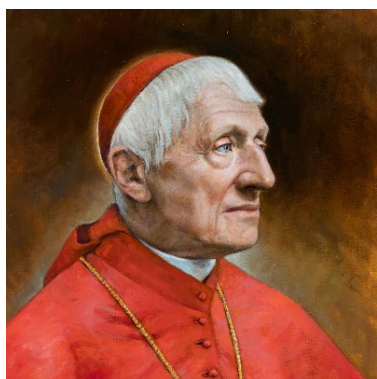


OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PETER CHANEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 2026

Doubts and difficulties? Bring them to the Lord.



‘Apparently it was not until after his resurrection and especially after his ascension, when the Holy Ghost descended, that the apostles understood who had been with them. When all was over they knew it, not at the time. Now here we see, the trace of a general principle which comes before us again and again both in scripture and in the world that God’s presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards when we look back upon what is gone and over. St Philip, for instance, when he asked to see the Almighty Father, little understood the privilege he had already so long enjoyed; accordingly, Our Lord answered, ‘Have I been so long a time with you and yet thou hast not known me, Philip?’

These are the observation of the great English Cardinal of the 19th century, Saint John Henry Newman. It is reassuring to have acknowledged for us, that sometimes in our spiritual lives we do not know the answers. We do not know why God has allowed something to happen. We struggle, even fail, to see the presence of God in a particular situation. And yet, if in faith we turn to Christ and say, “Lord, I don’t see, I don’t understand”, we may receive a glorious answer. Or we may receive an answer which we do not understand at the time, but will understand when we later look and ponder, “so that’s why it all happened” or at least, “that’s how you came to my aid”.

We need a bit of humility that admits failure and accepts correction and patience that waits for the response of God.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT PILGRIMS GOING TO LOURDES

The Vicar General requests a second collection to be taken THIS WEEKEND 2/3 May. Money raised will help to offset increases in the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes owing to the international crisis. Let’s give what we can.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Saturday	9.30am 6.30pm	Fr Dominic Rolls RIP (anniv) People of the Parish
Sunday	10am 6.30pm	Cecilia Leonard RIP People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Fred Newmarch RIP
Tuesday	7.30pm	Intentions of Fr Thomas Swaffer
Wednesday	9.30am	
Thursday		Kevin McGowan RIP
Friday	9.30am	
Saturday	6.30pm 6.30pm	Living & deceased members of the Cooper, Cowling & McFaul families
Sunday	10am 6.30pm	Eliamma Matthew RIP (1 st anniversary) People of the Parish
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday: 8.30am to 9.15am; Saturday: 10am to 10.45am		
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 10am to 10.45am; 5.30pm to 6pm. Sunday: 5.30pm to 6pm.		

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7* We come across 'Deacons' much more often nowadays. They can preach at Mass, conduct Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and minister Holy Communion at Mass and to the Sick. This passage from Acts shows us the origin of their ministry of service. Seven men were ordained through prayer and the laying on of hands to assist the priests (mostly apostles) in their work.

Second Reading: *First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9* We are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation' only by being bricks in a wall, set close to Christ who is the 'living stone', indeed, the 'keystone' who keeps the whole thing up.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN AGAIN TO ANY OF THE MASS READINGS?

Go to www.lectionaryreadings.co.uk .

FEASTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Feast of the English Martyrs. **THURSDAY:** St John of Beverley.

NOTICES

LAST SUNDAY WAS VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Thank you for your offerings. We forgot to take the collection at the 6.30pm Mass last Sunday evening so will take it this Sunday. It's not too late to make an offering and please Gift Aid it if you are a tax payer.

PARISH DINNER TO CELEBRATE OUR PARISH CENTENARY, Tuesday 28 April

Well done to those who came and enormous thanks to Therese, Marianne, Maire, Josie & Rob – and others – for preparing the wonderful meal. We even made some money for parish funds: £340.

LOURDES NEWS:

CAKE SALE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GOING TO LOURDES, Sunday 17 May

Three young people from our parish are going to Lourdes as helpers on the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the end of the month. They'll be baking and selling cakes to help pay for the cost after 10am Mass on Sunday 17 May. Please bring some money.

Pre-Pilgrimage Mass, Saturday 9 May at 2pm

The Mass for the success of the 2026 pilgrimage will take place next Saturday 9 May at 2pm at Sacred Heart Church on Southcoates Lane. All are welcome, there will be refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Lourdes Quiz Evening, Friday 3 July at 7pm

The 'Hull Lourdes Sick Fund' are holding a Quiz fundraiser on Friday 3 July at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Southcoates Lane. Maximum of 6 people per team, £2.00 per person on the door. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

ST VINCENT'S ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION, Sunday 10 May at 11.30am

The May Procession is one of Hull's great traditions of Marian devotion. It is a beautiful way of honouring of Our Lady and a great witness of our Faith to the wider community. Children wanting to join in the procession are to meet in the school before the service.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The next meeting is on Thursday 7 May at 6pm at 113 Cottingham Road.

GATHER AND GROW LECTIO GROUP

It's at 119 Cottingham Rd at 7pm. Next meeting: Wednesday 13 May.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2026

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 May at 113 Cottingham Road from 6pm to 7pm.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT THICKET PRIORY, THURSDAY 7 MAY, 10.30am to 3pm

Led by Fr John Farrell OP on the 'Parables in Luke's Gospel'. Bring a packed lunch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

SUMMERTIME AT AMPLEFORTH, 20 to 23 July 2026

For young people aged 10-15, last year around 33 children went from the Hull Catholic Youth Club. Booking is now open at faith.org.uk/events

FAITH SUMMER CONFERENCE, 27 to 31 July 2026 This is for our older young people: 16 to 30s. Booking is now open at faith.org.uk

DONATIONS FOR FOODBANK

Please continue to bring weekly donations for the Food Bank which we support. I take them every Wednesday morning to the Food Bank at the Oasis Church on the corner of Newland Ave. They are greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH

Please make your offering *realistic and regular* through a **Standing Order** from your bank or **Offerory Envelopes**. If you fill in a **Gift Aid form** we can claim 25% of every £1 you give.

Collection for the Priests' Training Fund: £193.45

Gift Aid envelopes for 2026/27

New Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of Church in alphabetical order.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Sunday 26 April: £359.64. Weekly average by Standing Order: £270

For a Standing Order: Barclays Bank, Middlesbrough. Sort code: 20-56-90. Account name: 'Diocese of Middlesbrough'. Account number 43496074

CARD READER AND QR CODE FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH

For your offertory you can register once for Gift Aid (if you are a tax payer) and it will recognise your card. Or use the QR Code.



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BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY MASS TO BE PRAYED AT HOME

God the Father has given us a new birth into a living hope. Even those who do not know God depend upon his loving mercy and kindness. Let us pray for the needs of the world.

For the work of the Church in every country, especially where Christian witness brings danger: that the Spirit of Christ may nurture faith, hope and charity in the world's darkest areas.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For Pope Leo and all the bishops and clergy: through the grace of God may they, care for the Lord's flock with love, humility and courage.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all our parish family: that every household may celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those who work and teach in our schools and universities; for those who are study especially those working on assignments and facing important examinations: that the Holy Spirit help them to prepare well and give of their best. [PAUSE]

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Let us turn to Mary, the Mother of the risen Lord. HAIL, MARY...

We offer our own prayers and petitions.

Father, we have seen your glory in the face of Christ, your Son. Enliven and deepen our faith that we may put our trust in you and serve you. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.