

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



5th Week of Easter, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father
except through me.”

John 14:6

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Other Clergy: Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Gospel Reflection

“The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today’s Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus’ life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples’ reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don’t know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father. Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus’ words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more. The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus’ work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today’s Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, “I am,” so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today’s reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus’ name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Annual Marriage Celebration Mass

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to join him at the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday June 3rd at 11.30 at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. All married couples and their families are welcome! Those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, or individual years from 60 years onwards) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. If you would like to register for a certificate please visit the website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, Dr Antonia Braithwaite, on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk Join us after Mass for tea and cake in the Cathedral Hall. Photographs of couples with the Bishop will be available online after the day.

Catholic Women’s League

The next C.W.L. Meeting takes place at 1:30pm on Tuesday 9th May. All are welcome.

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me- ru- ísti portá- re, alle- lú- ia : Re- surré- xit, sic- ut di- xit,

alle- lú- ia : Ora pro no- bis De- um, alle- lú- ia.

Radio Maria

Whether you find encouragement praying with others on-air or tuning into a conversation between listeners and interesting guests who can bring you new insights and help you feel less alone in your faith, Radio Maria is an invaluable Christian voice wherever you may be. We broadcast on Digital Radio in Cambridge, London, South Birmingham and Bristol areas. There is a free Radio Maria Play App for your mobile phones. Ask Alexa to “Play Radio Maria England”. Or – listen online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk.

Catholic Primary School

A reminder to all our parents that the local Catholic Primary School is St Mary’s, located on Kirkley Cliff Road (NR33 0DG). For anyone who is considering a school placement for their child, from reception through to Year 6, I would recommend contacting the school and arranging either a tour or a meeting with the Head of School, Mrs Ewa Parker, Tel: 01502 565384. For more information please visit: <https://www.stmarysreps.com>

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

20th/21st May – Catholic Communications Network – World Communications Day.

26th/27th May – Life Charities – Day for Life.

1st/2nd July – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable Work.

8th/9th July – Missio – Mill Hill Mission Appeal.

29th/30th July – Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week’s collection which amounted to £356.29 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403) and for the second collection of £304.88 for the Diocesan Priests’ Training Fund. Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: May 7th – May 13th

- Saturday 6th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(5th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Therese Le Mercier (RIP)
- Sunday 7th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(5th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 7th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(5th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Alec T. Sampson (RIP)
- Monday 8th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Tuesday 9th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Wednesday 10th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Thursday 11th - 18:00 - Our Lady's (Followed by 1/2hr Adoration)** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 12th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 13th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for: Our Lady's Intentions
- Saturday 13th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(6th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Marie Walshe (RIP)
- Sunday 14th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(6th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 14th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(6th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Walter Shanahan (RIP)

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.
Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
