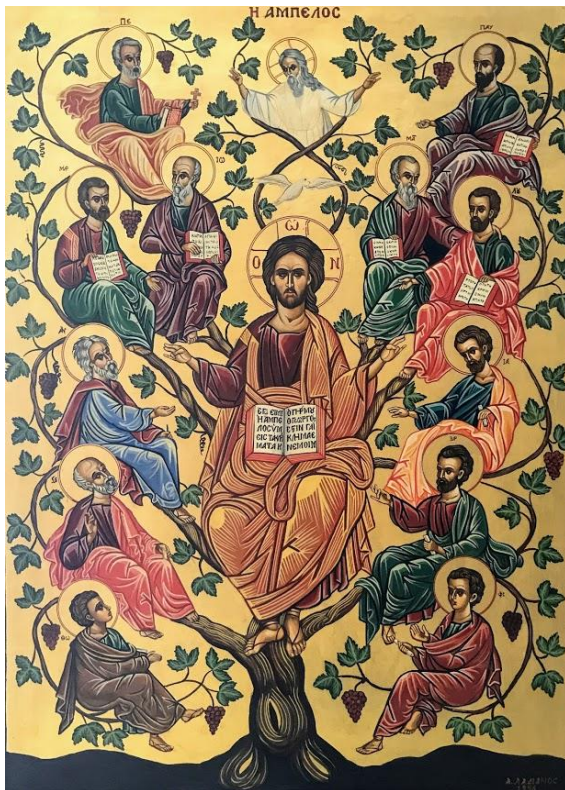


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Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Linda Wragg, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

First Holy Communion

As the formal preparation has concluded (this must include having celebrated First Confession) **I invite parents to make arrangements for a date to celebrate their child's First Holy Communion.**

Thank you, Fr M.

- **As the children become communicants** they are encouraged to deepen their understanding and participation at Mass with their families and the whole community. **They are most welcome** to think about **servicing** at the Altar, **reading** at Mass (just one reading if they wish), **singing** in the choir or **helping** with the offertory procession or tidying the hymn books after Mass. Please speak with Fr M or Deacon Simon, thank you.

- **We congratulate Martha** who will celebrate her First Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation will continue at St Joseph's on **Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am** on the following dates: **11 & 18 May** (incl. rehearsal). **Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation**, within the octave of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 25 May, at 5.00pm**. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena, will run for nine Tuesdays, **begins this Tuesday, 30 April, at 7.00pm**. As part of our preparatory prayer for the Jubilee Year in 2025 this year's theme will consider the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!' The Catechism calls it 'truly the summary of the whole gospel' and refers to it as the 'most perfect of prayers.'

Tuesday, 30 April, The Summary of the Whole Gospel

Tuesday, 7 May, 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven'

Tuesday, 14 May, 'Hallowed Be Thy Name'

Tuesday, 21 May, 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Tuesday, 28 May, 'Thy Will Be Done on Earth, As It Is in Heaven'

Tuesday, 4 June, 'Give us this Day Our Daily Bread'

Tuesday, 11 June, 'And Forgive Us Our Trespasses, As We Forgive...'

Tuesday, 18 June, 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

Tuesday, 25 June, 'But Deliver Us from Evil'

We will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm on the final evening.

The next **UCM meeting**, following upon the national conference, will take place in the undercroft on **Saturday, 11 May**, from 9.30 to 11.00am.

There will be a diocesan service, led by Bishop Heskett, on the national Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse, on Tuesday, 30 April, at 7.00pm, at the church of St Michael & All Angels, Wombwell.

On **Saturday, 22 June**, Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **ordination to the priesthood** of Christian Nwakamma, for service in the Diocese of Hallam, at 11.00 am in the cathedral. Please remember Christian in your prayers during this time of direct preparation. All welcome.

Dates for your diary...

Thursday, 9 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, *a Holyday of Obligation*. Masses are at 10.00am, with our school, and 7.00pm.

Sunday, 19 May, the Solemnity of Pentecost & the conclusion of Eastertide.

Sunday, 26 May, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 2 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Friday, 7 June, the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sunday, 30 June, the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul.

Facing the Future

Our bishop has asked us to prayerfully consider the future of our diocese and how we might best serve the Mission of the Church entrusted to us with the resources that we have available. Information is available to all in the church or on our parish website. The questions we are asked to ponder as individuals, families and as a parish community are:

- 1. What are the good signs for your parish that you can see?*
- 2. What are the concerns you have for your parish?*
- 3. Where do you see your parish as we enter the year of Jubilee (2025)?*
- 4. What actions do you think you/your parish need to take?*

Please feel free to call in at the presbytery for a chat about your thoughts at one of the following days and times:

Monday **29 April 5.00 – 7.00pm**

Tuesday **30 April 10.30 – 12pm**

Thursday **2 May 4.00 – 6.00pm**

Thursday **9 May 3.00 – 5.00pm**

Friday **10 May 2.00 – 4.00pm**

Monday **13 May 5.00 -7.00pm**

Thursday **16 May 10.30 – 12pm**

Alternatively, you can speak with Deacon Simon, while a quick word with either of us is perfectly acceptable or you can write or email should you prefer.

THE SACRED LITURGY

Sunday 28 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am Sydney & Ellen Mason 10.00am Intentions of Allison
Monday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10.00am Thomas Conway Snr
Tuesday 30 April <i>St Pius V</i>	10.00am Pat Collett 7.00pm Week 1 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Wednesday 1 May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	November Memorial List
Thursday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	10.00am Intentions of Shaun Emmitt
Friday 3 May <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am In Thanksgiving (BJ & SC)
Saturday 4 May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Intentions of Margaret Hegarty
Sunday 5 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Ann Tierney

Last week's collection was £660.83 (£303.50 in offertory envelopes, £357.33 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Last week's collection for the Priests' Training Fund was £338.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please pray for Carol Caesar, Denny Keenan & Madge Wolstenholme
RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries
occur around this time.**

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.