



26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, year A + Weekdays, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide  
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## Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Responsorial Psalm 23(22)

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.**

Gospel: John 10:1-10

## Feasts of the week

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April St Peter Chanel or

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April St Catherine of Sienna

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May St Joseph the Worker

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



## News from our School

### Holy Family Preschool

If you are interested please contact the School Office to book a visit. Admission forms and funding information are available.

**Forest School available to hire:** forest school is a nature based, outdoor learning experience. £40 per hour + £5 per child, maximum 13 children. You will need a trained Forest School Leader and insurance.



## Important Information

### Fr Kevin's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Fr. Kevin will be celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday** and the Parish has arranged a special afternoon tea and a glass of bubbly in the parish hall at 3.00pm.

This is an open invitation, and everyone is welcome, so please come and join us. Fr. Kevin has asked for no gifts, a donation to Cafod or Queenscourt can however be made on the day.

## Holy Week at Holy Family

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 6pm** John Ferns, Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am** Parishioners

Thank you from the Freeman/Kelly-May families [on YouTube](#)

**11am** Joyce Dalzell [also on Zoom](#)

**4pm** Syro-Malabar Mass

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am** Angela and Len Balaam

**5pm** First Holy Communion Session 7

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am** Holy Souls

**12noon**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am** Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am** Requiem Mass for Anthony Ward

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 6pm** Val O'Sullivan RIP

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm** Joan Healy

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9.30am** A special intention [on YouTube](#)

**11am** Bishop Family [also on Zoom](#)

**Evening Prayer:** Wednesday 6pm **Morning Prayer:** Saturday 7.10am [both via Zoom only](#) For the Zoom codes please contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation/Confession** 5.15-5.45pm Saturday, and by request

**We pray for all our sick:** Mrs Pat Kennedy, Bonnie Addie, Gareth Murdoch, Jeff Jardine, Billy Addie, Josephine O'Neil, Ian Gardner, Christopher Littlewood, Lee Murphy

**We pray for all the lately dead and those who mourn them:** Fr James Casey CSsR, Joseph Foley, Kevin O'Malley, Anthony John Ward

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Mary Jenner, Winifred Littler, Dominic Stuart, Thomas McAleer, Mary Mackintosh, Maureen Ann Clarke, James Stewart (Jim) Clifford, Elizabeth Watkinson, Rita Culklin, Evelyn Holmes, Joan Tomlinson, Winifred Gregson, Paul Anthony Johnson, Marie Mellor, Nita Rimmer, Frank Jenner, Raymond John Francis Clifford, Kathleen Broom, Leonard Hunter, Kathleen Schollic, John Patrick (Jack) Mullan.



## Important Information

**Meet Up Monday** 11th May, in addition to our usual activities, we will be joined by a speaker from the Samaritans who will explain all about the work they do. Everyone is welcome to come along to listen and take part.

**Faith in Action candidates 2026.** Don't forget to have your final pieces completed by Sunday May 3rd. You can either email them to Kathleen or leave them in the sacristy clearly marked for Kathleen's attention.

**"Thank You!" from Mary's Meals:** Thank you for the recent donation from your Parish. The generosity of all at Holy Family has ensured the provision of 1712 meals to some of the world's poorest children. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Prayers and best wishes from Mary's Meals.

**Bacon Butty Sunday** May 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9.30am Mass.

**Tea and Coffee** in the Hall after the 9.30am Mass. Everybody is welcome

**Retiring Collection:** Priests' Training Fund

God made us a family, We need one another, We love one another, We forgive one another, We work together, We play together, We worship together. Together we use God's word, Together we grow in Christ, Together we love all people, Together we serve our God, Together we hope for heaven, These are our hopes and ideals, Help us to attain them, O God, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.



### Fr Kevin's Desk

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday with a particular focus on vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life. On Tuesday Morning I will be hosting a group of thirty parishioners from the parish of the Good Samaritan Burnley in the Diocese of Salford with their parish Priest Fr. David Featherstone. Fr. David and I met many years ago when he was the vocations director for the Salford Diocese and I was working in the English College Valladolid. We have worked together on various projects, and he invited me to share my experience of priestly vocation with some of his parishioners. The main attraction however is that they get to visit our beautiful Church and town and enjoy a famous fish and chip lunch.

Fr. David and I will celebrate Mass at 12.00 noon which is open to all, and you are most welcome to join us.

### Mgr. John Furnival

Fr. John, whom some of you will know, is celebrating his golden jubilee of priesthood on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. He was ordained here at Holy Family his home Parish, fifty years ago and has invited those who know him to Mass at 7.00pm in Ss. Peter and Paul Crosby followed by a reception at the Sacred Heart college. If you would like to go, please let Athena know in the office by **the 7<sup>th</sup> May** for catering and organisational purposes.

### Prayer for vocations.

God our Loving Father,  
you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.  
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.  
Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst'  
and respond to the call  
'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.  
Guide us in every step we take in life  
and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.  
Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,  
who was always close to those in need.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

God Bless, Fr Kevin



**Music Event** You are warmly invited to another (free) live music event at St John Stone parish club (7 Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN) on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm - 4pm. Come along, relax, enjoy the music and join in on the choruses.

**Queenscourt Hospice** Father Kevin and Kathleen Smith visited Queenscourt Hospice with the money that we raised over Christmas as a Parish community. Our final total was **£1500**. As many people will know by now, Queenscourt is facing an uncertain future due to the present funding crisis in hospice care nationally. Our donation was therefore very much appreciated and we send a big thank you to everyone who contributed.

We are going to hold a 'good-as-new' clothes sale and coffee morning in aid of Queenscourt on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall. We have been given a donation of ladies' clothes that are new and still have their tags. If you have anything that is the same 'new' quality- ladies', men's or children's- that you would like to donate, please bring them along to the Hall on the morning or leave them in the Church Porch in a clearly marked bag. Anything that is left over at the end will be donated to a Queenscourt charity shop.

**Notre Dame** Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on 17<sup>th</sup> May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend, all are welcome. Reply by 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173

**Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) Discerning God's Call in your life 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May, Liverpool** The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org) To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>



**The Pope's Prayer intention for April 2026: For priests in crisis:** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice** If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital/hospice please make sure the Catholic Chaplaincy Team know you are there. In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic Priest.

**Safeguarding at Holy Family** Everyone has the right to be safe, and safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. In Holy Family the Parish Safeguarding team consists of Sean Smith, Noel Warham and Athena Kwasnica, all of whom can be contacted via the Parish phone/email.