



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

Gospel Reflection (John 14:1-12)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks tenderly to His disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He knows they are anxious, uncertain, and afraid of what lies ahead. Yet He offers them reassurance—not by removing difficulty, but by pointing them toward trust in Him.

Jesus declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." This is not simply a comforting phrase; it is a call to relationship. He does not just show the way—He is the way. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To follow Him is to walk in truth and live fully in God's love.

Philip's request, "Show us the Father," echoes a longing many of us share—the desire for clarity, certainty, and a deeper experience of God. Jesus responds by inviting His disciples (and us) to recognise God's presence already revealed in Him, in His words, and in His works.

Living the Gospel This Week

This Gospel invites us to trust more deeply in Christ, especially in moments of uncertainty or anxiety. Living it out might look like:

- **Choosing trust over worry:** When faced with stress or fear, pause and consciously place your trust in Jesus. A simple prayer like "Jesus, I trust in you" can re-centre your heart.
- **Being a sign of hope to others:** Many people carry hidden burdens. A kind word, a listening ear, or a small act of service can reflect Christ's reassuring presence.
- **Following the way of Christ in daily decisions:** Ask yourself in everyday situations— "What would it look like to act as Jesus would here?" Let His compassion, honesty, and humility guide you.

- **Deepening your relationship with Christ:** Spend time with Scripture, prayer, or quiet reflection. The more we come to know Him, the more clearly, we recognise God at work in our lives.

A Prayer for the Week

Loving Lord Jesus,

You are the way, the truth, and the life. When our hearts are troubled and our path uncertain, help us to place our trust in You. Guide us to walk in Your ways, to speak Your truth with love, and to live as witnesses of Your presence in the world.

Open our eyes to see the Father at work around us, and strengthen us to be signs of hope and peace to others.

We ask this in Your holy name.

Amen.

May this week be one of renewed trust, quiet courage, and faithful witness.

First Holy Communion This coming week please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May.

Webinar - Raising Teenagers in a Catholic family, Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm The beginning of adolescence is in many ways a "rebirth" of the child, and when this "rebirth" happens, many parents feel as if they are learning how to be a parent all over again! This is the great journey from childhood to adulthood, and it is not always an easy road for parent or child. But God always gives the grace parents need, and Mike and Alicia from the **Messy Family Project**, a Catholic family ministry from the US, remind parents of this fact. They also give empathy and guidance on how to successfully navigate the tween and teen years by modelling for children the behaviour they wish to see in them and investing in the relationship on a deeper level. To reserve your place, book now by visiting <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony At Westminster Cathedral,

Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. Archbishop Richard is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please provide Fr Denis with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

Baptism Course: Will take place on the following Saturdays at 11am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms-the dates are as follows: **30th May, 6th June & 13th June**. If you are thinking of having your child Baptised please speak to Fr. Denis.

RCIA Course: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme consists of regular weekly meetings, starting on **Wednesday 6th May** at 7.30 in the Parish Rooms; if you would like to find out more please speak to Fr Denis.

2026 Parish Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th May - First Holy Communion Mass: 11.00am.

Sunday 31st May - Confirmation Mass: Bishop Paul McAleenan will confirm the candidates at the 10.30am Mass.

Sunday 5th July - Open Air Mass: 10.30am in the church grounds. We will need helpers to set up the Mass and some help with the BBQ after Mass.

Sunday 13th December - Celebrating 50 Years of the New Parish Church. The Archbishop of Westminster Richard Moth, will celebrate Mass with us and bless the foundation stone as we celebrate fifty years of the new church built here in Baldock.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially **Mary Callaghan, Liz McCaul** and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Martin Jurgulanic, Edmund Topajka, Bridget Bolton, James Johnson, Teresa Hyams, Kenneth Woodruff, Francis Foy, Johan Kiausus, Eileen Simmons, Hugh Toal, John Albone, Edward Cybulski, Agnes Hughes, James Tracey.

Mass Times and Intentions

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| Sat 2nd | 6.30pm | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Sun 3rd | 8.30am 10.30am | <i>Thomas Murphy -RIP Robert Pater - for a return to health</i> |
| Mon 4th | 10.00am | <i>Francis Foy The English Martyrs</i> |
| Tue 5th | 10.00am | |
| Wed 6th | 10.00am | |
| Thu 7th | 10.00am | |
| Fri 8th | No Mass | |

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

Contacts

Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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