

SUNDAY MASSES 11th/12th May 2024	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY St Timothy's 5.30 pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY St Paul's 8.30 am	Andrew Dalziel RIP Anniv
SUNDAY St Paul's 11.15 am	Fr Vin Burrowes RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

MON	St Paul's	12.00 noon	Joseph Walsh
TUES	St Timothy's	9.30 am	John Campbell RIP B'day Anniv
WED	St Paul's	12.00 noon	Miles Stuart– Williams RIP
THURS	St Timothy's	9.30 am	King Charles
FRI	St Paul's	12.00 noon	Paul Lambert RIP B'day Anniv
SAT	St Timothy's	10.00 am	NO MASS

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

SATURDAY St Timothy's 5.30 pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY St Paul's 8.30 am	John Redmond RIP
SUNDAY St Paul's 11.15 am	Tony Eastham RIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please pray for:

Those who have recently died: Nicola Tierney

The Sick: Elizabeth Rawlston; John Macdonald; Harry Knight; Doreen Fisher; Maureen Smith; James Rafferty; Susan Connolly; George Malcolm; Michael & Pat Brown; Gerard Crooks; John Harris; Lucy Gilston; Theresa Brown; Sarah Jones; Margaret McDonald; Kathy Dwyer; Kathleen Gallagher; Jane Dotty; Billy Maddocks; Archbishop Patrick Kelly; Sr Savio; Dot & John Wood; Pauline Gerrard Byatt

Birthdays Anniversaries: Vicky West; John Campbell; Paul Lambert

Anniversaries: Andrew Dalziel; Thomas Sutton

Mass Intentions Received This Week: John & Annie Langfield; Marg O'Brien; Mark Cuckson; Thomas Sutton; Vicky West

Ecumenical Group: Next weeks service is on **Thursday 16th May 2024** in Crosby Green Methodist

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Foodbank Collection

Thank you once again for your continued generosity both in food and cash donations. There is now a Foodbank Bin situated at the back of the church for parishioners who would prefer to donate small items of food on a more regular basis. The monthly food collections will still go ahead as usual.

Sing to Mary - May: the Month of Mary, Mother of God

THIS Thursday 16th May at 12 noon. Come and sing your old favourites in honour of Our Lady.

Visit to Gilmoor Recycling Discovery Centre

This is happening next Monday 13th May from 10.00 am – 11.30am. Why not come and find out what you can put into your blue bin and what things you should not. It promises to be a very interesting visit. If you are interested please let Cath Glover know 07474130128. She will then be able to give you further details. Sorry for the late notice

School Chaplaincy Vacancy

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at <https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>. Visits to the academy are welcomed. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 22nd May at noon.

RCIA Mass for new Catholics Thursday 20 June at the Cathedral at 7.00 pm
It will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

Sacrament of Confirmation - 20th May

Any adults who have not been Confirmed and would like to be should contact Fr Southworth as soon as possible.

Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the parishes of St Paul and St Timothy and St Margaret Mary on **Monday 20th May** at 7.00 pm in St Margaret Mary's church.

Holy Communion Pyxes

We are assessing whether we need any more pyxes (the small gold/silver container for Holy Communion to the sick) before we buy some more. Would any minister who at present does not take Communion to the sick please check if you have one and let us know.

Parish Centre

Friday 31st May	Motown Night - SOLD OUT
Sunday	Tea and Biscuits after 11.15Mass
Thursdays:	Knitter's afternoon social gathering 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm Bingo from 7.30pm



7th Sunday of Easter

12th May 2024

We must choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us ... and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.

Acts 1:21-22

After Jesus' Ascension, which we celebrated last Thursday, in today's scriptures we hear how the apostles were looking for someone to take the place of Judas. They wanted someone who had experienced Jesus's life and teaching, and who could "act with us as a witness to his resurrection". They chose Matthias.

Christianity is not etched in stone; it's etched on people's hearts. It needs to be constantly proclaimed in fresh ways and the only people who can bear witness to it are those whose hearts have been sealed by the Spirit in baptism and confirmation. Each day God calls us to be a new Matthias, someone who has experienced the power of Jesus and can tell others about it.

World Communications Sunday

The message of Jesus, the great communicator, continues to be spread throughout the world by modern means. We pray for all those involved in the media. There is a **retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN)** after all masses. This body promotes the Gospel through the media. The Office is the central point for enquiries from TV, radio and newspapers.

The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis, is **'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'**.

A note from the Holy See Press Office announcing the theme observed that "The evolution of artificial intelligence systems makes it ever more natural to communicate through and with machines, so that it has become increasingly difficult to distinguish computation from thought, and the language produced by a machine from that generated by human beings."

More details from the Catholic Bishops' website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

David Wells: Parish Day of Renewal - Next Saturday

Saturday 18th May: 9.30 am - 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre

CALLED, ANOINTED AND SENT - Looking to the future with hope.

9.00 am -9.30 am	Coffee –arrivals
9.30 am -9.45 am	Prayer
9.45 am -11.00 am	Session One
11.00 am -11.30 am	Coffee
11.30 am -2.45 pm	Session Two
12.45 pm -1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm –2.45 pm	Session Three.
2.45 pm -3.00 pm	Prayer.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Paul's Church from 8.00 am to 9.00 am for private prayer for those who wish.

For catering purpose for lunch please sign the list in our churches.

FAITH IN FOCUS: NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

Today, the seventh Sunday of Easter, is one of the strangest of the Church's entire year. There's an air of anticipation and unfulfilment about it. Jesus has already ascended to heaven and yet we're still here waiting for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We're in the in-between time. It gives us chance to pause and breath a little, to take stock of the thrust of what Jesus said and did during his life and teaching on earth before he went back to the Father.

And when we listen to Jesus' last message today, a prayer to God for his disciples, we find something of a paradox. Jesus wants us to be in the world but not part of it.

Does this mean that we should become like monks in a monastery, shut off from the world and having nothing to do with it? Should we keep our distance from those who are God's children but who are not Christians? Should we shun science and technology, culture, sport, music and enjoyment? Should we stack our bookshelves with nothing except bibles and prayer books? Should we pepper our conversations with scripture quotes and hope thereby to convert people?

The word "world" has a special meaning when Jesus uses it. It doesn't mean the earth or the mass of people who inhabit it. It means all those values which do not reflect God's vision for his creation.

And so we live in the world but do not have "worldly" values. The world thinks it's stupid to put yourself last rather than first, to put yourself out for those in need, to die to yourself in order that you can really live. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are meek. It makes no sense says the "world". For the world puts a premium on comfort and affluence.

So today Jesus reminds us that if we are true to his word, if we allow ourselves to be consecrated in the truth, then our thought-patterns will be different from those who do not know him or believe in his message. And his final prayer is not that we should be removed from the world but that we should be protected from the tempter who will try and entice us to worship fame, success, wealth or what the world might call "progress".

Are we sufficiently tuned in to God's word that we can be in the world but not of it?