



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). The tradition of dedicating the month of

May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years. Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May, focusing on the Virgin Mary. He wrote that the piety of the faithful has long dedicated the month of May to the Mother of God. He stated in his encyclical,

[Mense Maio:](#)

***We are delighted and consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honour to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise.***

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING



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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May: English Martyrs - Feast**

**11am: Holy Hour / 12pm Holy Mass (Clergy's Intentions)**

**6pm Vigil Mass of Sixth Sunday of Easter (All Parishioners)**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am Holy Mass (Helen Westerside RIP)**

**12.30pm: Baptism of Lewis Thomas 6pm: Holy Mass (Joe Farnin)**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

**9am: Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Mary Kinsella)**

**12pm Regina Caeli**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

**8.30am Holy Rosary/9am Holy Mass (Jimmy Adamson RIP)**

*(Assisi Pilgrimage Departure Mass)*

**12pm Regina Caeli**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

**9am Rosary/9.30am: Holy Mass (Cath Hannigan)**

**12pm Regina Caeli**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May: ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation**

**9am: Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Doreen & Basil Cullen) 12pm Regina Caeli**

**(We welcome pupils & staff from our school, joining us for this Mass)**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: St John de Avila, priest & Doctor of the Church**

**9am Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Florence Harvey)**

**12pm Regina Caeli**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

**11am: Holy Hour / 12pm Holy Mass (Clergy's Intentions)**

**6pm Vigil Mass of Seventh Sunday of Easter (Youth Group Intentions)**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am Holy Mass (Rosemary Gower RIP) 6pm: Holy Mass (All Parishioners)**

**CONFESSION** is available half an hour before each Vigil & Sunday Mass, during Saturday Morning Holy Hour and upon request.

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS** may be discussed with the clergy following the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses or by appointment. Most days the church will be open approx. 8.30am and will remain open until after the Angelus is prayed at 12pm and later whenever possible.

### **THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH**

We are always delighted to see and hear our young children at Holy Mass, many young families do thankfully come to Mass, particularly on Sunday morning. We know that they are warmly received by the parish family and understanding is demonstrated when they make a little noise. However, a small number of parishioners continue to challenge parents, telling them to keep their children quiet. We know from speaking to some parents that this is very unsettling, upsetting and can discourage attendance at Mass. Once again, we request that this does not happen to our children or young families, they are the present and future of the parish and must be made to feel welcome and encouraged to be with us at Holy Mass.

Please remember the words of Jesus and his attitude to children, he said:

**'Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'** (Matthew 19:14)

**This Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May is the feast of the ASCENSION OF THE LORD and is a Holy Day of Obligation**

**OUTREACH PARISH LUNCH CLUB: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 12 to 1.30pm**

Food, refreshments, and good company, all free but donations support our 'Parish Outreach Ministry.' We will have some live music at our next gathering.

**All are welcome to come along.**

**ASSISI PILGRIMAGE** We now very much look forward to the pilgrimage itself. Please be assured that every member of our parish family will be remembered in our prayers and Masses during our time in Assisi.

**There will be a 'Pilgrimage Departure Mass' at 9am on the morning of our departure, all are welcome to attend.**

**Also, please note that the coach to take us to Manchester Airport departs at 10.00am prompt from Christ the King church. If you are leaving your car at CTK we ask that you car share as much as possible to minimise disruption.**

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: July 2024:** For those joining us on this pilgrimage, please note that work is ongoing to progress the arrangements. Final payments are due by 31<sup>st</sup> May and more information will be made available, and a meeting arranged ASAP.

**We have some limited availability on the coach for Lourdes, if you are interested in joining us please contact the parish office or speak with Deacon Tony.**

**FOODBANK News:** The Wirral Foodbank urgently need tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, deodorant, and shampoo. They have plenty of beans and tea. Please help them to supply the needy if you can.

**50/50 CLUB:** Anyone still wishing to continue their membership (or join!) can still do so before our first draw at the Lunch Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Forms are available at the back of church and in the Hall. *You've got to be in it to win it!*

### **PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY**

You can make donations of cash or shopping vouchers to the parish office or even via the DONA station in church. Your continued generosity helps us to reach out to and support so many within our community. Thank you for your support.

***If you would benefit from our 'Outreach Ministry' or know of anyone who would, please let us know by speaking to the clergy or contacting the parish office.***

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

#### **Date of Next Meeting to be Announced.**

For anyone interested in joining the Church or simply exploring their Catholic faith, we will, in due course, continue further, regular Wednesday evening meetings in the parish meeting room. For further information, details etc, please contact the RCIA Team: Fr Humphrey via the Office on 208 0663 OR [rebecca\\_long2010@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rebecca_long2010@yahoo.co.uk).

**PARKING AT CHRIST THE KING:** We all know that this continues to be a problem as we do not have sufficient spaces for all the cars bringing people to Mass. As recently announced, we do open the first set of side gates on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, which allows for a few more cars to park. *For the next 8 weeks there will be construction works happening in the school, with access required through these gates continuously throughout the week for deliveries etc. Please do not park along the wall alongside the playing field during this time. We ask that you please park with courtesy and consideration for all.*

**LADIES GROUP:** Our next meeting is our AGM and will be held on Thursday 9th May commencing at 7.30. Doors open 7.15pm.

This is probably our most important meeting of the year when we will discuss the future of the club. A light finger buffet will be provided along with a glass of wine.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & BEREAVED:** Please pray for those suffering any illness at this time, especially: Alfie Hunt, Frances Dodd, Susan Nicholson, Veronica Rossi, Jack Sheabills and Eileen Bennett. Also, those struggling with the heavy cross of bereavement.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colette Hannaway and Alan Raisbeck RIP  
**Requiem Mass for Colette Hannaway – 10am Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**DIGITAL / CONTACTLESS GIVING:** This fixed terminal allowing contactless donations is in place at the rear of the church. Thank you to those who have been making use of the DONA station and applying Gift Aid where applicable – every penny makes a difference.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS AT MASS: £936.86 / April Standing Orders £942  
Second Collection for LEPRAs £257.99 Many Thanks for your continued support.**

***As we continue our journey through the joy of the season of Easter, we extend our prayers and every good wish for you all and for your families.***

***Fr Louis, Fr Humphrey & Deacon Tony***