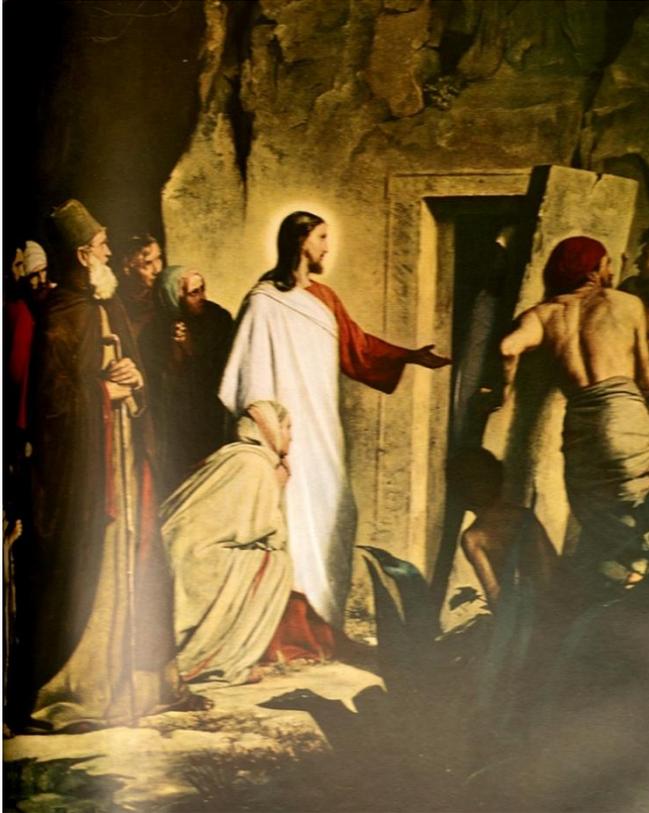


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Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, 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.*
Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. *Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).*

Easter Flowers: There will be a **retiring collection** next weekend, **28 & 29 March**, to help decorate our beautiful church for Easter.

Passiontide

This weekend sees us enter Passiontide when we begin to focus more intensely on the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord). A key characteristic of Passiontide is the veiling of crosses, statues, and images of saints in the church - the exceptions being the crosses and images of the Stations of the Cross (and those we cannot reach!). The crosses remain covered until after the solemn unveiling of the principal crucifix on Good Friday, while statues and pictures stay veiled until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. As St John records, when the time for his Passion drew near, Jesus no longer walked openly among the people but hid himself. The Church then encourages us to contemplate the crucified Saviour, recognizing the immense suffering Jesus endured for the salvation of humanity.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation: continues at St Joseph's on Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am on: **28 March** and 9 & 16 May (incl. rehearsal). Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, on the Feast of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on Saturday, 23 May, at 5.00pm. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Extra Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral: During Week 5 of Lent and Holy Week, there will be two priests hearing Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral:

- Confessions will be heard on the usual days (Monday to Saturday) and times (11.30am–12.15pm) from Monday 23rd March to Tuesday 31st March.
- On Wednesday 1st April, Confessions will be heard from 4.30–5.15pm.
- On Maundy Thursday (2nd April), from 11.00am–1.30pm.

Financial matters: Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on costs, especially bank charges please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. In order that the value of your offering does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation. Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then you can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your continuing support.

HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the **Monday and Tuesday, 30 & 31 March**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of after-school Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on **Tuesday evening, 31 March at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).

- On **Wednesday, 1 April**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.

- On **Wednesday, 1 April, St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

- **Maundy Thursday, 2 April**, Mass of the Lord's Supper: **Washing of Feet:** there is a list at the back of church for **12 people who are willing** to sign-up and take part and have a foot washed during this celebration. Many thanks.

- **Good Friday, 3 April**, is a **day of Fasting & Abstinence**; everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.

- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the **upkeep of The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.

- **Altar Servers:** There will be practices for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 6.45pm. Thank you for all that you do.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday, 3 April

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Holy Saturday, 4 April

The Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday, 5 April

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, 8.45am & at 10.00am

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 22 March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am Patrick & Brendan Lynch 10.00am For the people followed by Stations of the Cross
Monday 23 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	7.15am Katie O'Hara
Tuesday 24 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am Sheila Clapham & Renée O'Hara
Wednesday 25 March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 26 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	9.00am Jack & Rose Hunt
Friday 27 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of the UCM
Saturday 28 March <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Vera Breslin
Sunday 29 March <i>Palm Sunday of</i> <i>The Passion of the Lord</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Kath & Sid Fitzpatrick followed by Stations of the Cross

Please pray for Rita Todd *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £628.22 (£332.50 in offertory envelopes and £295.72 in loose). Thank you.

The Piety Stall has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.