

May Magnificat
Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ

May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;
But the Lady Month, May,
Why fasten that upon her,
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter
Than the most are must delight her?
Is it opportunist
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other Question:
What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
Grass and greenworld all together;
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to mind
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple
Bloom lights the orchard-apple
And thicket and thorp are merry
With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes
And magic cuckoocall
Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation.

We continue **Pope Leo's Letter** on the Church's option for the poor, Dilexi Te

St Clare of Assisi, who was inspired by Francis, founded the Order of Poor Ladies, later called the Poor Clares. Her spiritual struggle consisted in faithfully maintaining the ideal of radical poverty. She refused the papal privileges that could have guaranteed material security for her monastery and, with firmness, obtained from Pope Gregory IX the *Privilegium Paupertatis*, which guaranteed the right to live without any material goods. This choice expressed her total trust in God and her awareness that voluntary poverty was a form of freedom and prophecy. Clare taught her sisters that Christ was their only inheritance and that nothing should obscure their communion with him. Her prayerful and hidden life was a cry against worldliness and a silent defense of the poor and forgotten.

St Dominic de Guzmán, a contemporary of Francis, founded the Order of Preachers, with a different charism but the same radicalism of life. He wanted to proclaim the Gospel with the authority that comes from a life of poverty, convinced that the Truth needs witnesses of integrity. The example of poverty in their lives accompanied the Word they preached. Free from the weight of earthly goods, the Dominican Friars were better able to dedicate themselves to their principal work of preaching. They went to the cities, especially the universities, in order to teach the truth about God. [In their dependence on others, they showed that faith is not imposed but offered. And by living among the poor, they learned the truth of the Gospel “from below,” as disciples of the humiliated Christ.

Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart in his last Letter, Dilexit Nos, on the Sacred Heart

Part of this spirit of reparation is the custom of asking forgiveness from our brothers and sisters, which demonstrates great nobility amid our human weakness. Asking forgiveness is a means of healing relationships, for it “re-opens dialogue and manifests the will to re-establish the bond of fraternal charity. It touches the heart of our brother or sister, brings consolation and inspires acceptance of the forgiveness requested. Even if the irreparable cannot be completely repaired, love can always be reborn, making the hurt bearable”.

A heart capable of sorrow for one's sins (compunction) will grow in fraternity and solidarity. Otherwise, “we regress and grow old within”, whereas when “our prayer becomes simpler and deeper, grounded in adoration and wonder in the presence of God, we grow and mature. We become less attached to ourselves and more attached to Christ. Made poor in spirit, we draw closer to the poor, those who are dearest to God”. This leads to a true spirit of reparation, for “those who feel compunction of heart increasingly feel themselves brothers and sisters to all the sinners of the world; renouncing their airs of superiority and harsh judgments, they are filled with a burning desire to show love and make reparation”. The sense of solidarity born of compunction enables reconciliation to take place. The person who is capable of compunction, “rather than feeling anger and scandal at the failings of our brothers and sisters, weeps for their sins. There occurs a sort of reversal, where the natural tendency to be indulgent with ourselves and inflexible with others is overturned and, by God's grace, we become strict with ourselves and merciful towards others”.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, with crowning of the statue of Our Lady Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Mass (Vietnamese) 4pm
MON THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Acts 7:55-50 Mt 10:17-22	Mass 10am (BANK HOLIDAY)
TUESDAY Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Mass with crowning, 9.15am (St M)
WEDNESDAY Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
THURSDAY Acts 7-21 John 15:9-11	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Thomas Lawrence 11:30am
FRIDAY Abstinence Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21	Mass 10am, followed by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 11am Baptism of Ava Rose Donna Conway 12noon Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M) Mass 8pm celebrated by the Bishop of Ha Tinh, Viet Nam
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3L 15-18 John 14:15-21	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)

Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised when using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only to access the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on or under the stairs.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne Following on from the success of last year's pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, we are offering young people in years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For information or any questions, contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our third Session for Year 8 and above preparing for Confirmation this year is on Wednesday at in the Upper Hall at St. Patrick's. 6.30ppm– 8pm.

Bishop John will celebrate the Confirmations at 1pm on Saturday 20th June here at St. Patrick's.

Might you be called to become a priest? Open to exploring it further?

Come along to a prayerful day of Reflection at Schoenstatt Shrine, St John Fisher, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ, on Saturday 13th June, 10am-2:30pm

The day will include talks from our Vocations Directors; Mass; Adoration; time for personal prayer and strolls around the beautiful grounds. Lunch will be included.

Spaces are limited, so to register your interest, email michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and your booking will be confirmed in due course.

