



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr A

2nd/3rd May 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 2 9.30am 10.15am 6pm	Dominic & Ese Dieseru (W/A) HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Power Family	T'GIVING INT INT
Sun 3 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Fernandes Family Anselmo Luis People of the Parish Achamma Alex	T'GIVING RIP INT RIP
Mon 4 10.00am	Stefania Wolanska (100th B'day Remembrance)	RIP
Tue 5 9.30am 7pm	Kellan Pereira (3rd B'day) Lodovico Carneiro (B'day)	T'GIVING T'GIVING
Wed 6 9.30am	Andrea Camelo (7th B'day)	T'GIVING
Thur 7 9.30am 11.00am	Rebecca Diaper (100th B'day) FUNERAL - ANDRES SANCHEZ	T'GIVING RIP
Fri 8 9.30am 7pm	David Hayes & Bernard Keaveney Patrick Galligan	RIP (A) RIP(A)
Sat 9 9.30am 11am 2pm 4pm 6pm	Flavia Pereira (B'day) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Mathew John Silveira	T'GIVING INT INT INT RIP (A)
Sun 10 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Minguel Monteiro & Piedade Costa Fernandes Family Lynette Harris People of the Parish	RIP T'GIVING RIP (1st A) INT

Santuario Lamp is lit for the intentions of Sr Monica Killeen

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm
Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am
Sacred Heart Devotion First Friday 10am
Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm; Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm
Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm; Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm

Dear Friends,

This time of the liturgical year, we are reminded of the essential role priests play as shepherds, guiding us toward Christ.

In our Gospel today, Jesus promises to be the way to the Father and, in our second reading, we are reminded that we are each called to be living stones, part of the spiritual house that Christ builds. These readings speak to the precious importance of vocations within the Church; vocations to marriage and family life, to the single life, and to priesthood and religious life. Without those answering God's call to the priesthood, the sustainability of access to the sacraments becomes a significant concern for parish communities. Here we realise a vital point. Priesthood is not simply a role, it is a transformed way of life and a joy—an authentic response to God's invitation to serve His people in this way, amidst the real challenges that any vocation can bring.

As we reflect on Good Shepherd Sunday, and for this next month ahead, we pray earnestly for an increase in vocations, knowing that the health of our Church depends on the relationship between a continuous call to the priesthood and a generous response. By nurturing and cultivating vocations—in our families, schools, work places, parishes—we help to realise that the life-giving sacraments of the Church remain accessible and adored. I encourage you to have these conversations with your families, friends and colleagues. Our prayer today is that more hearts will feel the call to priesthood; hearts called to shepherd future generations into the way, the truth and the life of the Lord Jesus in this beautiful vocation. If you feel something of a call to priesthood, please have the courage to speak with me, as shepherd of our parish and one of the diocesan vocations promoters—let's unpack what God is saying to you!

With my prayers and best wishes,
Father Mike

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thur: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm

Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Florian (250-304)

Feast: May 4, Patron of Firemen & soapmakers

"The true measure of a person's character is how they treat others, especially those in need."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The month of May is a special time in the Church, a time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary every day throughout this month. The Rosary is more like a walking tour through the Gospel. When you place all the mysteries side by side, one truth becomes unavoidable, the Rosary is a structured meditation on the life, mission, suffering, death, and glory of Christ, firmly rooted in Scripture. It is like praying and meditating the entire gospel, slowly.

Let us examine the Mysteries of the Rosary beginning with the Joyful and Luminous mysteries.

The Joyful Mysteries, a meditation on the Incarnation of Christ's coming into the World are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays. They are: **The Annunciation** – Luke 1:26–38 (the Word becomes flesh through Mary's "yes."), **The Visitation** – Luke 1:39–45 (Christ sanctifies even before birth), **The Nativity** – Luke 2:1–20 (God became man), **The Presentation in the Temple** – Luke 2:22–35 (Jesus is revealed as Light and Sign of contradiction), **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** – Luke 2:41–52 (the first recorded words of Christ spoken at age twelve when found in the Temple by His parents: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my father's house?").

Summarily, the Joyful Mysteries are literally the opening chapters of the Gospel.

