



# 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

## SCHEDULE

Sun 3rd	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	<b>Parish Community</b> 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 4th	<b>English Martyrs</b> 08:00 Mass	
Tue 5th	<b>Easter week 5</b> 09:15 Mass	
Wed	<b>Easter week 5</b>	—
Thu 7th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	<b>Easter week 5</b> 12:00 Mass	
	12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 8th	<b>Easter week 5</b> 09:15 Mass	
Sat 9th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	<b>Easter week 5</b> 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 10th	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	<b>Parish Community</b> 11:45 Refreshments	
	<b>Parish Leadership</b> 12:00 Meeting	

### PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY:

AGNUS DENNIS

#### OUR BRETHERN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY,  
JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN  
BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

## "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"

On Thursday I celebrated a Leavers' Mass for Year 11 at St Peter's High School. The pupils were understandably emotional in the presentation afterwards in which staff praised and thanked them, wished them well for the future and offered words of advice and encouragement. Farewells are "rites of passage" and an important part of life.

The Gospel reading today takes us back to the Last Supper and Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" to his disciples, in which he says many remarkable things. Unlike many other such discourses in the Bible, Jesus' gives a very specific assurance that he will be with us again. In fact he promises to return to his Father, prepare a place for us, and then come back to take us there.

He also speaks those very familiar words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." These words are worth pondering again. They might seem simple and obvious but they contain deep truths and realities.

In the Gospel last week, Jesus identified himself as both the "Good Shepherd" and the "door" to the sheepfold. He is the one who leads and guides us and he himself is the very way into the life of grace.

His words today remind us that our lives are "journeys of faith" and it is his *Way* that we are trying to follow. We might ask ourselves again where we are on that way. Are we still right on track? Have we wandered off, stopped, got lost or even turned back in completely the wrong direction?

Jesus says he is the *Truth*. Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" In the Bible, truth is often closely linked to wisdom. So we could ask ourselves if we are our truest selves at the moment and if we are living our truest lives. I have heard people saying, "This isn't the real me," or "This isn't the life I'm supposed to be living." Jesus is the one who helps us to get back to being our true selves and living our best lives.

In fact Jesus actually calls himself the "*Life*" and elsewhere he said, "I came that they might have life and have it to the full." And yet at the heart of our faith lies an apparent contradiction. When we cling to our lives selfishly and try to control them and seek things for ourselves, Jesus warns us that we will actually lose our lives. It is in losing our lives in sacrifice and service in the way that he did, that we find our lives.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

### YOUNG ADULTS HUB

Young Adults Hub was created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings. For more information, email Mikey [hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Edward [hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The next meeting of the Parish Leadership Team is on Sunday 10 May at 12.00 in the Presbytery. Thank you very much indeed to the new team who are already putting plans in place, taking actions and making a difference. Some team members will be speaking at forthcoming masses to update everyone about developments.

## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Following on from the success of last year, the Diocese are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to **Lindisfarne** from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. For info: [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

## SPACES IN SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Y1 & Y4)

Due to the relocation of some of our lovely children, Sacred Heart school currently has space in Years 1 and 4. Please call the school (0161 223 0231) or visit the school office if you require a place in either of these year groups.

## JOB VACANCY AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart school is recruiting for an Admin Officer. Salary: Grade 4 £25,584 to £27,269 (pro rata, actual £22,066 to £23,519) Working Pattern: 35 hours per week. Term time only plus 5 INSET days. Start Date: As soon as possible. An application pack is available at: <https://www.sacredheartsgorton.org.uk/page/?title=Office+Vacancies&pid=106>

## PARISH FUNDAY

On June 6th we will have a parish "funday"! In advance of this, we need people to volunteer help with organising and on the day. Please contact Fr Kevin, Wendy or Ann.

## CONTACT US

**Parish Priest:** Fr Kevin Murphy  
**Permanent Deacon:** Davie Nalikata  
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**Facebook:** Sacred Heart & Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

## YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Aged 18-25 and looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

## CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

## AFRICAN CARE GIVERS' RESEARCH

Research about caring for children with ADHD (diagnosed or suspected) is being conducted as part of a MSc at Manchester Metropolitan University. If you are interested in taking part, please email: [Valiwe.parker-wood-brown@stu.mmu.ac.uk](mailto:Valiwe.parker-wood-brown@stu.mmu.ac.uk)

## CATHOLIC CHURCHES—RESEARCH PROJECT

This research is investigating the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may affect the spiritual experience of Priests, Laity and Public. It is part of a MSc programme at University of the Built Environment (formerly known as UCEM) by Simon Gibson, You can complete it here: <https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>

## BIBLES AND BOOKS ON FAITH




This is a reminder that there are beautiful "easy-read" Bibles on sale for just £5.00 at both churches. These Bibles contain essential Old Testament and New Testament readings and provide a wonderful summary of some of the most important parts of Holy Scripture. I have also taken delivery of a lot of brand new books on the Faith which have been massively discounted and also on sale at very cheap prices.



## RIGHT TO LIFE

As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us..

## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND APR 25-26TH	
 Ba`sket	£157.10
 Basket	£407.00
 Digital	£120.00

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