

## Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9 am	<u>Fifth Sunday Easter</u>	Geoff Morley (2 <sup>nd</sup> A)	Holy Family
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am	<u>Fifth Sunday Easter</u>	Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May		Weekday of Easter	-----	The Church is closed
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9 am	Weekday of Easter		Our Lady V
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9 am	Weekday of Easter	Dee Keely	Our Lady V
	4.30 pm		Reception of Visuca's body	
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30 am	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	Maria de la Visitacion (Visuca) Hopley RIP	Our Lady V
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9 am	Weekday of Easter		Our Lady V
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon	<b>Mary, Help of Christians</b>	S.I. Santiago Scriffignano	Our Lady V
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9 am	<u>Sixth Sunday Easter</u>	Tony Billington RIP Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am	<u>Sixth Sunday Easter</u>	Mary Halligan (LD)	Our Lady V

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions:** Tue 9.30am to 10am and Sat 11am to 12

**Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion:** Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

**Baptisms, Weddings:** by appointments.

**Wednesday Club:** / **Tuesday Nursery:** You are welcome!

**We pray for all who are sick and elderly:** Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Terry Mottram, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift.

**We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time:** Joseph Rafferty, William V. Ross, Jim O'Rourke, Maria Gandy, Jim Pinnington, Joe Newton, Mary Reilly.

**We pray for those who have passed away recently:** Maria de la Visitacion (Visuca) Hopley, Pope Francis.

### Home visits with Holy Communion:

<u>Eucharistic Minister:</u>	<u>Visiting:</u>
Paul	Mary Cartwright, Betty Costello, Anne Viz.
Mike	Peter Sales, Stuart Munro.
Adrian	Marie Tyrer.



### The Parishes of Holy Family Ince Blundell

#### Our Lady of Victories, Hightown

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### HE TOUCHED ME

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,  
And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him,  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,  
And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole.



### The Healing Power of Love and Forgiveness



My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the  
**strength**  
of my heart  
and my portion  
forever.

PSALM 73:26



## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading:

**John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love.** This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. ***It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another.*** This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: ***"See how they love one another."*** Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

**The love that heals: It's our love for others that keeps the great love of Jesus for people visible in our world today.** An American journalist, watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' Mother Teresa replied: 'Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.' Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

**Love always demands the best from us, and brings out the best in us.** Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

**Love is giving of self, and has power to heal ourselves and others.** To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. Resentful people will never move forward and are incapable of love, that's why they will never heal. ***To decide to love is choice and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There's really no other way.*** So Jesus insists, very strongly: ***'Love one another, as I have loved you.'***

*May Our Parish Communities be always a place where love and forgiveness bring out the best of all of us.*

*Father Sergio, Parish Priest* - based on Jesuit Loyola Press; ACP Ireland

**The Website for the 3 Communities has been updated.** Our lady of Victories Parish Church, Holy Family Parish Church and the Spanish Speaking Community in the Archdiocese of Liverpool have the Website updated every week, where you can find the weekly newsletter of the two Parishes and the monthly newsletter of the Spanish Speaking Community in the Archdiocese. **Thank you, Fr Edson** -from the Mill Hill Missionaries in Freshfield- **for your help!**

## The Word of God for this Sunday:

### First reading: Acts 14:21b-27

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

### The word of the Lord

### Second reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

### The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

### Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.'

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App - NewLectionary

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145(144)

***R:/I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.***

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures. ***R:/***

All your works shall thank you, O LORD, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds. ***R:/***

To make known your might to the whole human race, and the glorious splendour of your reign. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your rule endures for all generations. ***R:/***

### I believe in one 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.

**Pope Leo XIV pays a visit to the Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel in Genazzano, just outside Rome, saying he "wanted so much to come here in these first days of the new Ministry ... that the Church has entrusted to me."**