The Luminous Mysteries, prayed on Thursday highlight Christ's mission or Public Ministry. They are: **The Baptism of the Lord** – Matthew 3:13–17 (the Trinity is revealed), **The Wedding at Cana** – John 2:1–11 (first miracle; "Do whatever He tells you."), **The Proclamation of the Kingdom** – Mark 1:14–15; Luke 4:18–19 (call to repentance and healing), **The Transfiguration** – Matthew 17:1–8 (Christ revealed in glory), **The Institution of the Eucharist** – Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 ("This is My Body").

Summarily, The Luminous Mysteries are the heart of Christ's mission and message.

We shall examine the Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries next.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY - On **Monday 4th May**, Mass will be at 10am with Morning Prayer at 9.40am.

MAY - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited Monday to Friday in Church after the 9.30am Mass and by the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday to Friday at 6.30pm and Saturday at 7pm.

MORNING CONFESSIONS (MAY) As we celebrate our four large parish First Holy Communion Masses in the coming weeks, **9th and 16th May**, it is with regret that we will have to cancel the morning confessions on those Saturdays. However, the 4pm confessions will continue and we will resume our usual schedule on 23rd May. Apologies for any inconvenience to you and please do keep the children and their families in your prayers at this important time of their faith journey.

THANK YOU, ASHLEY it was such a privilege to hear Ashley's vocation testimony last weekend, for which we thank him. Please do continue to ask him any questions you may have about vocation and keep him and all seminarians in your prayers.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION For those EMHCs who take Holy Communion to our sick brothers and sisters, we shall have our quarterly review meeting in the presbytery on **Monday 11th May**, immediately after the morning Mass.

ALMS GROUP (APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING) will be having their concert on **Monday 1st June** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Not to be missed.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD As mentioned last week, Archbishop Richard would like us to engage with weekly Holy Hours in prayerful support of vocations to the priesthood. The Holy Hours will take place at the following times and with the following themes: **Week One (2nd May, 10.15am)** Pray for men to be open to God's call to the priesthood. **Week Two (9th May, 4pm)** Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood. **Week Three (16th May, 4pm)** Pray for seminarians in their formation. **Week Four (23rd May, 10.15am)** Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese. Please do come along and offer your prayers.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND APPEAL Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting this essential appeal to assist the formation of men for the priesthood in our diocese. Last weekend we raise a magnificent £1,000.95, for which we thank you. If you wish to contribute to the Priest Training Fund, it will be open until Pentecost Sunday, please return envelopes in the collection or post them in the Parish Office, marked Priest Training Fund.

CONSIDERING PRIESTHOOD? Fr Mike has been one of the two Diocesan Vocation Promoters for the past 8 years and has accompanied many through the process of discerning a call to priesthood. If anyone in our wonderful parish has any questions about vocation or you would like to have an initial conversation about a call to priesthood, please do not hesitate to make contact with him. If you are younger than 18 years-of-age, then this request and continued communication must come from parents / guardians. Do not be afraid to respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd; He will only ever lead you to where He needs you to do Him some definite service.

RACE NIGHT – LOURDES FUNDRAISER The Race Night takes place next **Saturday, 9th May**, around 7-7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each, which includes entrance, food and soft drinks. This is an opportunity for us to come together socially, for good causes, so please don't miss the opportunity!

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35) If you are 18-35 years old and are seeking to meet with other young people, sharing faith, friendship and food, then please come along to one of our Friday evening group meetings, where you will be very welcome. This initiative was born a few weeks ago and already is proving to be a valued addition to the life of our parish. In the future, we hope to have varied events, including talks and activities, video evenings, specific faith-based discussion groups, etc. if you wish to know more about this, please speak with our seminarian, Ashley.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the soul of Andres Sanchez. His funeral takes place here on **Thursday 7th May at 11am**. May they rest in eternal peace.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED On Monday (being a Bank Holiday) and on Wednesday of this coming week the parish office will be closed. For emergencies, please call the parish telephone number on the top of this newsletter, choosing the options for the parish clergy, or send an email to feltham@rcdow.org.uk with the details attached. Please remember that if no one answers the door when you ring the bell or knock, then we are not available.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

25th-26th April Loose: £1,480.59, Envelopes: £361.80
Total: £1,842.39 Late Easter: £125.00

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