



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

18TH MAY TO 25TH
MAY 2025

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Today's Mass

Readings:

Acts 14:21-27;

Ps 144;

Apocalypse

21:1-5;

John 13:31-35

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dear brothers and sisters, today the second reading reminds us of a consoling and hope raising promise in the prophecy of Isaiah: "On this mountain he will remove the "mourning veil covering all people" ...Yahweh will wipe away the "tears from every cheek" (Is. 25:7-8). Those underlined words – all people, every cheek interests me much. There cannot be anyone upon whom the mourning veil has never been laid. There cannot be any cheek that has never known tears; if not at all, we were all born crying. In this world of tears, the richest man, the strongest man, the most intelligent person, the most beautiful woman; there is none that has never known grief and tears in life. I stand to be proven wrong, but I wish to say that there are much tears today calling to be wiped away. In this world of tears, no one is best fit to wipe away tears except Jesus who possesses both human and divine nature. To save us, Jesus came; he took human nature and experienced all that we pass through except sin. He was hungry, He was thirsty, He was enraged, and he cried amidst other things. Little wonder then, in today's gospel, Jesus felt the grief in the apostles after he had told them that a little while they would not see Him. He chose to leave the medicine that would constantly heal the grief of humanity. This medicine is a medicine of LOVE. "I give you a new commandment, love one another" – Jn 13. St John tells us that God is love. The same gospel tells us that Christ is God. Our simple logic here gets it right to say that Jesus is Love. See how he manifested His love. We see Jesus' compassion on the sick, the lame, the crippled, the blind, and even the hungry. He wiped away tears from their eyes. So my brothers and sisters, Jesus now gives it to us as the solution to the world's problems. Let us apply it as the medicine that would heal human pains.

Responsorial Psalm:

I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY GOD AND KING.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Filer, Deacon John Green, Pat Murphy, Kathleen Donoghue, Tri Dinh, and all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Please let me know the names of any parishioners, that are sick, that you would like to have included on the newsletter. Also, please inform me of any parishioner that is sick or housebound that you would like me to visit in their home.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember [James Nahar](#), and all those who have died recently. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May Their souls Rest in Peace.

Requiem Mass for James Nahar is on Friday 23rd 2025 May at 10:00am.

PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

As we know we are in the month of May, which is dedicated in a special way to our Beloved Mother Mary. Let us together celebrate and Honour Our Mother on 25th May 2025 for both Masses. We will do a procession with flowers and crowning our Mother. All are expected to participate in the procession. Please bring flowers with you. Thank you.

This Week Sunday 18th May (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Timings	Holy Mass Intentions
SUNDAY 18TH MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:30am 11:00am	Mary O'Mahony R.I.P Christopher Geoghegan R.I.P
Tuesday 20th May Easter Feria	9:15am	Ints of Maria
Wednesday 21st May Easter Feria	9:15am	Peter Thang (Anniv)
Thursday 22nd May Easter Feria	9:30am 6:00pm	Ellen McCormack (Anniv) Parish Council Meeting
Friday 23rd May Easter Feria	10:00am	Requiem Mass for James Nahar
Saturday 24th May Easter Feria	10:30am - 11:00am	Adoration and Confession
SUNDAY 25TH MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:30am 11:00am	Kathleen Donnelly (1st Anniv) Mary Twomy R.I.P (Anniv)

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£306.68

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£96.00

Clergy Training
Fund:
£146.08

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:175

Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.

Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ordinary Time
Year C
Acts 15:1-2,
22-29; Ps 66;
Apocalypse
21:10-14, 22-23;
John 14:23-29

SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 28th June 2025, from 12:00pm, at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School. Your kind help and donations will be much appreciated.

We are in need of toys, chocolates, bottles, cakes, fancy goods, and new electrical items. We also need prizes for the main raffle. These can be left in the Parish Office. No clothes, books or CDs. Thank you .



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