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**Masses:** Tues to Fri 12:30pm  
 Thu 6pm  
 Sun 9am & 11am

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026**



**Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**

On **Tuesday 5 May** we shall pray for those victims of abuse, prevented by pain and fear from living the life Jesus came to bring.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John we hear Jesus's words: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." This is how abuse feels to those who experience it.

We pray that the Church can be a safe haven where support is available for victims and survivors so that they can begin to experience the life in abundance Jesus came to bring. To know more about this day, please visit:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

Archbishop Richard Moth is asking the whole diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

We know that it is *from amongst his people that God calls his shepherds* and so between Good Shepherd Sunday and Pentecost we come together for a Holy Hour each week devoted to the following intentions:

**Week Two**

Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood;

**Week Three**

Pray for seminarians in their formation;

**Week Four**

Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese.



**HOLY HOUR EACH WEEK UNTIL PENTECOST:**  
**Wednesday**  
**5:30 to 6:30pm in the church**

**Mass Schedule**

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| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                           | 8:15pm Neocatechumenate  |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9am Pro Populo<br>11am Paulo Zakusilo RIP                        |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May<br>English Martyrs        | NO MASS  |
| Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> May                           | 12:30pm Fr Patrick Colin McLean RIP<br>Survivors of Sexual Abuse |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May                           | 12:30pm Marian Kendal RIP  |
| Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> May                           | 12:30pm Hugh & Anne Major RIP<br>6pm Karolina's Intention        |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May                           | 12:30pm William & Mary Sampson RIP<br>Marianna Brett RIP         |

Jesus is the Way- to be walked.

Jesus is the Truth- to be told.

Jesus is the life- to be lived.

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



**Mission in the Square**

Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th May

Great Titchfield St & Market Pl Junction

2pm

Join us as we proclaim the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Donations for the **Foodbank** are welcome.

Click on the QR code for Sun-day hymns.



# Not a problem to be solved



*Beloved,*

*“Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.” Laudato Si 12.*

It is good to remember this because faced with all the political, economic and social troubles of our age we are constantly tempted to feel overwhelmed and seek to escape in a variety of ways which are not always healthy or useful.

The range of problems is so vast that we tend to see the world as a fragmented mess, broken without repair. But the truth is that we all share a common home and we all live by four fundamental relationships that define our common fate: our relationship with God, nature, others and ourselves.

“Catholic” means “that which is according to the whole”. Our Catholic faith teaches us to see all things integrated. It teaches that there is only one single motivation that should animate these four fundamental relationships that define our existence: love.

What does it mean to love nature? It means to accept with joy and wonder, gladness and praise **ALL LIFE**: the life of all creatures, of all kinds, poor and rich alike, in all the continents of our globe, of all ages and conditions, dying, born, unborn and still to be born. And it means to honour and respect the moral and physical order by which the Creator sustains all life in our common home.

We see the world as a problem we have to fix in order to suit our whims, as rough matter we can violate to increase productivity, power and gain. This mindset is the source of the disorder.

Let us be honest. Since great struggles lie before us, we are called to exercise radical hope. If this world could be saved just as it is, God would not have needed to become man and die a bleak death in order to bring it to New Life through the Resurrection of his Son. And as it went for Christ, so it will be with the world. It needs to die to be born again to a new life.

This is at the heart of the mystery we are called to contemplate with gladness and praise. It is there in the cycle of the seasons, the butterflies and the plants. And it is active in the lives of those who overcome the temptation to overwhelm and to escape by facing God, nature, others and themselves with love.

*Fr Oscar*