

Mass times and intentions: 09th – 17th May 2026

Saturday	09	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Tommy Farrell RIP
Sunday	10	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	11	NO MASS
Tuesday	12	St John Houghton 10.00 – Anna-Leah – healing
Wednesday	13	St Erconwald 10.00 – Mitzi Callinicos RIP
Thursday	14	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 10.00 – Johnny Hackett RIP 20.00 – The People of the Parish
Friday	15	Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter 10.00 – Sr. Patricia Carroll
Saturday	16	Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter 10.00 – Lorna Lee RIP
		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Larrisa Silvei – get well
Sunday	17	11.30 – The People of the Parish

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

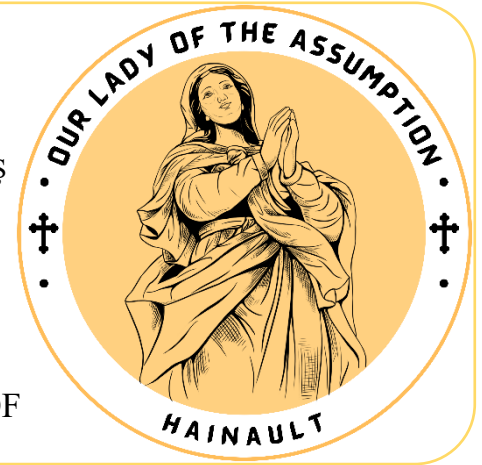
Mass Attendance last weekend: 263

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 791.11

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10th May 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

285 – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

302 – In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour

730 – This is my body, broken for you

71 – Be still and know that I am God

S2 – As I kneel before you

388 – Shine, Jesus, shine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel, takes us into a very intimate moment between Jesus Christ and His disciples. These are words spoken with tenderness, almost like a whisper of the heart: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." It is not a reproach, not a heavy demand, but Jesus' way of telling us that true love is lived, shown, made visible in everyday life.

Sometimes we think that loving God means doing great and extraordinary things. But Jesus shows us that love begins in the simple things: in patience, in forgiveness, in kindness, in caring for those near us. In these small gestures, something very great is hidden: the presence of God.

Then Jesus says something that deeply consoles the soul: “I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.” How much we need to hear these words... In a world where we sometimes feel alone, misunderstood, or tired, the Lord assures us that He does not go away, that He does not abandon us. He remains. We may not always feel Him, we may not always understand, but He is there - close, gentle, faithful.

He gives us the Holy Spirit, the Comforter who works quietly in our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us to love when it is difficult, lifts us when we fall, enlightens us when we can no longer see the way. He is like a gentle presence that does not force, but slowly transforms us from within.

Jesus also says: “the world will see me no more, but you will see me.” To see Jesus does not only mean to look at Him with our eyes, but to recognise Him with our hearts. We see Him in the love we receive and give, in the peace that comes without reason, in the hope that does not fade. We see Him when we choose what is good, even when it is difficult.

Dear brothers and sisters, our faith is this living relationship with Jesus. It is not something cold, not merely an obligation, but a bond of love. He knows us, understands us, loves us just as we are, and gently calls us to remain in His love.

And today, in a very special way, our hearts turn to our dear children who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Dear children, today is a very beautiful day for you. Jesus is coming into your hearts. He does not come as a guest who leaves quickly, but as a friend who wants to stay. He loves you very, very much - more than you can imagine.

When you receive Jesus, speak to Him simply, just as you would speak to someone dear. Tell Him everything that is in your hearts: your joys, your wishes, even your small worries. He always listens to you.

Never forget that you are not alone. Jesus is with you. And every time you do something good, every time you forgive, every time you love, Jesus grows in your heart.

And perhaps the most beautiful thing is this: Jesus trusts you. Yes, He trusts you, even though you are small. He knows that you can bring light into the world through your goodness.

And all of us, looking at you, learn again what it means to have a pure and open heart.

May the Lord remain in our hearts, teach us to love, and grant us His peace.

Amen.

• **A Moment of Grace and Joy in Our Community**

Our community is living a truly special moment, full of grace and joy: 17 children from among us have prepared themselves to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We warmly congratulate these wonderful children, who are taking such a beautiful step in their journey of faith. Jesus comes into their pure hearts, and we pray that this encounter may remain alive, bright, and filled with love throughout their lives.

We also express our deep gratitude to the parents, for their faith, care, and dedication in accompanying their children along this path of preparation. Through your example and love, faith takes root and grows beautifully within the family.

Our sincere thanks go to the catechists who, with devotion and patience, have contributed to the spiritual formation of the children. Your quiet yet constant efforts bear precious fruit in the life of our community.

At the same time, we thank the entire community for your support, prayer, and presence. This celebration belongs not only to the children, but to all of us. Looking at their pure hearts, we are all invited to rediscover the beauty of receiving Jesus with simplicity, faith, and love.

May this moment remain a blessed memory and a renewed beginning for each one of us on our journey with the Lord.

• **The Ascension of the Lord – A Holy Day of Obligation**

I would like to inform you that on Thursday, May 14, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics.

This feast is deeply connected to the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord. It is through the Resurrection Christ conquered death and reopened for us the way to life, through the Ascension He brings this work to fulfilment, returning to the Father and lifting our human nature with Him. It is not a separation, but a promise: where He is, we are also called to be.

The Ascension reminds us that our lives are not meant only for what is passing, but are directed towards heaven, towards eternal communion with God. It is a feast of hope, inviting us to lift our hearts, to live with deeper faith, and to remember the ultimate purpose of our lives.

As this is a Holy Day of Obligation, I warmly invite all of you to participate in Holy Mass, so that we may celebrate together this great mystery of faith and be strengthened in the hope that Christ places in our hearts.

I look forward to seeing you!

• **Diocesan Second Collection**

There will be a second collection after the Masses next weekend in aid of World Communications Day. Thank you for your generosity.