

Ann Richards

Philip Gregory

James Moore

Rose Campbell

Rev Fred Robinson

Rev Thomas Morton

Rev John Murphy



*Please pray for those who have died recently: Especially Mary Oakes, John Wells & Barry Eddleston & Thomas Widd*  
*Also those who are sick at home and in hospital especially: Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Catherine McIntosh, Margaret Scarlett, Molly Hamblett & John Brazier*

**A big thank you to The O'Keefe Family for sponsoring our Newsletter during May.**