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Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr A

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# St William Parish, Wigan

## The Churches of St Mary, St John and St Patrick

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## Sunday's Gospel—John 14:15–21

Jesus promises that love for him is shown not primarily in feelings, but in keeping his commandments. He also promises the Father will send “another Advocate,” the Holy Spirit, who will remain with the disciples and teach them how to live what Jesus has given. For us, this passage opens a window onto the life of the Trinity: the Son reveals the Father, and the Spirit is poured out to make Christ present within the Church and within each believer. Jesus does not leave us as orphans; he comes to us—especially through the grace of the sacraments—so that our obedience becomes a living relationship rather than a burden. The Spirit forms in us an interior fidelity: reminding us of Jesus' words, strengthening our conscience, and giving us courage to choose charity, forgiveness, and truth even when it costs. As we keep Christ's commands, we discover the promise at the heart of the Gospel: “I am in my Father and you in me and I in you”—a communion offered to us day by day.

## The Solemnity of the Ascension (Thursday)

The Ascension of the Lord can sound, at first, like a goodbye—Jesus leaving, the disciples staring into the sky, and the Church left to manage on its own. But Pope Francis reminds us that the Ascension is not abandonment. It is the fulfilment of Jesus' mission: he returns to the Father carrying our humanity, and he remains close to us in a new way.

This feast is full of hope. In Christ, our human nature already has a place in heaven; the destiny we long for is no longer a distant dream but a promise with a face. And Jesus does not step away from our lives—he intercedes for us before the Father and prepares the gift of the Holy Spirit, who keeps the Gospel alive in us, strengthens our conscience, and gives us courage to choose charity and truth.

The Ascension ends with a blessing and begins with a sending. The Lord lifts our hearts to heaven, not so that we escape the world, but so that we can live in it differently—patient, steady, and mission-minded. If Christ is seated at the Father's right hand, then our daily work, our family burdens, our hidden sacrifices, and our acts of mercy can be offered with confidence: our life is already held within his prayer.



	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
Sat 9 Sun 10 May	Holy Mass <b>(Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm</b> - <i>Christine Summers (A)</i> Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> - <i>Margaret Henry (A)</i> Followed by coffee morning in St Mary's presbytery Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's Church 9.15am</b> - <i>John Breheney (A)</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> - <i>Birthday Thanksgiving</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> - <i>Parishioners</i> May procession and Benediction at <b>St Mary's 6.30pm</b> with <i>First Holy Communion Children</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	
	<b>6th Monday of Eastertide</b>	
Mon 11	Stay and Pray <b>St Mary's &amp; St Johns School 2.45pm</b> Year 2 Rosary in May <b>St Patrick's 12.15pm</b> Church Cleaning <b>St Patrick's 6.30pm</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 7.00pm</b> ending with Night Prayer at <b>7.45pm</b>	
	<b>The Carthusian Martyrs of England</b>	
Tue 12	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15pm</b> Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm— <i>Margaret &amp; John Moreton</i> Church cleaning St Mary's 9.00am	
	<b>Dedication of Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool</b>	
Wed 13	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 12.00 noon</b> — <i>Mary &amp; John Yates (A)</i> Followed by Holy Rosary	
	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Solemnity)</b>	
Thur 14	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> — <i>Chris Higgins Snr.</i> Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 12noon</b> — <i>Ann Stridgeon (B)</i> Pondering and Praying Vatican II <b>St John's Campbell Room 7.00pm</b> <b>Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> — <i>Dorothy Bernard (LD)</i>	
	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	
Fri 15	Stay and Pray <b>St Patrick's School 9.05am</b> Year 5 Holy Mass, with y4 attending <b>St John's 10.00am</b> — <i>Harry Johnson (B)</i>	
	<b>6th Saturday of Eastertide</b>	
Sat 16	No Mass, Confession or Adoration at St Mary's First Holy Communion Mass <b>St Patrick's 10.00am</b> — <i>All first Holy Communicants in St Williams parish</i> Holy Mass <b>(Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm</b> - <i>Eileen McGann (A)</i>	
	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
Sun 17	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> — <i>Bob Mather (A)</i> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's Church 9.15am</b> — <i>Meirelides Daum LD</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> - <i>40th Birthday Thanksgiving AS</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> - <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	

