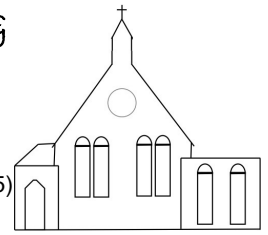


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Sixth Sunday of Easter: Weekly Bulletin 09th – 17th May 2026
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<p>Saturday 09th May: 6.30pm Mass: Joan O'Reilly RIP</p> <p>Sunday 10th May: 11am Mass: David Johnson RIP</p> <p>Monday 11th May: <u>NO MASS</u></p> <p>Wednesday 13th May: 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Ascension of the Lord (<i>Holy Day of obligation</i>) Msgr Jonathan Moore Ints</p> <p>Friday 15th May: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Dorothy Smith RIP</p> <p>Saturday 16th May: Mass 6.30pm: Winnie Stenson & Family Ints</p> <p>Sunday 17th May: 11am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP</p>	<p>Divine Sunday 10th May: 9am Mass: Mary Bentley Ints</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: St Benedict School year 11</p> <p>Thursday 14th May: Ascension of the Lord (<i>Holy Day of obligation</i>) 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Mavis Watson RIP</p> <p>Sunday 17th May: 9am Mass: Philip Fitzpatrick RIP</p>																
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“The important thing is not to think much but to love much.”

St Teresa of Ávila

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Thanks from Doreen Johnson: The sincere thanks of David Johnson's wife Doreen, and his brothers and sisters go especially to Fr Paul and are extended to all at the funeral Mass and the many who have offered their support and sympathy at this extremely sad time.

Lottery winners for May were: Martin Denton, Hillary Badams, B Brown (Garsid) and Sarah Hill. Congratulations. New members always welcome. Application forms in the church porch.

Safeguarding Sunday: On Sunday, 10th May, we will observe Safeguarding Sunday in our parish. This is an important occasion in the life of the Church, when we reflect on our shared responsibility to ensure that our parish remains a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for everyone—especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is not just a policy or a requirement; it is a vital part of our Christian mission. It reflects our commitment to care for one another with respect, dignity, and love. As a parish community, we are called to be attentive, responsible, and proactive in creating a culture where everyone feels safe and valued. This day also gives us an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to those who work quietly and faithfully behind the scenes to uphold safeguarding practices in our parish. Their dedication and vigilance help ensure that our church remains a place of trust and care. We encourage all parishioners to continue supporting this important work—by being aware, by raising concerns when necessary, and by promoting a culture of openness and responsibility. Let us keep this intention in our prayers, asking God to guide us in protecting and caring for all members of our community. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

A small request—if you have a good coffee machine at home that you're no longer using, instead of giving it away elsewhere, would you kindly consider donating it to Fr Paul for use in the church? It would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Clay Cross Afternoon tea: Our monthly Afternoon Tea will take place on Monday, 18th May at 1pm at Clay Cross. Everyone is most welcome to join us. A sign-up sheet is available in the church porch. Please do come along to share your joy and faith, enjoy a cup of tea, and catch up with friends for a lovely chat. We look forward to seeing you.

CTK Choir: Our Christ the King Parish community is looking for more members to join the choir and help make our liturgy even more beautiful. Music truly makes a great difference in our worship. As St. Augustine beautifully said, "To sing is to pray twice." If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir, we warmly invite you to join us. Please contact Mercy Uche for more details.

Parish Five-Year Plan – A Positive Step Forward: We are delighted to share that our recent parish meeting on the five-year plan went very well. It was heartening to see such a strong turnout and, above all, a wonderful spirit of collaboration among parishioners. Many valuable ideas and suggestions were shared, reflecting the deep care, commitment, and love people have for our parish. It was truly a hopeful and encouraging gathering, where voices were heard and a shared vision began to take shape. But why do we need a five-year plan? Simply put, it helps us to look ahead with purpose and direction. Rather than just responding to day-to-day needs, this plan allows us to reflect on where God is calling us as a parish—how we can grow spiritually, support one another more effectively, and strengthen our mission in the wider community. A plan like this also helps us to use our resources wisely, encourage greater participation, and ensure that the life of our parish continues to flourish for future generations. What was most encouraging in the meeting was the spirit of unity and shared responsibility. A parish grows not just through the efforts of a few, but through the involvement and goodwill of many. Your ideas, your time, and your commitment truly make a difference. We are now working on bringing everything together into a clear and practical plan. In due course, this will be shared with the whole parish before being submitted to the Diocese. Thank you sincerely to everyone who participated and contributed. Let us continue to work together, support one another, and move forward with hope and trust in God's guidance.

The next Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title Human Origins - held on Saturday 23rd May, from 10am until 4pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org

Celebrate Trust is excited to announce two webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. Bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so the Celebrate Trust has booked some experts to share their wisdom in two webinars, to help parents and carers gain confidence and provide some practical ideas to support at home. Confident parenting in a world of screens: Wednesday 29th April, 8.00pm: Raising teenagers in a Catholic family: Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm. To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

The Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 20th June led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm.

All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027: a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. Please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information! As numbers are limited please do this by 31st July 2026.

The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich is recruiting a part-time Cook to join its catering team. The role is 18 hours per week, term-time only plus two additional weeks, paying £12.60 – £14.00 per hour. The successful candidate will cook for retreat groups of up to 60+ guests in a friendly, supportive setting. To apply, or for more information please email recruitment@ndcys.com

After the 9 am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am Mass at Alfreton, tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Please take this opportunity to chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.