

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Fifth Sunday of Easter (03/05/2026)

Sat 02 May	6.30pm	Jose Mundanthanathu, St. Athanasius, B D
Sun 03 May	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 04 May		No Mass
Tue 05 May	9.30am	Laura Wild. St Asaph, B
Wed 06 May	9.15am	Rosary, Holy Mass Novena, D.F.M of Maria Longhurst
Thu 07 Apr	9.30 am	Newton & Calvely Family
Fri 08 May	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Leon Antonita

Sixth Sunday of Easter (10/05/2026)

Sat 09 May	6.30pm	Elizabeth Mary Jones
Sun 10 May	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £347.08, Envelopes: £113.00 Total: £460.08.
Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmations

Confirmations will take place at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, at 3pm. There are restrictions on the number of guests for each family. A document giving this and other important information about the arrangements is available at the back of the church (on the welcomers' table). Please ensure that each candidate/family takes a document.

Volunteers for Church cleaning

I would like to invite volunteers to clean the church at the time of your choice. Please write down your name, phone number, and your choice of day. Once I get the volunteers' names and choice of day, I will prepare a church cleaning rota.

Open Door teas and coffees

On Wednesday 13th May, we will have the next monthly get-together for parishioners to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a chat from 11am to 12.15pm in the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend some social time together. Do come along if you can.

Eastertide Hamper

Two of our parishioners have kindly donated a hamper to be raffled, with the proceeds going towards paying off the boiler/parish debt. The hamper includes 2 bottles of wine, a gin gift set, tea, coffee, chocolates, biscuits, jams. Tickets are available at the back of the church, £1 for a strip; please keep your tickets as the

winner will need to produce the winning ticket to claim their prize. The raffle will be drawn in a few weeks' time.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse– 5th May 2026

It gives the Church in England and Wales an opportunity to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals, their families and friends, and the communities of which they are part. The theme for the day in 2026 examines the scourge of **domestic abuse** which causes pain and fear that prevents its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Further information can be found for your consideration by following this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

St Vincent de Paul Conference

The St Vincent de Paul Conference (SVP) is now up and running. We are however, in need of a Treasurer. If anyone in the parish is familiar with email, online banking and updating a spread sheet please can you consider joining us. You would not need to be involved in the visiting and it would only require a couple of hours a month of your time. You would need to attend our meetings, no more than twice a month, after the 10:00 Sunday mass. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Philip or Christine Trott (president SVP) Tel no - 07535898437. Also, if you know of anyone in the parish who would benefit from a visit or would like to join the group.

Sacristan

The role of sacristan is a very important role in the life of our parish and its liturgies. We have at present a sacristan, Chris Trott, who contributes wonderfully to our worshiping community, seeing that the Table of the Lord and all that is associated with the liturgical seasons is at its best.

However, like all roles within our church, it is good for them to be shared. This makes the roles we do a joy rather than a task, makes it light rather than burdensome. All roles within the parish are primarily about building community, growing together in Christ. The sacristan is ultimately laying the table for the Lord. If you are interested in volunteering for the role of sacristan working with our present sacristan, great. If you have never done it before, no worries, all training will be given. Please speak with Fr. Philip or Chris Trott.

For those who would like to be baptised in the Holy Spirit: The Gift, a life in the Spirit course

This is a course for those who would like to learn more about the Holy Spirit and who would hope to allow the Holy Spirit to renew and empower them. Pope Francis had asked that all parishes offer this opportunity so that people may experience the power of the Spirit in their lives. If you have already been baptised in the Holy Spirit, you're also welcome to join to receive renewal in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is a six-week course beginning on the 5th May, every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm. For more information and to sign up, please see Deacon Joe or Marian after Mass. For those who attend Mass on Saturday, please ask the welcomer for a form to complete.

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A

The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**

P. Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm **May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow)*. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: The mystery of faith.

R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God,

R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**