



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2023

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent

and we are invited to reflect on the themes of life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel reading for this Sunday, from John 11:1-45, tells the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to hold both of these truths in tension: the reality of death and the hope of resurrection.

We are called to embrace the reality of our own mortality, but also to hold fast to the hope of new life and transformation through Christ.

In doing so, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that, no matter what we may face in this life, we are never alone and that Christ is with us always.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says The Lord; whoever believes in me will never die."

John 11: 25,26



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Palm Sunday Masses:

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord, when the church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Our Masses will begin as follows:

6.00pm, Solemn Entrance

9.15am, Solemn Procession from St Mary's Hall

11.15am, Solemn Procession from the church grounds near the gate.

Please be aware that the Masses will be a little longer than usual and lifts/taxis should be planned accordingly. *Additionally, the 11.15am Mass may begin a little later than usual.*

The Lord's Passion will be read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and the congregation are encouraged to join in with the part of the 'crowd', labelled 'C' in the Parish Mass Book.

The GLOSSOP ROSARY: will continue on Monday 27th March with the Joyful Mysteries.

Receiving The Eucharist this Lent:

Part 4: The Liturgy of the Eucharist (cont'd)

WE RECEIVE In the Communion Rite, we receive as one. We say the Lord's Prayer, exchange a sign of peace and kneel to prepare ourselves to receive Holy Communion, making sure that we are properly disposed to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, God's greatest gift that keeps on giving. *"The Body of Christ: Amen. The Blood of Christ: Amen."*

How do we receive Holy Communion?

We process forward to the Altar, bow before the Sacred Host and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Body of Christ'. We receive it on the tongue, or on the palm and place it on our tongue straight away. Then we consume it immediately. If we are receiving the Precious Blood, we bow before the Chalice and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Blood of Christ', We take the Chalice, consume the Precious Blood and return it to the minister. We then return to our place, kneel or sit, and make our thanksgiving.

Do we have to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice?

The Church teaches that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in both the Sacred Host and Precious Blood, and so there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice. However, the Eucharist is a sign of our unity in our diversity as the body of Christ, and so the Church teaches that Holy Communion 'has a fuller sign when it takes place under both kinds, for in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord'. However, 'Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation'.

Enid Jones RIP - Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Enid Jones, who died recently. *May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Enid taught for many years at St Philip Howard School, and took an active part in church life, including singing in the choir at All Saints.

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMS = St Mary's School)

Parish Mass Book: This weekend's readings: p.171, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11

Saturday 25th 6.00pm,	The Annunciation of The Lord, Solemnity ASC Vigil Mass (Maureen Elliott RIP (LD))
Sunday 26th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Fifth Sunday of Lent SMC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls)
Monday 27th 1.00pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Funeral Mass for Rosanna Slater RIP
Tuesday 28th	Lenten Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i> <i>Please pray for the Interviews taking place today for a Lay Chaplain for our local Catholic Primary Schools</i>
Wednesday 29th 10.00am, 2.30pm, 6.30pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)) SMS Key Stage 2 Passion Play in the school hall; all are welcome St Andrew's Church Hadfield Lenten Prayer Meeting - 'Prayer with Icons & Music'
Thursday 30th 9.00am,	Lenten Feria SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's Day of Recollection for Priests</i>
Friday 31st 10.00am, 5.30pm, 7.00pm,	Lenten Feria SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) ASC Stations of the Cross SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 1st 10.00 – 10.30am, 6.00pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Confessions ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 2nd 9.15am, 11.15am,	Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) ASC Holy Mass (Eileen Wadsworth – 90 th Birthday Blessing (P&MM))

More dates for the Diary:
Friday 5th May: St Barnabas' Cathedral, 'God Save the King', a concert in honour of His Majesty King Charles III on the eve of his Coronation. More details to follow.
EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES:
Maundy Thursday 6th April: ASC 7pm, Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper; ASC 9.30pm, Night Prayer.
Good Friday 7th April: SMC 3pm, Solemn Liturgy; ASC 7pm, Stations of the Cross and Veneration
Holy Saturday 8th April: ASC 8.30pm, Easter Vigil Mass, followed by 'bring your own bottle' celebration.
Easter Lilies – We will be decorating our churches again this Easter with lilies; if you would like to remember a loved one with a lily this Easter, please put £1 in the basket at the back of your church.
Parishioner Rosie Proudman writes, We had a very nourishing day in Preston recently, sharing fellowship with members of the SoulSpace Community and Cursillo. Our speaker, Philip McParland, unpacked the three spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, according to the principles of his Community, which are Contemplation, Compassionate Presence, Companionship and Care for the Earth. For example, one way in which almsgiving was unpacked was in terms of giving of ourselves (not just our money) in service and compassionate presence. There will be opportunities to join this group in Preston for further days of recollection.
Please remember in your prayers this week:
 Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.
 Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell. Harry Sweeney, who is recovering from an operation.