(A) - Anniversary  
(LD) - Lately Dead  
(B) - Birthday remembrance

**BAPTISMS:** please speak to either Fr Paul or Fr John if you would like your child baptised.

**CONFESSION:** For 10 mins. after each weekday Mass.

St Mary's Saturday: 10.30 – 11.30am & 4.15 – 4.45pm and St John's Sunday: 3.45pm – 4.15pm.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:**

**St Mary's Church** is open from 10.30am – 4.00pm on every day except Sunday pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK:** Anthony Hughes, Fr John, Linda Evans, all our parishioners and friends, our priests.

**ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Matthew Killeen *May they rest in peace.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ken Gaskell, Fr Peter Sibert, Celia Wilding, Patrick McKiernan, Joseph McKiernan, Ellen Walsh, Margaret Holland, Edna Topping, Jane Winstanley, Agnes Dumican, Beatrice Dalton, Mary Ann Thomas, William Glover, Sheila Culshaw, Gerard Doherty, Gilbert Kendrick, Sharon Devine.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Ken Gaskell, Winifred Gregory, Mary Ann Thomas, The Whyte Family, Kath Dainty,

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN THIS WEEK FOR:**

**St Mary's:** William and Winifred Partington.

**St Patrick's:** Mr & Mrs W Langin

**St John's:** Clare Pulford



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** A reminder that on Thursday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which is a holy day of obligation. There are three Masses in the parish that day which can be found opposite.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our children who received the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time yesterday at St John's. Today they will take part in a May Procession and Benediction at St Mary's and 6.30pm. Everyone is most welcome, indeed encouraged, to attend.

**WIGAN FAMILY OF PARISHES, PENTECOST WALK** Sunday 24th May, assemble in St John's courtyard from 1.45pm. Similar to last year, we will walk through Wigan town centre and finish in Mesnes Park. Volunteers are required to carry banners, act as marshals and first aiders. If you can help please sign the sheet at the back of church. All welcome (including dogs), bring a picnic!

**PONDERING & PRAYING VATICAN II | SESSION 11 THE LAITY:** This week, on THURSDAY 14TH MAY, we begin continue studying the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) Tea and coffee will be available from 6.45pm. Everyone is most welcome to come along! If you would like a copy of the document to read before the session please ring Chris on 07712 552410 and he will arrange a copy.

**PARISH PUB QUIZ:** On Friday 22nd May teams of six are invited to take part in our St William Parish Quiz. The venue for this event is the Function Room at Little Fifteens, Wallgate, Wigan. The bar will be open. The room is booked from 6pm and the kitchen will be open if you would like to eat. The Quiz starts at 7pm. Tickets are £20 per team of six. There will also be a raffle on the night. Prizes are most welcome—collecting at the back of each church. Tickets available St Mary's—Anne Foster, St John's—Chris Higgins, St Patrick's—Josh Marshall.

**ST WILLIAM'S PARISH AFTERNOON TEA:** Friday 15th May at the Wheel Restaurant Wigan College. 12.00 for 12.30pm. If you have any special requirements. Vegetarian, Vegan, Allergies or any other you haven't noted. Please make a note on sheet at the back of St. Mary's so we can let the Restaurant know. Looking forward to our "Get Together", Mary.

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Wednesday 20th May from 1.00pm as there is no Mass at St Mary's.

**SOCIAL MEETING AND CHURCH CLEANING:** Due to ongoing work currently taking place, the Social Planning Evening has been postponed. In its place, there will be a Church cleaning session. All are warmly invited to come along and help clean St Patrick's Church at 6:30pm on Monday 11th May.

**PARISH PUB QUIZ NIGHT**  
★ 22nd of May | Quiz starts 7pm  
Little Fifteens, Wallgate  
£20 per team of six  
Raffle at half time

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia,  
 Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
 Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,  
 Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia,  
 For He whom you have humbly borne for us, alleluia,  
 Has arisen, as He promised, alleluia,  
 Offer now our prayer to God, alleluia.