From 4-10 May it's national Deaf Awareness Week. Did you know that

Deaf Awareness Week

4 - 10 May 2026



Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a range of resources and tips on its website to help you make your parish even more accessible to people locally?

You can access these and a range of other free resources, prayers and other documents on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

Each year the Catholic Church in England and Wales holds a Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. **This year it falls on Tuesday 5 May.**

This year we pray particularly for those affected by Domestic Abuse and Violence.

You are not alone
Domestic Abuse is never OK

Abuse can happen to anyone - at any age, in any family, in any community.

Domestic abuse includes:

- Emotional or verbal abuse
- Controlling behaviour
- Financial abuse
- Physical violence
- Sexual abuse

If someone is hurting, frightening, or controlling you – help is available. You do not have to go through this alone.

The physical danger domestic abuse presents to life is clear. A woman is murdered by a partner or ex-partner every five days in the UK. Between three and 10 women die by suicide each week due

to domestic abuse.

It is important to recognise, too, that men can be and are victims of domestic abuse.

Abusers can perpetrate spiritual and coercive abuse, disrupting their victims' relationships with God and the Church. This can lead victims – adults and children – to feel guilt and shame that push them away from the support that the Church has to offer.

At its best, the Church can and should be a safe haven where support is available for victims and survivors so that they can live life without fear and begin to experience the life in abundance Jesus came to bring. This hope is what we pray for this year.

Pope Leo's Intention for May: That everyone might have food Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. Click on [Pope's May prayer intention: 'That everyone might have food' - Vatican News](#) to see the Pope lead this prayer in a short video.

In our Diocese let us pray this week for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, and for Fr. Lawrence Imoisili, CM. We pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for the parish primary schools and for St. John Henry Newman College.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Canons Grove, Ainsworth Drive and Mangrove Close.

For Fr Chris Lough, Sister Dolores, Angela Murphy and all the sick.

For Thomas Lawrence, David Connor, Elizabeth Golden, Mary Burgess and all who have died recently, and Terry Collins, Thomas Taylor and all remembered at this time.



To book a wedding contact Deacon Stephen.

If you, or someone you know, unwell and would like to receive a home-visit, let Fr. Jose know.

Do help the parish via the QR code OR BY MACHINE in the church porches.

St Patrick, Collyhurst

Use your phone's camera to try it out

To keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Do use the QR code (left) to submit it.



Thursday 14th May is the Solemn Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. IT IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION, that is a day equal to a Sunday when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass, unless prevented by serious illness, work or another grave reason.



This is a serious obligation which, sadly, even most Catholics who regularly attend Sunday Mass seem to neglect. We should want to celebrate these great Feasts by coming to Mass but also by celebrating it as a family. Treat yourself to a glass of wine or a nice dessert as well as Mass! Have a family treat together.

Masses on Ascension Thursday are:
9.15am St. Patrick's with school
10am St. Edmund's school
11am St. Malachy's with school
6pm St. Patrick's

Thank you for your generosity last weekend £417.99 (loose), £173 (giftaid) and £200 (Vietnamese community)

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the Bl Sacrament, Our Lady or St. Joseph please write the intention on an envelope. If you can enclose a donation we suggest £10.

This Week's Feasts: Mon: The English Martyrs: On this day in 1535 there died at Tyburn 3 Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs, 42 have been canonised and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution.



Wed: St. Eadbert succeeded Cuthbert as Bishop of Lindisfarne in 687 and was bishop for eleven years. He was a man of great prayer.
Bl Edward Jones and Anthony Middleton, a Welshman and a Yorkshireman, came to England as priests in 1586 and 1588 respectively. Betrayed by spies and condemned for 'treason and foreign invasion' they were hanged in Clerkenwell in 1590.

Thu: St. John of Beverley, Bishop of Hexham and then of York, founded the monastery and town of Beverley. He ordained St. Bede. He died in 721.

Sat: Bl. Thomas Pickering, born in Westmoreland, became a monk. Returning to England he served as chaplain to Queen Catherine, wife of Charles II but was executed at Tyburn in 1679 in the 'Popish Plot'.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH HISTORY?

If you would like to arrange a baptism, please speak to Fr. Paul

1836 On Wednesday 19th January the sisters took possession of the convent; they were welcomed into it by Miss Lee and her sister Miss Marianne Lee. Kind friends had endeavoured to make the Convent look as comfortable as possible in the midst of a cold and damp winter.

On the ground floor there was an entrance hall, parlour for visitors, community room and refectory. On the right of the entrance hall was a large school room. There was very little furniture in the house and not a fire grate upstairs, neither was there a cupboard or shelf in the whole place.

When going about the house to make it fit for habitation, the nuns were well reminded to poverty, want and cold. Mass was said for the first time in the convent on 23rd January. Miss Lee and her sister were present.

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