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17 th May 2026	Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A) Christus surrexit vere, alleluia!	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 <i>‘All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.’</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.	
Second Reading	1 St Peter 4: 13-16 <i>‘If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.’</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice, Alleluia!	
Gospel	John 17: 1-11a <i>‘Father, glorify your Son.’</i>	
Saturday 16 th May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 17 th May +	10.30am	Mass - (McCarthy family – Ints)
Monday 18 th May St John I – Pope and Martyr	10.00am	Mass – (James Friend RIP)
Tuesday 19 th May St Dunstan – Bishop Blessed Peter Wright – Priest & Martyr	10.00am	Mass – (Cathy Cox - Healing)
Wednesday 20 th May St Bernadine of Sienna - Priest		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 21 st May + St Christopher Magallanes – Priest & Martyrs of Mexico		No Parish Mass today
Friday 22 nd May St Rita of Cascia – Religious		No Parish Mass today
Saturday 23 rd May Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Fiona Latta RIP)
Pentecost Sunday		
Saturday 23 rd May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 24 th May +	10.30am	Mass - (Ashley Appleton – Thanksgiving)

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£325.53
Digital Collection Plate	£95.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£922.53
Bishop's Maintenance Fund	£156.00



Month of May – Our Lady's Month

During the month of May, which we dedicate to Our Blessed Lady, Mother of God & Mother of the Church, It would be good if we could all set aside some time each day during the month to pray the rosary. It would be good also if families could come together in their homes to pray the rosary – this will be a source of great grace. Suggested intentions: That the Holy Spirit will guide our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for peace in our troubled world, (particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudan). For the poor and marginalised in our society, for our families, friends, our parish... The church will be open during the day for quiet prayer.

Defibrillator Awareness Training – Last call for anyone who would like to attend the Defibrillator Awareness Course on **Tuesday 19 May at 7pm** in the parish hall. The training is being carried out by the South-Central Ambulance Service. As numbers are restricted, please book a place by contacting Áine Cooper aine.cooper@me.com

News from the Gardening Club



The annual Spring/Summer Plant Sale will be held from **Saturday 30th May until Sunday 7th June 2026**. All of the items on sale have been lovingly grown and nurtured by the members of our parish Gardening Club. Please do come along and see what is on offer and perhaps, weather permitting, enjoy a cup of tea in the garden – everyone welcome!

SVP Questionnaire – Thank you for responding to the recent SVP Questionnaire which has been very helpful. In response to a query the SVP would like to confirm that anything we undertake in helping people in our parish is confidential. Other members in our conference may sometimes know who the individuals are as a number of us may provide help to the same person. Others are known only to the person helping. We would like to assure everyone that whilst we are not secret, people need to know who we are in order to ask for or receive help, but this always remains confidential amongst the conference members. We will shortly be signposting contact details in the porch for organisations who can help with both mental and physical health issues. We will also be in direct contact with people who provided contact details. Please feel free to get in touch with us at any time. **Veronica 07469 717760** or **Kate 07921 778507** or any member. Copies of our Financial report are available at the back of the church. Thanks for your continued help and support



Blessed Peter Wright was an English Jesuit priest and martyr, born in 1603 in Slipton, Northamptonshire. He is remembered for his steadfast commitment to his faith during the reformation. Peter Wright's early life was marked by a modest background. He was born to Protestant parents and was raised in the Church of England. However, around 1629, he converted to Catholicism. He also spent ten years of his life working as a solicitor in Thrapston, Northamptonshire. As a young man, Wright served as a soldier in the army of King Charles I. Following his conversion, Wright felt a calling to the religious life. He left England for the Continent, where he joined the Jesuit order in 1636. Wright undertook his novitiate and further studies in Rome, a common practice for English Catholics discerning religious life due to the persecution in their home country.

In 1638, Peter Wright was ordained as a Catholic priest. After ordination, he was sent on various missions, including time spent in Ghent, Belgium. He returned to England in 1644, despite the risks involved, to serve the covert Catholic community. His ministry included celebrating Mass, administering the sacraments, and offering spiritual support to Catholics who had to practice their faith secretly. Eventually, Wright's activities attracted the attention of the authorities and in December 1650, he was arrested in London. His trial took place in January 1651, during which he was charged with high treason for being a Catholic priest, convicted and sentenced to death.

On 19th May 1651, Peter Wright was executed at Tyburn. He faced his death with remarkable composure and courage, a testament to his deep faith and commitment to his religious vocation. His final words were a prayer for his persecutors, asking God to forgive them.

Peter Wright was beatified by Pope Pius XI on December 15, 1929. **His feast day is celebrated on 19th May**, the anniversary of his martyrdom. Blessed Peter Wright is remembered for his dedication to his faith and his unwavering commitment to his duties as a Jesuit priest, even in the face of persecution and death. His life and martyrdom are an enduring testament to the resilience of faith and the ultimate sacrifice made by those who hold firm to their religious convictions in the face of adversity.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Peter Wright

Lord, help me always to imitate the great faith, generous love and burning zeal of Blessed Peter Wright. Grant that your Church may proclaim him as a saint serving at your Throne in Heaven and interceding for us. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Gaude et Laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the
most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your
perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my
temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your
intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen



With our love and prayers, Fr Daniel, and Deacon Peter