

| <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b><br><b>Acts 6: 1-7; Ps. 32; 1 Pet. 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12</b>   |   |
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| <b>Saturday 2nd May 2026</b><br>5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b><br>6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b><br>6:30pm: Billy McGagh RIP (Hull)  | <b>Sunday 3rd May 2026</b><br>8:30am: Carmella 'Nina' Stafford and Family (Galibardy)<br>10:30am: People of the Parish  |
| <b>Bank Holiday Monday</b><br><b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b><br><b>Monday 4th May 2026</b><br>7:30am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>8:30am: Holy Souls<br>11:30am <b>Altar Servers' Rally</b><br><b>Mass at Aylesford Friary</b>  | <b>Tues. 5th May 2026 (Feria)</b><br>8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Mary Loudon RIP<br>11:30am: Requiem Mass:<br>Mary Loudon RIP<br>4pm: Reception into Church<br>William McGagh RIP |
| <b>Weds. 6th May 2026 (Feria)</b><br>(ST. JOHN PAINE, PRIEST AND MARTYR)<br>8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br><b>N.B.: 9:15am: NO MORNING MASS</b><br>10:30am: Requiem Mass<br>William McGagh RIP   | <b>Thursday 7th May 2026 (Feria)</b><br>8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Rita Soninworth<br>(Jeyaseelan)<br>11am: Holy Mass at Shalom  |
| <b>Friday 8th May 2026 (Feria)</b><br>8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Fr. John Ryan MBE RIP<br>(Barker)   | <b>Saturday 9th May 2026 (Feria)</b><br>11am: Holy Mass at Shalom   |
| <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b><br><b>Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps. 65; 1 Pet. 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21</b>   |   |
| <b>Saturday 9th May 2026</b><br>5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b><br>6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b><br>6:30pm: Gordon Walsh<br>(Social Club)  | <b>Sunday 10th May 2026</b><br>8:30am: People of the Parish<br>10:30am: George, Hermine and Robert Galibardy RIP<br><i>followed by May Procession and Crowning the Statues of Mary.</i>                 |
| <b>ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH</b>   |   |
| Bridget Hempenstall, Julia Charteris, Marjorie Masters, Norah Cullen, Margaret Kitterick, John Sullivan, Mary Bargery, Eileen Maxted, Molly and Tommy Boshell, Beatrice Caine, Thomas Robb, Richard Hanrahan, Pauline Price, Rosemary Borland, Patricia Hanrahan, Kitty Patterson, Catherine Sheppard, Cecilia D'Mello, Caroline Harvey, Luigi Broglia. |   |
| <b>CHRIST IS OUR WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE.</b>   |   |
| We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God. God has poured out all these gifts on us through the Holy Spirit. We are to devote ourselves to proclaiming God's Word revealed in Christ, and to trust that Christ always has a special love and care for us.                           |   |

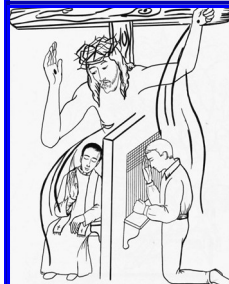


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Jesus said ...  
"I AM THE WAY, AND  
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.



NO-ONE COMES TO  
THE FATHER EXCEPT  
THROUGH ME."



**SACRAMENT OF  
PENANCE -  
CONFESSION -**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**5PM TO 6PM**  
*also, WHENEVER*  
**THE CHURCH**  
**IS OPEN, and**  
**ON REQUEST**

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS 25TH/26TH APRIL 2026:**

**Gift Aid: £195; Card: £36; Loose Plate: £247.56 ATTENDANCE: 249**  
**Priest Training: Gift Aid: £178.60; Card: £43; Loose Plate: £70.04**  
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**Next weekend:** for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

*Gift-Aiders please use one of the square brown envelopes but please add your name and your gift aid number.*

**16th/17th May:** for **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS.**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

On the eve of His departure from the world, Jesus bids farewell to His disciples who are frightened by the prospect of loneliness and loss of leadership. Calming their anxiety, He tells them not to be troubled by His absence because He has gone off to prepare a home for them in His Father's house. With words of consolation and instruction He offers them a proper remedy for all their troubles. They are to have faith in God and confidence in Him. Jesus describes Himself as leading the way to God the Father and paints a picture of heaven as a spacious place with room for everybody. The good news is that no matter who we are there is a place waiting for us in the kingdom.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. In every trial of life He is the person who helps us make that leap of faith which points us to our destination. When in the anxiety of the present moment our focus narrows to the problems that hem us in on every side, His presence and His power give us encouragement.

**CHURCH GARDEN WORKING PARTY - CAN YOU HELP?**  
**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!! MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

We are meeting on **SATURDAY 9TH MAY at 9.30AM.**  
Please come and join our **CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY** to tidy up, weed etc the Church grounds and maybe cut the front lawn.  
Please bring gardening gloves and any tools you may like to use.

**Everyone welcome.**  
**Tea and biscuits will be provided**

**WE REALLY NEED MORE PARISHIONERS TO COME AND HELP, ESPECIALLY SOME OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS. PLEASE COME ALONG TO HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL AND TIDY.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL—VACANCIES**

for **SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER,**  
**SCHOOL PREMISES MANAGER**  
and **SCHOOL ADMIN ASSISTANT.**  
See the adverts on the notice board for further information on how to apply.

**COMMUNITY FRIDGE VOLUNTEERS**

Crayford Community Fridge run by Churches Together in Crayford are currently looking to recruit a new volunteer, who would be paired with another experienced volunteer, to help run the fridge on Wednesdays between 1-2pm in the grounds of Crayford Baptist Church.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of*

**WILLIAM JOSEPH MCGAGH**, who died on the 11th April 2026  
**RECEPTION OF BODY INTO CHURCH:** Tuesday 5th May at 4pm  
**REQUIEM MASS:** Wednesday 6th May at 10:30am  
**COMMITTAL:** Eltham Crematorium at 12:15pm

**MARY JOSEPHINE LOUDON**, who died on the 28th March 2026.  
**REQUIEM MASS:** Tuesday 5th May at 11:30am  
**COMMITTAL:** Hillview Cemetery at 1:30pm.

**SR. MAIREAD MULLIGAN (LSU)** who died on the 24th April 2026.  
**RECEPTION OF BODY INTO CHURCH AND MASS:** Tuesday 19th May 11 5pm  
**REQUIEM MASS:** Wednesday 20th May at 11am.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

**ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB**

For you and your families enjoyment the following events will be held over the next few weeks:

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY at 7.30PM - CARIBBEAN FOOD NIGHT-** tickets for the food available from the bar.

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY at 7.30PM - ANDY'S QUIZ.** Teams of 6 max., entry form from the bar or turn up and join a team on the night.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT with BEN AND DEXTER on SATURDAY 20TH JUNE at 7.30PM**

Book a spot with Dexter or just come and perform on the night if you're feeling courageous

**Please join us at these events, help the Parish and enjoy the social life of the Parish.**

Membership renewal of the club is now due. If you are not a member please consider joining and making use of the club serving soft drinks, coffee, beer, wines and spirits at low cost. Membership renewal is £10 for two years.

**The social club committee gives notice that the AGM of the club will be held on Friday 8th May 2026 at 7pm and all are welcome.**

*The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.39pm on Saturday and 1pm-3pm Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.*

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

We have a collection box near the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions you could make are appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you.

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey and Tricia Farrelly.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**