



Sunday 17th May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

At the end of St Luke's Gospel: "Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24: 49). The command is still valid. The more we think of it, the more it opens out, the more it's a light for our lives. Stay true to the Name, stay in faith. Believe in the Father's love. Stay in the communion of the Church around the successors of Peter and the Apostles. Stay in the grace of baptism, the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Stay close to the Eucharist, the presence of the living Christ, his Body now our Jerusalem. Persevere in prayer with Mary and the saints. "Stay in Jerusalem". And if we do, we will be "clothed with power from on high". The Holy Spirit, the Completer, will come, and God's "love be complete in us". And thousands around us will be saved.

Mass Times This Week (18th May -24th May)

Monday- Friday: 8.30am Adoration, 9am Mass.

**Saturday- 9.30am Mass
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

Confessions: 5.50 pm – 6.10 pm

**Sunday- 9.30am Mass.
11am Syro-Malabar Mass in Malayalam
followed by Catechesis**

Legion of Mary Group: Please note that the Legion of Mary Group now meet on **FRIDAY MORNINGS** after the 9am Mass. New members' welcome!

Prayer Group: Friday 22nd May 2026 - 7pm – All welcome! –

Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Group: Meet every **WEDNESDAY** in the Blue Room at 7pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

Farnworth Care Home: Mass on Wednesday 20th May at 2pm.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Shelly Abraham RIP

Birthday: Agnieszka Okupny,

Special Intentions: Gorton, Edwards & Holland Families, living & deceased members of the Ladies Guild, Raphael Ugwuanyi (exams), Felix Mathew (exams), Alex Mathew (exams).

Hymn Numbers: 476, 273, 681, 141, 346



First Holy Communion

The next preparation session for children **not** at our schools is **THIS SUNDAY 17th May at 9.30am** Mass.

Children from Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gregory's schools will be expected to attend Mass on that day. There will be a short practice after Mass.

Sacred Silence in Worship: In liturgical settings, silence is a deliberate and prayerful pause that allows worshippers to enter into the presence of God. During Mass, moments of silence occur after the Penitential Act, readings, homily and Holy Communion, providing a space for reflection, personal prayer and interior listening to God's Word. This sacred silence is not empty; it is an act of reverence and love, helping believers shift from busyness of daily life into spiritual attentiveness. The practice mirrors biblical examples such as the prophet Elijah hearing God in a 'still small voice' rather than in dramatic events (1 Kings 19:12). Practical ways to foster this silence include arriving early for prayer, refraining from unnecessary conversation, and turning off electronic devices. (stlm.org)

Caritas: Our Diocesan Charity have arranged an 'EverySTEP' sponsored hike on Saturday 5th September in Downham, Lancashire. There are booklets with all the information available at the back of Church as well as the latest 'Love in Action' newsletter.

Altar Servers: We are blessed to have more boys and girls who are willing to serve at the Altar during Mass. It is important that they arrive in good time, at least 10 -15 minutes before the start of Mass so that they can be changed and assist with the preparation of the altar in readiness for Mass at 9.30am. In future if altar servers arrive on the last minute they may be asked to sit in Church.

DONA: Our DONA card reader has been reset so that card donations can be made more easily and itemised. Parishioners do not always carry cash so it is great that this option is available. There are four categories to choose:

- Offertory
- Piety Stall
- Charity Donations
- Mass Intentions.

The Charity of the Week/Month will be on the Newsletter and all donations during that time will be allocated to that Charity.

Mass Intentions – Please still use the Mass Intentions envelope and make a note that you have given your donation by Card. You can still put cash in the envelope if you prefer.

Madonna Del Rosario Procession: The annual procession in Manchester is on Sunday 5th July 2026

departing from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats M4 5DG at 1.15pm. All welcome to join in.

Tea, Coffee and a Chat!



Please join us after 9.30am Mass each Sunday in the Blue Room for a drink and a chat, all are welcome each week!

All Welcome!

Safety: There have been several comments about the safety of children who are running around at the back of Church after Mass, it is a confined space and there is the risk of accidents when this is not a play area. It is wonderful that so many children come to Mass and understandable that they want to get together afterwards. Parents – please supervise your children, they can run around on the grass outside and keep the noise level down in Church for those who continue to pray.

Security: Please note that the corridor that runs at the side of the church to the Sacristy is not a public corridor. The only access there is to the toilet at the top of the steps. There shouldn't be any need for anyone to go into the Blue Room, the Sacristy or the corridor area during Mass unless it is a planned meeting.

Clergy Educational Fund Collection: £100.00 collected this weekend, the fund will remain open for a further 3 weeks for private donations, thank you.

DONA Charity this week: Clergy Education Fund.

Church Collection: 10/5/26 £548.57 an average of £267.00 per week received in standing order donations in April. Thank you for your generosity.

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