



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
*'More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of
both men and women.'* 5:12-16
Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by
the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the
Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people
held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added
to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even
carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats,
that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of
them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem,
bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they
were all healed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118(117)

**Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.**

or: Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R.**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation.
'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.' 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom
and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, on the island called Patmos on
account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice
like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the
seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I
saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like
a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his
chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his
right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the
living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys
of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those
that are and those that are to take place after this.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

'Eight days later, Jesus came.' 20:19-31
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being
locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood
among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his side, Then the disciples were glad when
they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you
forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold
forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them
when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the
Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the
nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand
into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with
them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them
and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do
not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my
God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus
did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not
written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have
life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 26 th	4.00 pm	Bridget Conneely (Anniversary)	27th April 2025: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) <u>FEASTS :</u> Monday St George Tuesday St Catherine of Siena Wednesday St Pius V, Pope Thursday St Joseph the Worker Friday St Athanasius Saturday SS Philip & James, Apostles Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am
Sun 27 th	10.30 am	Bridget & Donald O’Brien RIP	
Mon 28 th		NO MASS	
Tues 29 th	10.30 am	Joe Gerraghty RIP	
Wed 30 th	10.30 am	Helen Gannon (Get Well)	
Thurs 1 st	10.00 am	People of the Parish (with Holy Family School)	
Fri 2 nd	10.30 am 1.00 pm	John Smith RIP Maureen Carton (Requiem)	
Sat 3 rd	4.00 pm	Conchita Padustan Dela Cruz (Anniversary)	
Sun 4 th	10.30 am	Tom Claffey RIP	
Altar Lamp – Bridget & Donald O’Brien RIP Our Lady’s Lamp – Special Intention			

RECENTLY DEAD: Maureen Carton RIP. Requiem Mass on Friday, 2nd May at 1.00 pm.

Michael Foley RIP. Reception Thursday 1st May at 7.00 pm. Requiem Mass Friday 2nd May at 10.30 am at Corpus Christi Church.

Pauline Simons RIP. Reception into Church Wednesday 21st May, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 22nd May, 10.00 am.

Sandra Wale RIP. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 27th May at 11.15 am.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Fox, Michal Power, John Archbold, William Tone, Bridget Brady, Mary Jeanes, Rose Byrne, Henry O'Connor, Albert Tibbins, Hilda Shillingford, Mary Dunne, Mary Brady, Elizabeth Elliott, Harold Fowler, Joyce Galvin, John Fitzgibbon, Mary Gunning, Christian Anderson, Jane Bryent, Martha Kelleher, Bridget Madden, Alvaro De Mancellos, Andrew Foran, Gwen Smith, Vera Round, Catherine Walker, Kathleen Allen, John Perks.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Fr. Fretch and the Vocationist Fathers thank parishioners most sincerely for your generous Easter gifts.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2025: For working conditions: Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity and that society may be humanised.

THANK YOU: Collection for SIFA Fireside at the funeral of Tony McLoughlin RIP totalled £1,300.00. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE meeting on Saturday, 3rd May at 12.00 noon in the Presbytery. All women are welcome.

MULTICULTURAL MASS: Come and join us in our parish multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 8th of June. At this celebration, all are invited to wear a traditional dress if possible. Also, we will have a shared table after Mass in Holy Family School, and you are welcome to bring food, to be shared, that represents your country and culture. Please invite and bring your family and friends with you.

CONFIRMATION: Holy Family School pupils will be making their Confirmation on Sunday, 29th June, during 10.30 am Mass. If any members of our Parish have not been confirmed and are interested in receiving the sacrament, please contact Fr Fretch. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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