

Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



| DATE | TIME | DEDICATION | INTENTION | CHURCH |
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| Sun 25 th May | 9 am | <u>Sixth Sunday Easter</u> | Tony Billington RIP Parishioners | Holy Family |
| Sun 25 th May | 11.15 am | <u>Sixth Sunday Easter</u> | Mary Halligan (LD) | Our Lady V |
| Mon 26 th May | | St. Philip Neri | ----- | The Church is closed |
| Tue 27 th May | 9 am | St Augustine of C. | Joseph Kershaw (LD) | Our Lady V |
| Wed 28 th May | 9 am | Weekday of Easter | Margaret Stockley (LD) | Our Lady V |
| Thu 29 th May | 9 am | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord | Mark Kelly (A) | Our Lady V |
| Fri 30 th May | 9 am | Weekday of Easter | | Our Lady V |
| Sat 31 st May | 12 noon | Visitation BVM | Sl: Enrique & Family | Our Lady V |
| Sun 1 st June | 9 am | <u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> | Brenda Sturmeay (A) Parishioners | Holy Family |
| Sun 1 st June | 11.15 am | <u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> | Sl. Cintia (Birthday) | Our Lady V |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; 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!

On Sunday 1st June: Special Collection for World Communication Day (Mandatory)

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: Joe Newton, Mary Reilly, Teresa Shaw, Julie McCoy, Mark Kelly, Teresa Bricklebank, Brenda Sturmeay.

We pray for those who have passed away recently: Joseph Kershaw RIP: Requiem Mass at OLOV on 20th June at 10 am

Home visits with Holy Communion:

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



The Parishes of Holy Family Ince Blundell

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter:
25th May 2025**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12



"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14, 25-26)

**God is all that is good,
and God made all that is made,
and God loves every part of it.
If you love all people
because of God's love,
then you love**

**each created thing,
because you love the creator.
For God is in every person,
and every person is in God.
If you love in this way, you love all.**

Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

The Parish Priest's Homily: Reflection on this Sunday Gospel



This is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse in John where He speaks about his departure, and in that context how he will remain present to his community. He has offered two gifts to the church: **the Holy Spirit and peace**: **The Spirit** is the one who continues the teaching of Jesus by keeping it in the memory of his disciples and does not introduce a new or additional teaching. **Peace** is the gift that enables us to remain in love with each other and with the Father. John uses the word Advocate or Paraclete to describe the Holy Spirit and he reminds us how the Holy Spirit works in a two-fold way: the Holy Spirit is our **"advocate"** -He is with us to defend and protect us-, and he is our **teacher**, who brings to light all that Jesus has said, leading us to a full understanding of Jesus' words as a constant reminder.

This Gospel Reading is appropriate now as we draw near to the **Feast of Pentecost** and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of the text, we find a favourite theme of John which is that of God dwelling in the disciple, making his home within each one. Making a home is a big opportunity of love for a husband, a wife and a family. They try to make it their own. It is the same with Jesus: He makes a home for himself and the father in our hearts. He asks for a loving and welcoming heart. To make a home is a work of love: Jesus' making of a home in us comes through our growth in love. Home is a place of help. We look out for each other, and the happy home is where each cares for the other. St Ignatius used to say every day, 'Whom can I help today?' This is God helping through you, and it is God finding us and each other in love. God has chosen to live in the heart of the believer.

"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them" (Jn. 14:23). We will never be unwelcome guests in the household of God. God calls us to abide in him. We are to make time and space now to welcome Jesus in his relationship to the Father and the Spirit into our lives. Welcoming Jesus to abide in us as we abide in him is "the primary and preferred way John describes discipleship" and it is the "primary and preferred" priority of our lives.

We are to welcome other people to abide in our lives and homes in the guest rooms, the spaces that Jesus inspires and empowers us to provide. Our lives may contain disappointments and people may let us down, but we can pledge not to leave God alone in an empty house that God has prepared for our abiding. **"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them"** (Jn. 14:23).

Father Sergio, Parish Priest

The Word of God for this Sunday:

First reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67(66):

R:/ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

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.

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary

PASTORAL FORMATION IN OUR DEANERY: FAITH IN THE FAMILY aims to explore ways to resource parishes to accompany parents as they bring up their children and hand on the faith to them: Facilitated by Archie Cameron & John Sullivan, Holy Family Church Hall: 1, Brompton Rd, Southport, PR8 6AS, **Saturday 5th July 2025, 10:00 – 13:00**