**SCHOOL OF PRAYER:** Over the next twelve months a series of prayer experiences will be offered each half-term over four consecutive weeks. In the Catholic Church there are a wealth of ways in which we can pray and develop our spiritual life—this is an opportunity to experience some of them. You are invited on Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th June and 1st of July to experience ‘Taize’ style prayer. Keep the dates free!

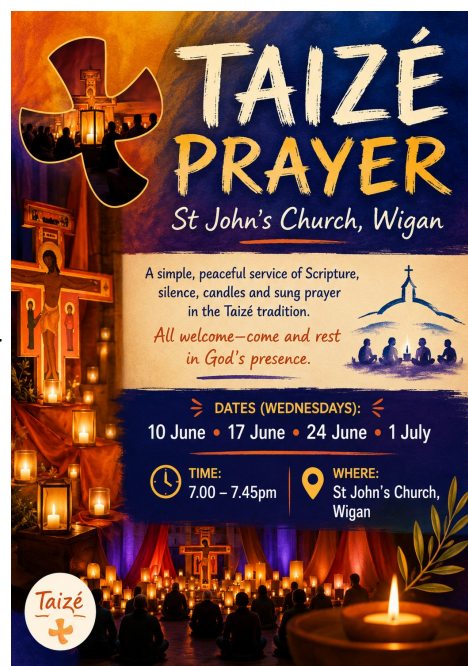
**WELCOME, FR KEITH!** This week, we warmly welcome back Fr Keith Windsor, who is home visiting relatives in Wigan. Originally from our parish and baptised at St Patrick’s Church, Fr Keith now ministers in America. If you see him around the Parish, please do take a moment to say hello. Welcome home, Fr Keith, and enjoy your break!

**CATHEDRAL FRIENDS EVENT SATURDAY 4th JULY** You are warmly invited to an exclusive guided tour of the Lutyens Crypt – a hidden architectural gem rich in atmosphere and heritage. Discover the vast, awe-inspiring underground space, hear its fascinating story, and experience a side of the Cathedral few ever see. Following the tour, indulge in a delightful afternoon tea featuring delicate sandwiches and hand-crafted, artisan cakes. Tickets are only £35. [Email friends@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@metcathedral.org.uk) for yours early to avoid disappointment.

**THANK YOU - SCHOOL STATUE APPEAL:** The recent collection to support the repair work to St Patrick’s Statue at St Patrick’s Primary School raised £135.68, which has now been given to the school. Thank you for your generous support.

**CLEANING VACANCY** – St Patrick’s Primary School: A cleaning vacancy has arisen at St Patrick’s Primary School. The role is for 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 3:00pm – 6:00pm. The successful candidate will be subject to DBS checks, including international checks if required. If you are interested, please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Davies on 01942 244361.

**AN EVENING TALK BY MARY HARDIMAN: WALKING WITH JESUS:** All are invited to an evening talk entitled ‘Walking with Jesus’. A captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary will be presenting her thoughts on the gospel story of The Road to Emmaus. She will be asking searching questions and helping us see its relevance in our faith journey. **7.00pm Wednesday 20th May** Our Lady and All Saints school Parbold WN8 7HD.



Important dates for your diary...	
Friday 21st May 7.00pm	<b>St Patrick’s Men’s Group</b> Meeting in the Lappin Room, before completing
Friday 22nd May 1.45pm	<b>St Patrick’s;</b> May Crowning and Procession
Friday 22nd May 7:30pm	<b>Parish Quiz Night</b> — <i>Little Fifteens, Wallgate</i>
Saturday 6th June	<b>St William’s First Holy Communions</b> <i>St John’s Church</i>
Saturday 11th July	<b>Rosa Mystica Mass and Devotions</b> <i>St Mary’s Church</i>
Mon 10th—Thurs 13th Aug	<b>Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham</b>
Sunday 13th September	<b>McMillan Coffee Morning</b> —Campbell Room, St Johns after 11am Mass
Saturday 10th October	<b>Adoremus Liverpool at the Met Cathedral</b>