



Time & Intentions for Sundays And Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 17 th May	9 am	7 th Sun. of Easter	Ursula Parker (LD) John Sturmey (A)	Holy Family
Sun 17 th May	11.15 am	7 th Sun. of Easter	Ursula Parker (LD) Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 18 th May				The church is closed
Tue 19 th May	9 am	Weekday of Eastertime	Zyta & Stanislaw (A) Mary & Francis (A)	Our Lady V
Wed 20 th May	9 am	Weekday of Eastertime	Assigned from other Church	Our Lady V
Thu 21 st May	9 am	Weekday of Eastertime	Assigned from other Church	Our Lady V
Fri 22 nd May	9 am	St Rita of Cascia	Assigned from other Church	Our Lady V
Sat 23 rd May	12 noon	Mary on Saturday	Assigned from other Church	Our Lady V
Sun 24 th May	9 am	Pentecost	Edith Mowby (LD) Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 24 th May	11.15 am	Pentecost	Mike Kennan (LD)	Our Lady V

This Sunday: Special Collection for World Communication Day

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: You are welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly: Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, 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, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, John & Jen Foley.

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

We pray for those who have died:



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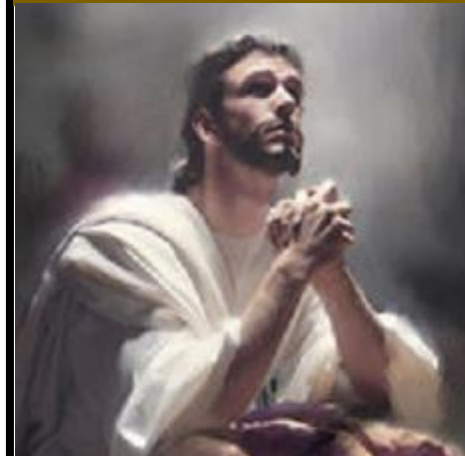
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Seventh Sunday of Easter (A): 17th May 2026



JESUS LOOKED UP TO
HEAVEN AND SAID,
“FATHER, THE TIME IS HERE.
GIVE YOUR SON GLORY
SO THAT YOUR SON
CAN GIVE YOU GLORY.”

First Reading: Act. 1:12-14: After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the apostles return to Jerusalem and gather in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1,4,7-8: The Lord is our salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16: If you suffer for Christ, you will be blessed.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a: Jesus prays for his disciples.

Homily based on the Gospel Reading for today:

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

From Fr Sergio's Desk



MAY CROWNING:

This Sunday we will crown our Lady as Queen of May:

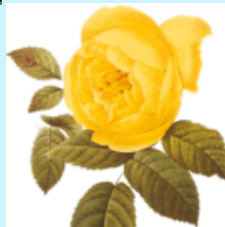
Bring flow'rs of the fairest, Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling, Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending, In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary Life's journey would be.

O Virgin most tender, Our homage we render,
Thy love and protection, Sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us, In sorrow befriend us,
And shield our hearts From contagion and sin.

Of Mothers the dearest, Oh, wilt thou be nearest,
When life with temptation is darkly replete?
Forsake us, O never! Our hearts be they ever
As Pure as the lilies We lay at thy feet.

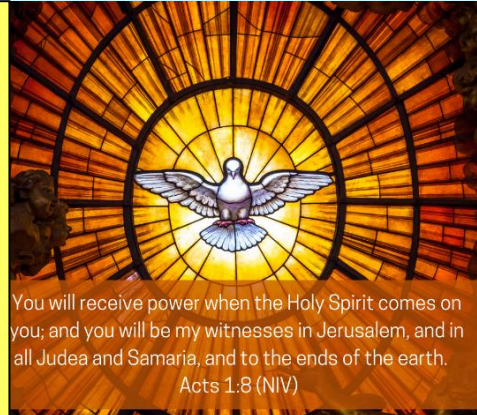


Robena of Pentecost:

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 by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen



'Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit.'

The Newman Association is hosting a talk by Archbishop John Sherrington on Thursday 21st May at 7.30 pm in St Helen's Parish Centre in Crosby. The topic is the question of assisted dying, and the title is 'Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit.' Doors open and refreshments from 7.10 pm. Please display the attached poster in your parish churches.

Prayer for Peace of Pope Saint John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR THE 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER + CYCLE A

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying. Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App - New Lectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27(26)

R:/I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? **R:/**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to enquire at his temple. **R:/**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.' **R:/**

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD.

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pope Leo's Message for World Communications Day 2026: In his message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity.

News media should foster peace and disarm words: Pope Leo XIV held an audience with media professionals who were in Rome to report on the death of Pope Francis and conclave to discuss communications from a Church perspective.

Prayers focusing on communications: We seek the wisdom that was present before all things (Sirach 1:4) to help us put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication.

