

The words of the Popes

When he was approaching the Passion, Jesus reassured his disciples, asking them not to be afraid and to have faith; he then begins a conversation with them in which he talks about God the Father (cf. Jn 14:2-9). At a certain point the Apostle Philip asked Jesus: "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied" (Jn 14:8). Philip was very practical and prosaic, he even said what we ourselves would like to say: "we want to see him, show us the Father", he asks to "see" the Father, to see his face. Jesus' answer is a reply not only to Philip but also to us and it ushers us into the heart of Christological faith; the Lord affirmed: "he who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). These words sum up the newness of the New Testament, that newness which appeared in the Bethlehem Grotto: God can be seen, God has shown his face, he is visible in Jesus Christ. (...) In Jesus too the mediation between God and man attains fulfilment. In the Old Testament there is an array of figures who carried out this role, in particular Moses, the deliverer, the guide, the "mediator" of the Covenant, as he is defined in the New Testament (cf. Gal 3:19; Acts 7:35; Jn 1:17). Jesus, true God and true man, is not simply one of the mediators between God and man but rather "the mediator" of the new and eternal Covenant (cf. Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24); "for there is one God", Paul says, "and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim 2:5 cf. Gal 3:19-20). In him we see and encounter the Father; in him we can call upon God with the name of "Abba, Father"; in him we are given salvation.

Dates for your diary:

7th June: Our Lady's Procession.
28th June: Summer Raffle Draw.
13th September: International Mass
19th September: Summer BBQ.
6th December: Christmas Party.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donate food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.
A huge thank you to all of you!



Almighty God,

*Creator of the earth in which we live,
 Help us today in our search for peaceful ways
 To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny
 And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.
 We pray that the billions of peace-loving
 People of goodwill throughout the nations,
 Will join together in prayer and action
 To bring love where there is hatred,
 Friendship where there is enmity,
 And justice where there is oppression.
 Amen.*



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Fifth Week of Eastertide

3rd – 10th May 2026

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| Sunday 03.05 | 07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Vania Mendes RIP & Keith Billington RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | Pope Leo prayer intentions for May 2026 That Everyone Might Have Food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. |
| Monday 04.05 | No Service | | |
| Tuesday 05.05 | No Service | | |
| Wednesday 06.05 | No Service | | |
| Thursday 07.05 | No Service | | |
| Friday 08.05 | No Service | | |
| Saturday 09.05 | No Service | | |
| Sunday 10.05 | 07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Alice Freda O'Brien RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | |

Cycle of Prayer during Eastertide, we pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Vocations, especially on Sunday 26th April; Human Work, especially on 1st May; Survivors of Abuse, especially on Tuesday 5th May; The right use of the Media, especially on Sunday 17th May; The Church, especially on Sunday 24th May.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.
We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Palestine and Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan, Iran and The Middle East and for all the war-torn countries in the world. We also pray for the people that have been affected by Environment Disasters.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH: If you wish to contribute to the Parish Funds, please use these Bank Details. If you are a tax-payer, please request a gift aid declaration form from the parish via email, so that we can reclaim for the parish fund money you pay in tax to the government.

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Please take this newsletter home with you.

Background on the Gospel reading according to

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Keith Billington RIP, passed away peacefully on 22 April. His Funeral will be at Gilroes Cemetery on Thursday 14th My at 11.30am. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

300 Club Sunday 26th April: £100 G Palmer (207).£50 D Fitzgerald (299). £25 S Murphy (258), C Scranney (200).

Sunday Collections 26th April: £ 331.67. Second Collection £228.96.

The Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on June 6th. Thanks to all those who have paid for their seats. There are still a small number of places available. If you would like to reserve a place or to pay, Josephine will be at the back of church after Mass. Contact Josephine on: feeneymckay@btopenworld.com (Please note change of email address.)

Not able to travel to Walsingham?

There will be a box in church from today for you to place prayer intentions. Please fill in the prayer intentions form at the end of your bench and place them in the box, at the end of Mass until the end of May. We will carry your prayers to Walsingham, where they will be placed before the shrine of Mary. If you would like us to light a candle for you at Walsingham, please let Josephine know. We want the whole parish to be part of our Pilgrimage to Walsingham.'

Online Retreat: between Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online Retreat in the lead up to Pentecost, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events /online-individually-guided-retreat-pentecost.

Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title Human Origins - Creation and Evolution is being held on Saturday 23rd May, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org. All Young Adults are warmly invited.

Join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), for young adults aged 18-35 to take place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026.

The Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/Lourdes.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribbles Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). www.christianleadershipformation.com.

VACANCY: The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich is recruiting a part-time Cook to join its catering team. The role is 18 hours per week, term-time only plus two additional weeks, paying £12.60 - £14.00 per hour. The successful candidate will cook for retreat groups of up to 60+ guests in a friendly, supportive setting. To apply, or for more information please email recruitment@ndcys.com.

VACANCY: Safeguarding Administration Volunteer. The main purpose of this role is to assist with updating members DBS information for Full-Members of the SVP. Main responsibilities include: 1) Responding to queries regarding SVP's In-House DBS processing. 2) Updating member DBS information on the SVP database. 3) Contacting SVP members whose DBS is more than 3 years and assist in renewal. 4) Responding to enquiries from members. For the above post we are looking for applicants who can commit to at least 1 day a week. Any hours that you can commit to will be considered. For further information or to apply for the Safeguarding role, please contact the Safeguarding Team at Safeguarding@svp.org.uk. Full training will be provided and we will issue you with a volunteer SVP e-mail account. Whilst not essential we ask that you have experience in using Microsoft Excel, data entry, have good communication skills, an eye for detail and have your own personal laptop.

VACANCY: Train and Volunteer as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care Marriage Care is looking for empathetic volunteers to train as relationship counsellors and support couples in need. Their next Certificate in Relationship Counselling begins in March 2027, with applications closing on 30 June. Full training, ongoing supervision, and CPD are provided, and no previous counselling experience is needed. Training costs apply, including a non-refundable registration fee of around £175, but no one is excluded because of an inability to pay. For more information, visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.