



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

When the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven (40 days after His Resurrection), He did so with His human body. Jesus did not discard the body but instead raised up its dignity by glorifying it in the resurrection and honouring the body by His ascension into heavenly glory.

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that the body is sacred. Through baptism we become a temple of the Holy Spirit “your [body is] not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1Cor: 6:19-20). The temptation is to use the body simply as an appendage through which we both experience life and its pleasures, then it is simply discarded when we die. This dualism was a heresy - Gnosticism - which was rejected by the Church because we hold that both body and soul are sacred and will be resurrected together.

“How great a glory is it, that He ascended into heaven, that He sitteth at the right hand of the Father! But this we do not see with our eyes, for neither did we see Him hanging on the wood. All this we hold by faith, we gaze on with the eyes of the soul. For to-day, as ye have heard, brethren, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our soul ascend also with Him” (St. Augustine).



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 11th May	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 12th May	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima ASCENSION (VIGIL)	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 9.15am, SJ 7pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass Mass (Vigil)	8.45-11.30am, SSAO, Diddy Disciples: Parent & Toddler Group 7pm, SJ: RCIA: Journey in Faith
THURSDAY 14TH MAY ASCENSION OF THE LORD	6.30pm*, SSAO 8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 2pm, SJ	Mass Adoration & Rosary Mass: Whole School Mass Mass: Whole School	9.30am - 11am, SSAO, Knit and Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 15th May	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass PENTECOST NOVENA	7-8pm: Pentecost Novena: The Third Person of the Trinity (Adoration with teachings from the Popes)
Saturday 16th May	10am, SJ 10.30am, SJ 12noon, SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Mass: First Holy Communion Confession (Vigil) Mass	During Mass: Pentecost Novena Prayer
Sunday 17th May VII Sunday of Easter	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	- During Mass: Pentecost Novena Prayer 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

this weekend we welcome the children on the Sacramental Programme at Ss. Aidan & Oswalds.

Saturday 16th May the children from St. Joseph's, will make their First Holy Communion. Many congratulations.

MAMA MARGARET

Next Sunday (16/5) we welcome Clare Campbell, who will have a stall selling 'mama Margaret's' items, which raise funds for an orphanage in Nairobi.

CONFIRMATION

We had a great turnout from our young people who were Confirmed last year or will be Confirmed this year, as we discussed what youth provision we can muster for our young people in the parishes.

We intend to establish a Young Christian Workers (YCW) group which will meet once per fortnight.

The YCW model is 1. See (what local issues are there), 2. Judge (what can be done to help solve the issues), 3. Act (the young people come up with creative ways to tackle social/ spiritual issues in their area, using the Gospel as their basis for responding)

The next meeting will be

THURS 21ST MAY, 5-6.30PM, SSAO

YOU SAID, WE DID

You said: "Offer liturgical opportunities aimed at different groups so they feel included"
We did: we have the Pentecost Novena (details overleaf) which will be led by different groups across the parishes. We also have rosary groups across both parishes and school children involved in leading worship.

We will continue to grow this.
You said: The priest should have exclusive focus on the priestly role
We did: After consultation amongst the Parish Council and with Diocesan support the new Parish will have an administrator (paid role) which will help with the day-to-day running of the parish and alleviate the administrative tasks Fr. Gavin does, so he can be more focused on the pastoral life. The job will be advertised in next weeks newsletter.

Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do.

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MISSION APPEAL

The parishes raised £750+ for the recent mission appeal by Fr. Pius. We have received a note of thanks.

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St Joseph

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SCHOOL NEWS

@ ST. JOSEPH's ...

This week, we reflected on gratitude for our families, friends and blessings. We prayed for children worldwide lacking basic needs and appreciated the generosity shown during our Mary's Meals non-uniform day. Year 3 families attended their final Sacramental Programme meeting before First Holy Communion on 16 May. Year 2 visited Crompton Library, and Year 5 led an assembly celebrating God's creation and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Final Few Nursery Class Spaces

Available at Saint Joseph's!

For more details - 01706 847 218

@ SS. AIDAN & OSWALD's ...

The Prayer Leaders began the week with a thoughtful Celebration of the Word focused on peace in our communities. Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable Castleshaw adventure, including canoeing, a river walk and archery. Our talented wind and brass musicians performed brilliantly for parents, showcasing their confidence and hard work. We keep our Year 6 pupils in our prayers as they prepare for SATs next week.

QUIZ NIGHT

Parish quiz night at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Saturday 16th May, 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Hot supper included. Teams of 4-6 people. Bring your own beer.

£5pp with great prizes takeaway

Get your team registered!

Sign up at the back of Mass

YOUTH CORNER

St. Carlo Acutis:



"Sadness is looking at ourselves. happiness is looking towards God."

Lately Dead: John Fraine, Brigid O'Regan, Leo Brown

Anniversary: Clare Wheelan, Theresa Southworth, Michael slicker, Louie slicker, Basil Ellison, Mary Taylor

General: Winifred & Wilfred Tootill, William slicker, Paul James Carroll, Michael Joseph & Mary Catherine slicker, Robert & Kathleen Carroll

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' (John 14:1-12)

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