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DATE
Sunday 3rd May 2026

SUNDAY
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

Live-stream: Live Streaming is back on line. All of our services are now Live-streamed

<p>Saturday 2nd May 2026 St. Athanasius Bishop, Dr. of the Church ^{Memorial} (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Fr. Ramesh's Parents, ^(AT) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Thanksgiving Mass to the Holy Trinity on the Occasion of the 15th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary of Fr Ramesh ^(S&B)</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8:55am 9:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Rosary Devotion Group People of the Parish</p>
<p>Monday 4th May 2026 English Martyrs ^{Feast}</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Services Today</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 5th May 2026 Easter Feria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:15am</p>	<p>Clare Higgs RIP ^(SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th May 2026 Easter Feria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:15am 6:00pm</p>	<p>Martin Hoskisson RIP ^(PH) <i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 7th May 2026 Easter Feria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6:30pm 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>Rosary for the Unborn in Church</i> Private Intention</p>
<p>Friday 8th May 2026 Easter Feria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:15am</p>	<p>Int. of Hillary Fernandes</p>
<p>Saturday 9th May 2026 Easter Feria (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm</p>	<p>John Gallagher RIP ^(SVP) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Maureen Hayes RIP ^(JH)</p>
<p>Sunday 10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8:55am 9:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Rosary Devotion Group People of the Parish</p>

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection following both Masses next weekend **9th/10th May** in aid of the **Poor parishes of the Diocese.**

There will be a retiring collection following both Masses on the weekend **16th/17th May** in aid of the **Catholic Communications.**

Pope Leo

From the beginning of my pontificate, I have thought about a journey in Africa. I thank the Lord for granting me the opportunity to undertake it, as Shepherd, in order to encounter and encourage the people of God, as well as to offer a message of Peace at a time in history marked by wars and serious and frequent violations of international law.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lord our God, in many parts of the world the people of your Church are sorely oppressed and harshly treated, the Holy Land among them. Through your Holy Spirit strengthen and reassure our brothers and sisters, we pray, who suffer so on your account.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our next meeting of will be on **Monday 11th May** at **2pm** in the meeting room. This month, our guest speaker is **Sally Jenkins** who is the author with a number of books printed. Sounds like a good meeting, dont just sit at home, come along and join us.

RCIA Growing the Faith

The **R.C.I.A** course of meetings are now at an end until the autumn when they will resume. **Deacon Peter** will be offering scripture studies based on the Gospel according to Matthew at the same time, **7:00 to 8:30pm** from this **Tuesday 5th May, when all are welcome.**

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Andrew Mather**, Father of Katharine M, upon whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Andrew's Funeral Service will be on Friday 8th May at 1:00pm at Aldridge Methodist Church.

Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday **7th May at 6.30pm** we pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for all unborn children and their families. **This month's intention is:** 'For women and families struggling with infertility'.

Pope's Leo's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of May is:- **That everyone might have food.**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Church Parking

When parking at church, please do not block other vehicles, and always allow for the possible need for access of emergency vehicles. Please, **NEVER EVER** block the priests garage door.

You do not know if he may need to leave urgently for the Sacrament of the Sick, maybe even during Mass times³

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Catherine Revill, Keith Hickson, Sheila Brayford, Geraldine Frith, Ann Watson, Anne Mitchell, Maureen Patton, Maureen Carr, Shaun Smith, Kathleen 'Frankie' Smith, Sheila Plimmer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan née Meehan, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform **Fr. Ramesh directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

Coming Church Events

The next parish event will be the **Beetle Drive**. A **Chicken, fish or pie & chip supper** on **Friday 15th May at 7:00pm**. in the Meeting Room. A Sign up list is available in the porch.

Sunday 7th June - Corpus Christi Procession.

Sunday 14th June - CaFOD Pudding Sunday – For this we will need Puddings and Cakes to sell after the Sunday Mass. Additional details will follow shortly.

Volunteers Needed.

We need more volunteers for reading at Masses. No training is required, if you feel you could do this please contact Gerry Wintrip. Young readers are particularly welcome.

Our **parish SVP Conference** is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sue W for more information.

Diocesan Directories

We still have a few **Diocesan Directories** for **2026** available, for a donation at the piety stall.

15th Priestly Ordination Anniversary

With deep gratitude to God, I joyfully celebrate the 15th Anniversary of my priestly Ordination. These years of my ministry have been a profound blessing, filled with grace, learning and growth. I wholeheartedly thank God for the gift of priesthood and for the privilege of serving you all, His people. I am especially grateful to this parish community for your faith, encouragement and constant support. Your prayers have sustained me through both joyful and challenging moments. I remember with appreciation all those who have guided, inspired and walked with me along this journey. I also recall in prayers my family, friends and brother priests who have been a source of strength. As I look back, I am humbled by God's faithfulness and mercy in my life. As I look ahead, I renew my commitment to serve with love, dedication and humility. I entrust my ministry to the Lord and seek His continued guidance. Kindly continue to hold me in your prayers, as you remain always in mine.

Sunday Tea and Coffee



May I please ask anyone who is included on the **Tea & Coffee** rota to please confirm that they are happy to continue?

Also, if you would like to join this rota, could you please let me know? You will only usually need to cover one Sunday in about every 4 months.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know by the end of May.

Anne via the Parish Landline or you can see me on the piety stall at the back of church on Sunday.

Thank you'



“Let not your heart be troubled.”

Duty Rotas

Names in the tables below are from the rotas that teams in the parish produce for groups they organise. Duties are as published, and may not correspond to the persons ‘on duty’ as holidays, sickness, family commitments etc. can cause group members to swap their turn with other team members.

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels, please visit the ‘Baptismal Enquiry’ page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a ‘**Baptism Enquiry Form**’. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7:00pm Tuesday 9th June 2026

7:00pm Tuesday 8th September 2026

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 2ND – 3RD MAY 2026		
6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	READERS:	Hugh & Gerry
	^{E O Each.} Ministers	John & Ann T
9:30AM SUNDAY SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L & Elena S
	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Martin & Christine
	^{E O Each.} Ministers	Sue & Katie ^{Musicians} Catherine
Duties During the Week: 4TH – 9TH MAY 2026		
CLEANERS:	Team C	
FLOWERS:	Sally	
PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 9TH – 10TH MAY 2026		
6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	READERS:	Pat & Cathy
	^{E O Each.} Ministers	Emma & Tony
	WARDENS:	Tony M
9:30AM SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Helen & Elaine A
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Florence & Helen
	^{E O Each.} Ministers	Katharine & Janet ^{Musicians} Phil P
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
COFFEE:	The A Family	

Reflection: In today’s Gospel, Jesus consoles His apostles (who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon), by assuring them that He is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in His Father’s House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that He will come back to take them to their Heavenly abode. It is then that Thomas says, “*Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?*” Jesus answers Thomas’ question with, “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.*” The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that He is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that He, Himself, is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the modern notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, and that no organised religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. But Jesus **is** the Way that He calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus **is** the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God’s relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths and demonstrates them in His life. Jesus **is** the Life because, as God, He possesses the eternal life of God and shares His Divine life with His disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the **Way** He lives, in the **Truth** of His word and in the new **Life** that He brings.

God Bless you all.