

Thursday 14th May
The Ascension of the Lord
Matthew 28:16-20

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Pope Benedict XIV, 7 May 2005

"Since God embraces and sustains the entire cosmos, the Ascension of the Lord means that Christ has not departed from us, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us for ever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing. We can inwardly draw away from him. We can live turning our backs on him. But he always waits for us and is always close to us."
(shared by the Holy Name, Jesmond)



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Sunday 10th May 2026:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The Advocate the Father will Send (John 14: 15-21), consider this reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough: Only in John's Gospel is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'.

Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin language, the latter from the Greek. It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality 'paraclesis' or perseverance. In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete. The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with the disciples. The close link and interplay between these three figures (Father, Son and Spirit) gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church. With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery. *Why do we need a Paraclete to guide us?*

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: 9th and 10th May

We welcome Fr Patrick O'Beirne. Charitable donations in aid of the annual mission appeal can be made via cash or cheque and left in our offertory baskets or by card / phone via Dona Readers. Thank you for the support.

ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT & FOOD BRING AND BUY SALE: (today!)

Please join us in the church hall after Sunday Mass to buy plants, something home-grown, home baked or produced. There are lots of new things to try this year with all money raised supporting St Aidan's Justice & Peace Group.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday 14th May

We will celebrate Mass 10am at St Mary's and 7pm at St Aidan's

MASS FOR PENTECOST: Sat 16th May

Charis invite you to the Mass for Pentecost at English Martyrs Church, Stamfordham Road, NE5 3JR. Praise and worship begins at 1:00pm, followed by Mass at 1:20 pm, celebrated by Bishop Stephen. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: 3rd May 2026

St Aidan's: Loose Plate: £199.00 / Envelopes: £301.00 / Hall Hire: £54.00

Little Sisters of the Poor: £80.00

Thank you to a parishioner for their incredibly kind private donation.

April Standing Order Donations: £686.00

St Mary's: Loose Plate: £224.71 / Envelopes: £66.00 / Candles: £16.65

Donations: £115.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £153.00 (Lourdes Appeal)

April Standing Order Donations: £1,839.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Details re standing orders, offertory envelopes or Gift Aid via NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

LOURDES RACE NIGHT: Fri 15th May, 7pm - 1030pm

St Teresa's church is hosting the "Kellet Cup Race Night" to raise funds for Lourdes Hospitalité, in memory of Fr Denis Kellet. For more information, please contact Pat Henzell: 07803727799 or chris.henzell@gmail.com

AUSTEN IVEREIGH AT THE HOLY NAME: Sat 16th May at 11am

Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis biographer and noted Catholic journalist & commentator, speaks on 'From Francis to Leo: the Catholic Church in a Change of Era' All are welcome, there is no charge & no booking necessary.

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 10th May 2026

Sat 9th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun 10th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Jim Jones
Sun 10th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Fr Pat McKenna
Mon 11th	** NO MASS **	
Tues 12th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 13th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	John Carney
Thurs 14th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 14th (St Aidan's)	7.00pm	Valerie Ann White
Fri 15th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat 16th	** NO CONFESSION **	
Sat 16th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 17th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun 17th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Chakkoria Anthony

For Mass Intentions, please use envelopes in our churches.

'God seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.'

Ephesians 1:16-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those who have died recently. Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts & prayers. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 17th May / 7th Sunday of Easter

Trouble and persecution are the inevitable condition of following the persecuted and triumphant Christ. (1 Peter 4:13-16)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to love. Help us to learn to work together in love, and to make the world a better place for everyone. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING: We look to ensure our churches are safe spaces where we support each other, signpost external services & walk together on our life journeys. If you have questions, speak to Fr Sean, our safeguarding reps: St Aidan's - Ms B Lamb / St Mary's - Mrs A Parry or visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding for information & support.

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