

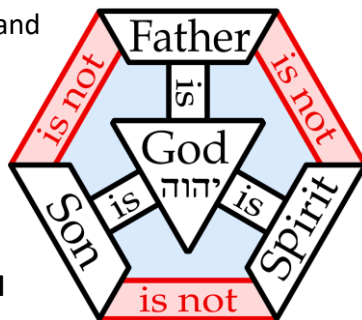
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28th May 2017



“... 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.”

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the Apostles and the holy women, including Mary, ‘prayed continually’ until the Holy Spirit descended upon them (Acts 1:14). Let us pray too for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This week’s task: say each day: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle 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 has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOCUS ON... the General Election

It's only eleven days until the country goes to the polls. The Church teaches, “co-responsibility for the common good makes it morally obligatory... to exercise the right to vote” (Catechism, 2240). Each of us must vote in accordance with our conscience, informed by our faith, not looking only to our own good, but to the good of all. To help us think about the decision, the Bishops of England and Wales have published a letter inviting us to consider some key issues which will be debated in the next parliament. Please take a copy home, read it, then think and pray about how to vote.



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Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 7 of Easter

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 27 th	6pm (vigil)	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Margaret Fisher RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 28 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	10am		For a sick person
	1pm	Nuptial Mass	Rebecca and Michael
Tuesday	7pm		For the People of Syria
Wednesday	9:15am	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thanksgiving for exam success
Thursday	9:15am	DEDICATION OF ST CLARE'S CHURCH	Nellie Pemberton RIP
Friday	12noon		Lawrence and Lilian Culshaw RIP
Saturday	10am	Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions	Shirley Gilleade RIP
Saturday 3 rd June	6pm (vigil)	PENTECOST	David Wilkinson RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 4 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Special Intention

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturdays 10:30am-noon (for vocations); there is also Exposition with Benediction on Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

REGINA CAELI: Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Hall, Michael Lappin, Hilda McNeela, Eileen Munday, Philip Lee, Shaniece Hopkins, Josie Singleton, Mary McCann, Ethel Raisbeck.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Evangelisation: Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

PARISH SYRIA PROJECT: This Tuesday the 7pm Mass will be offered for the people of Syria. Mass is followed by the launch of our Syria project, in which we will be supporting displaced families. Refreshments in the hall, and a chance to find out about the project and work of Aid to the Church in Need.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 7-8pm. All welcome.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with reading and reflection, this week on Jesus meeting the Apostles, His last instructions to them, and the Gospel account of the Ascension (Luke 24:36-53). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction.

TABOR: Sadly, Tabor is to close later this year. Please keep all affected in your prayers, whilst thanking God for all that the Carmelite family has given us.

MONDAY MASS in the church will be at 10am, due to the Bank Holiday. There is no Mass in hospital this week.

THURSDAY is the anniversary of the consecration of the church. Mass at 9:15am.

COMPANY OF ST URSULA: Friday 16 June, 7pm, parishioner Sue Lawrenson will make her first vows as a member of the Company. More details to follow.

MUSIC PRACTICE for the Mass mentioned above, and for Confirmation, taking place this Wednesday at 6pm in the church. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend for Catholic Media.

CATHOLIC YOUTH SURVEY (ages 13-29): details on the back of this newsletter.

ANNUAL CATECHESIS: A great opportunity to hear afresh the news of salvation. Led by the NeoCatechumenal Way. Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30pm in the chapel.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Sunday 18 June, 2pm beginning at St Walburge's. Please make every effort to attend. More details to follow.

ZOO CLUB: May winners: 1st prize: No. 22 £165 Jayne Lakeland; 2nd prize: No. 70 £99 Monica Wood; 3rd prize: No. 111 £66 Maureen Speariett.

VISITATION OF OUR LADY: Celebrated this Wednesday. Mass here at 9:15am. Events at Ladyewell, 11:30-1pm. More details on the poster in the porch.

SUMMER STROLL (CTFB) Wed 7 June, meet at Fulwood Methodist 7pm. Poster.

SPUC PETITION: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition asking the Health Secretary to remove Marie Stopes' licence to carry out abortions, following a CQC report showing serious failings in the care of women using their clinics. The petition can be signed in the porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 438; Collection: £1,031.85. Thank you.

This Week (one-off/occasional/new events are listed in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 28th May	3:30pm	Exposition and Gospel Reflection	Church
	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
Monday	6:45pm	Baptism Preparation (2)	Chapel
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Launch of Syria Project	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Music Practice	Church
	7.30pm	NCW Penitential Service	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 4 th June	3:30pm	Exposition and Gospel Reflection	Church
	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

6 June: Parish Pastoral Council, 7:30pm

16 June: Parish Blessed Sacrament Procession, 1:30pm

18 June: Confirmations, 6pm Mass

23 June: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass at 12noon

24 June: Day of Renewal with Gary Stephens

29 June: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation

30 June: Parish/School Summer Fair

13-16 July: 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (Quarant'ore)

Further afield this week:

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL DOPP: Michael is the creator of the *Relit* programme for parish evangelisation. The session will explore themes such as practical approaches to evangelisation; how to have 'threshold conversations'; 'training your evangelisation team'. This Thursday, 7-9pm at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre. No charge, but donations are welcome.

National Catholic Youth Survey

For young people aged 13-29. The Church wants to hear your views! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> to participate. Feedback will be helpful to the Pope and bishops meeting for a Synod on youth next year.