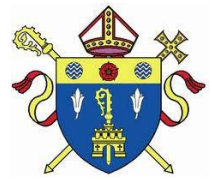




Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

Sat 27 Apr Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

17.45 SM Confessions
18.00 SM Mass (People of the Parish)

Sun 28 Apr 24 5th Sunday of Easter

09.15 SG Confessions
09.30 SG Mass (Peter & Teresa Small)
10.30 OLSM Mass (Sr Julie, Edward & Gerard Small)

12.00 OLSM Baptism: Esme Raynor
18.00 OLSM Mass (T Nguyen Birthday Intention)

Mon 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena

11.00 SM Requiem - Stella McDougall
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Tues 30 Apr Tuesday of 5th week of Easter

09.30 SM Adoration
10.00 OLSM Mass (Phyllis Doherty)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Wed 1 May St Joseph the Worker

11.30 SG Lectio Divina
12.00 SG Mass (Lorena Hutchinson)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM Mass (The Morgan Family)

Thur 2 May St Athanasius

11.00 SM Mass (Stella McDougall)
11.00 SG Requiem - Mary Graham
14.00 OLSM Wedding: Jonathan Waugh & Helen Louise Grant
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Fri 3 May Sts Philip & James

08.00 SJ Mass at St Joseph's School
11.30 SG Adoration
12.00 SG Mass (Mary Graham)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Sat 4 May The English Martyrs

10.00 OLSM Mass (Eileen Curwen)
10.30 OLSM Confession

Sat 4 May Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

17.45 SM Confessions
18.00 SM Mass (Joe McMullen)

Sun 5 May 24 6th Sunday of Easter

09.15 SG Confessions
09.30 SG Mass (Cantley Family Living & Deceased)
10.30 OLSM Mass (Elizabeth & John Trainor)
18.00 OLSM Mass (People of the Parish)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 28.04.24)

OLSM: Loving Memories of the Small Family

Lady Altar: James Carr Jnr

SG: None Sacred Heart: None SM: None

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. **Stella McDougall**, Requiem Mass Monday 29 April, 11am, St Mary's church. **Mary Graham**. Received into St Gregory's church Wednesday 1 May, 5pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 2 May, 11am. **The sick & housebound**: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Tobya Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey, Joan Ainsworth and Frank Younghusband. **And those whose anniversaries occur around this time**: Lena Wilson, Anne James, Sheila Renwicks, John McAllister Jnr, Eileen Curwen, Eric Clark and Dorothy Whybrow.

Finance. Offertory income for March: Offertory £6830.76; online WSMP donations £120; Holy Places £452.58. Online banking: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/c No. 91752146

Spring Summit, a parish day-away at Hying Hall Monastery on Saturday 4 May. For all those who have secured places, please be at Our Lady & St Michael's church, ready to leave by coach at 8am. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, but you might like to bring a coat depending upon the weather so that you can explore the beautiful grounds and gardens. We hope to return by 5.30pm. The event is free but if anyone would like to make a donation to help to defray the costs, that would be much appreciated. For those who are not joining us this time, please pray for this day that it may be a landmark for the spiritual renewal of our parish. You can leave your car in Banklands Hall or the Priory car park.

The Alpha Course is back, beginning on Wednesday 8 May at 7pm in the Stella Maris Room. The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Good News and Alpha does exactly that in an accessible and friendly way. Maybe you have friends, family or colleagues from work who are curious about the faith or who need some Good News in their lives, or maybe you don't feel as if you are really connecting with your faith: Alpha is a safe and welcoming place where everyone is welcome. The format is simple: gather together, enjoy a home-cooked light meal, watch a video and discuss questions that arise. Please pray for Alpha's success and think about who you might invite. To register, please email or phone the parish office.

Welcome back to Fr Paul Browne OSB from Ampleforth who is enjoying a couple of days holiday at the Priory.

Please take careful note of Mass times this week. Mass on Monday has moved to 11am at St Mary's. On Thursday Mass at St Mary's has moved to 11am.

Gift Aid: A Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2023/2024 has now been completed. If any tax paying parishioner has not signed a Gift Aid Declaration please consider doing so, it is a way of raising extra funds for the parish at no cost to yourself. Gift aid forms are available from the back of each church or the parish office. Thank you to all those parishioners who have completed a Gift Aid Declaration. **In previous years many Gift Aid Donors informed us they did not require a letter** detailing their total giving for the year. As a result of this, to save costs, letters will only be sent to those donors who request one.

There are about 35 children making their First Holy Communion this Summer. The Piety Store at the back of church has a range of gifts and cards for the children.

Forthcoming events.

- **Quarant' Ore**, the Forty Hours Devotion of Eucharistic Adoration over the weekend of Corpus Christi, 1-2 June.
- **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** with Bishop Paul Swarbrick on 8 June.
- **First Holy Communions** at Our Lady & St Michael's on 15 June, and at St Gregory's and St Mary's churches on 22 June.

Other News and Events

Cabrini, a movie being shown at Keswick's Alhambra Cinema on Sunday 28 April at 7.30pm and Tuesday 30 April at 3pm. Catholic missionary (and now saint) Francesca Cabrini arrives in New York in 1889 from Italy and manages to convince hostile authorities to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans. A fantastic heart-warming film made by the same Director of *The Chosen*, much praised.

Appeals. Mary's Meals. Tigray is a part of Ethiopia where a combination of drought, displacement and brutal conflict has left huge areas in crisis. Mary's Meals are currently feeding 45,000 children. Please donate to marysmeals.org.uk. Likewise **CAFOD** have opened a crisis appeal to deal with Sudan's hunger crisis: cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Also, with a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between **CAFOD** and *St Vincent de Paul Society* (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 4 May to learn more.

*Come, Holy Spirit!
Give us the grace today to rise up,
to open wide the doors,
to go out of ourselves so as to
draw others to Christ,
to be disciples and to make
disciples, that we may walk in your
ways joyfully and build up Your
Church across West Cumbria.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*