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Seventh Sunday of Easter (17/05/2026)

Sat 16 May	6.30pm	Mother Bernadette
Sun 17 May	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 18 May		No Mass
Tue 19 May	9.30am	Morris Roberts, St. Milburga, Ab, V
Wed 20 May	9.15am	Rosary, Holy Mass Novena, Mariyama Mulayanickal
Thu 21 May	9.30 am	Joyce O'Donoghue, Dedication of the Cathedral
Fri 22 May	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Jenny Bradford, St. Rita of Cascia

Pentecost Sunday (24/05/2026)

Sat 23 May	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 24 May	10.00am	Elizabeth Mary Jones

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £256.75 Envelopes: £92.00 Total: £348.75.
Thank you for your generosity.

Latelty Dead

Let us pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marian Tolley, the former music leader in our parish, who died on 3rd May 2026. Her Funeral Mass will be held in the church on 3rd June at 12 noon followed by private cremation in Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

Mission accomplished! I completed this year's Cafod challenge to walk 200 kms in 40 days. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and generously donated. The amount raised was £550 which is amazing. This will help build life-saving water tanks in drought-hit villages, Once again, thank you, Sarah Dudley.

World Communications Day

World Communications Day will be celebrated on Sunday 17th May. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, and is held every year to draw attention to the role of communications media worldwide. Let us pray for catholic communication systems throughout the world. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend, 16th & 17th May, to support this noble work.

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 on Pentecost Sunday.

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 worshipping community, seeing that the Table of the Lord and all that is associated with the liturgical seasons is at its best. 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.

Foundation Governors Needed

Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary School is seeking two practising Catholics to serve as Foundation Governors on its Local Governing Body. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, and play a vital role in preserving and developing the Catholic character, mission and ethos of the school. They work strategically with school leaders and other governors to support Catholic education and ensure the school continues to flourish in faith and learning. This is a voluntary role. No prior experience of education or governance is required, as training and support are provided. What matters most is a commitment to the Catholic faith and a willingness to serve the school and wider Catholic community. Current Foundation Governors are more than willing to discuss this further – please leave your details with Fr. Philip and one of us will get in touch, or you can contact the school office for further information about the diocesan application process.

Sick and Housebound

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

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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 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm **I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

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.**