

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 9th May/ Sunday 10th May 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)



PRAYER LIST: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Keith Flynn, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West and Betty Sheehan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rita Tarpey, Evelyn Matthewman, Michael Lane, Elizabeth Jarvis, Josephine Sochan, John White, Mary Blackmur, Erika Peagram, Maria Castellazzi, Maria Sarnicka, Marie Day, Violet Amos, John Fahy, Catherine Smoothy, Mary Murphy and Anthony De Souza.
May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for **World Communications Day**. This is a Catholic Church celebration held annually on the Sunday before Pentecost (May 17, 2026) to reflect on the power of media, journalism, and modern communication. Established in 1967, it highlights the role of media in fostering community, sharing the Gospel, and communicating with "gentleness" and truth. Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Every Sunday we have a team of volunteers who run the coffee mornings after the 11am Mass. But we could always do with some extra help. Each person currently covers one week in 5 but with more volunteers this could reduce. If you are interested please contact Ann-Marie on 07773 050679. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our FHC children will be taking the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the weekends 6/7 and 13/14 June. Please pray for them and their families during this special time.

FISH AND CHIP LUNCH: Join us for a Fish and Chips lunch on Friday 15th May at 1pm in The Jubilee Hall (organised by the Faith Group). Cost is £10 per person (cod and chips) and £1/donation for tea/coffee and biscuits. As meals need to be ordered in advance, tickets must be purchased before the event. Tickets will be available after Sunday Masses, or ask at the Church office. We will also be holding a raffle to boost funds and any donations for the raffle or donations of cakes etc. would be very welcome. All monies raised will be donated to the "**St John Bosco Children's Camp**".
Many thanks from The Faith Group.

FUNERAL: The Funeral of the late Gertrude Veronica (Pat) Howell will take place on Thursday 21st May at Bocking Cemetery Chapel at 10.30am, followed by Burial at Bocking Cemetery at 11.30am. All are welcome. Please keep Pat's family and friends in your prayers. **May she rest in peace.**

CONFESSIONS :

Confessions will take place from 5.00pm on Saturday 9th May.

BAPTISM: This weekend, we welcome Maxwell Jude O'Keeffe in to the Family of the Church. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

GIFT AID: Once again I would like to thank all those Parishioners who are in our Gift Aid Scheme. We recently received the latest tax refund of £7,000, this meant in the last tax year our refunds amounted to £23,000 at no additional cost to you. These tax refunds are essential for our Parish as the offertory donations are not sufficient to cover the increasing running costs of the Parish. If you are a tax payer who is not yet part of our Gift Aid Scheme, would you please consider joining so we can recover the tax that you have already paid on your donations.

Chris Dayer

NEW LECTIONARY: As many of you will be aware, the Church in England and Wales has recently introduced a new Lectionary, with the readings at Mass now proclaimed from the **English Standard Version (ESV)** of the Bible. This replaces the **New Jerusalem Bible**, which has served us so well for many years.

The ESV is translated directly from the original Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture, aiming to stay closer to the exact wording of the biblical authors. This means you might sometimes hear phrasing that sounds a little different or more formal than before, but it reflects a careful effort to be faithful to the original meaning of the text.

This new Lectionary has been prepared especially for Catholic use, ensuring that it remains in harmony with the Church's tradition while benefiting from the best of modern biblical scholarship. As with any change, it may take a little time to become familiar—but it offers us a fresh opportunity to listen more attentively to God's Word as it is proclaimed in the liturgy.

The parish has invested in the new Lectionary, a new Book of the Gospels—which is truly beautiful, and I look forward to you all seeing it—and new Mass books. I propose to introduce these in the coming weeks. The end of Eastertide seems an appropriate moment, so the first weekend using the new Lectionary will be the 30th/31st of May, when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

For those who prefer to bring their own missal to Mass, copies are available from the Catholic Truth Society:

<https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal/>

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