

24th May 2026

Eighth Sunday in ordinary Time

Pentecost Sunday



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend, a sick baby, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua

Lately Dead: John Oyewole Oyayoyi, Joseph Mather, Fred Greenhalgh, George Stewart, James Arthur

Anniversaries: John Carter, Joseph Gilmartin, Margaret Roberts,

Mass Intentions: Special intention (x2), John Carter (A), Joseph Gilmartin (A), James Arthur (LD), Margaret Roberts (A), Fred Greenhalgh (LD), George Stewart (LD)

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you.

Let us pray for the parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Oldham, for Fr Philip Sumner, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincy to the Cantonese Catholic Community.

Christian meditation: The next session will take place on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm at St John's.

Thank you: A sincere "thank you" from CAFOD for your generous donations to this Lent's Family Fast Day appeal. Your donations and prayers are supporting communities such as those using floating gardens, enabling them to become self-sufficient with quality food, in the face of the impacts of climate change. Thank you for providing them with hope. To find out more about our work visit cafod.org.uk/

Thank you: to the children in Years 5 and 6 at St Brendan's, who took part in an Art competition for Pentecost. The winning designs feature on the top of this week's newsletter.

SVP News: There will be Benediction and Afternoon Tea taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Farnworth on Sunday 7th June at 3pm. Departure will be from St John's. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list, which is, at the back of both churches.

The next SVP coffee morning will be held after Mass on Wednesday 27th May in the Patmos room.

New Hymn Books:

We have had to purchase a new set of hymn books for use at St Brendan's, as we now have only 70/200 books left. If you would like to sponsor a book, and include a dedication, please fill in a slip and place it in the envelopes provided along with your donation.

Diocesan Red Box Mission Mass – all are welcome!

When: Saturday 30 May 2026 at 2pm

Venue: Salford (temporary) Cathedral, Great George Street, Salford M3 6EH

Mass with Bishop John Arnold, Mill Hill Missionaries, and Deacon Davie Nalikata (Missio Diocesan Director).

Mass will be followed by refreshments.

For further information contact Megan at Missio on 07593 544625 or e-mail redbox@missio.org.uk.

Children's Liturgy: The children in children's liturgy have been sowing vegetable and flower seeds to grow on in our raised bed at the front of church.

Every Sunday after mass, any children who'd like to help tend to them and hopefully harvest in the summer are welcome to find me (Louise) after mass for a bit of gardening time

Newsletter: Please let the office know by Wednesday if you have any items for the newsletter. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club

The next meetings are:

Wednesday May 27th. *Instructions for a Heatwave* by Maggie O'Farrell.

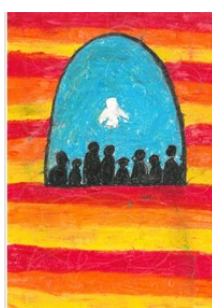
Wednesday June 24th. *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah.

We start at 1pm. All welcome.

Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

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31st May 2026
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Masses & Activities this week
Sunday Cycle A
Readings: Page 288 of Mass Book

Sunday 24th May
 9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
 11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy
 3.00pm Mass (SJ) with sacraments of initiation for candidates all welcome

Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday
 10.00am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 26th May
 10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury
 9.00am Adoration (SJ)
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 28th May – Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest
 10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 29th May
 12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 30th May
 10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ)
 11.30am Mass (SJ)
 5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 30/31 May 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Guy Drabble	Laureen Fakanule	Maria Day

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 31st May
 John Carroll/Steve May

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Throughout the Easter readings we have been waiting in great expectation for the appearance of the Holy Spirit. Today we have three readings, all written many years after the events of Pentecost, and they each give us ways in which the Holy Spirit enters our lives.

The first reading is from Acts, a book believed to have been written by Luke, a companion of Paul, which tells us, in great detail, about the foundation of the early church. The descent of the Spirit is written in a very dramatic form reflecting, perhaps, the effect of the event on those gathered in the upper room. When the Apostles, filled with the gifts of the Spirit, went out to the people they spoke with renewed confidence of the mighty works of God. These were Galileans speaking in Aramaic, yet the listeners heard their voices in their own tongue, and they were amazed and delighted at what they heard. The people heard and understood for the Holy Spirit was speaking through these men.

Paul would be writing in early sixties, thirty years after the resurrection and the day of Pentecost. Paul had seen the effects of the Spirit in many different ways. He understood that the gifts were given to different people for the various needs of their communities. The Spirit had passed from the Apostles and found a home in the hearts of all believers.

John was writing many years later, towards the end of his long life, and his Gospel is a reflection on the words and works of Jesus during His life on earth. The Apostles are given the gift of the Holy Spirit from His hands. He speaks of two commandments that He authorises the Apostles to do in His name. They are to go out, to preach His Gospel of Love to the world. He tells them, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you". He then gives them authority over sin and breathes the Holy Spirit into their hearts. "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them, if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

David Frank