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## 17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Yr.A)

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### Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 16th May	Vigil Mass: 7th Sunday of Easter	(SSJFTM) 6pm Jeremiah Osei-Tutu Intention
Sunday 17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	(SSJFTM) 8.30am Jimmy Coleman RIP (St. T) 10am Jerry Singh RIP Anniversary (St. T) 12pm Anthony Aimufua & Family: God's Protection (St. T) 9.15am Hazel Coleman Intention (St. T) 9.15am Oliver Torpy Intention
Monday 18th May	Easter Feria	
Tuesday 19th May	Easter Feria	
Wednesday 20th May	NO MASS	
Thursday 21st May	Easter Feria	(St. T) 9.15am Velg & Harry Birren RIP Anniversary
Friday 22nd May	Easter Feria	(St. T) 9.15am Mikolaj Czech Intention
<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>	<b>(St. T) 11am First Holy Communion Candidates</b>
Saturday 23rd May	Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday	(SSJFTM) 6pm Reynaldo Cachuela RIP

**Confessions on 23rd May at SSJFTM 5-5.45pm. No Confessions at St. T's due to Mass at that time.**  
**Pope Leo's May Prayer Intention: That everyone may have food.**

### Liturgy of the Word - 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday P.275

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.
<b>Next Sunday Reads:</b>	Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104 (103):1ab. 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34 Rv cf.30 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

## Fr. Jude Writes: GLORIOUS SUFFERING

*"If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." (1 Peter 4:14) This verse comes from the Second Reading of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. But how can one possibly remain joyful amidst insults and hardships (cf. 1 Peter 4:14)?*

There is a story about a great but foolish king who once complained that the rough ground hurt his feet. So, he ordered that the entire kingdom be carpeted with cowhide. When the court jester heard of the king's command, he laughed and said, "What an absolutely crazy idea, Your Majesty! Why all the needless expense? Simply cut two small pieces of cowhide to protect your feet!" The king followed the jester's advice, and that, according to the story, is how shoes were invented.

In the same way, the best approach to the problem of suffering is not necessarily to change the world around us, but to allow the presence of the Holy Spirit within us to transform our hearts. This is only possible when we become more aware of Someone greater than the challenges we face. In this case, the Spirit of Glory, who rests upon Christians, even in the midst of a troubled world, remains our greatest strength and consolation.

We all need this divine empowerment, and thankfully, the Lord has fulfilled His promise: "I will not leave you orphans." (John 14:18) Each year, we celebrate and reconnect with this outpouring of grace during the Feast of Pentecost.

Beloved, we live in difficult times. We face persecution, different forms of abuse, and the pressures of life. We may not always be able to change these circumstances, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, our hearts can be filled with divine joy. That joy gives us the strength to endure hardships and remain steadfast in faith, while keeping our gaze fixed on the Ascended Lord Jesus, the King of Glory, who stands at the right hand of God interceding for you and for me.

Thank you for your generosity with weekly offerings.

**Loose Plate: 568.77**

**Envelopes: £92**

**Total: £660.77**      **Weekend: 10.05.26**

**April: Contactless = £1536.20 (transaction fees to be deducted) Standing Orders: £2903.50**

Thank you to our Counters.



**First Holy Communion:** Friday 22nd May, 6.30pm, Final Rehearsal in St. Teresa's Church.

**Confirmation:** Tuesday 26th May at 6.15pm, session in the Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall)

**Catholic Communications Network:** Collections after this weekend's Masses to help this movement promote the Gospel through the media. Thank you.



**May: Month of the Holy Rosary**

**Our Lady revealed these 15 promises to St. Dominic de Guzman, reserved for those who faithfully pray the Rosary each day:**

Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e. be unprepared for Heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of Eternal Life.

Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the Light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in Paradise.

I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.

By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

**Our Rosary Group meets each Tuesday and Thursday, after 9.15am Mass at St. Teresa's. If you need help to pray/concentrate during the Rosary, use the YouTube search engine: 'Virtual Rosary for Monday' (or any of the other days of the week).**



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's.



Our Baptisms usually take place on a Saturday around 1pm, with a Rite of Welcome, at your usual Mass, the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. **If you would like your child to be Baptised, please contact the Parish Office for a form or pick one up from the back of the church. You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course. This is held on the first Saturday of every month, at St. Teresa's Church, in the Our Lady Chapel.** Please register with the Parish Office in advance.



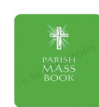
Holy Hour for Vocations to Religious Life: Sunday 17th May, 5pm in St. Teresa's Church. Adoration and Rosary. Let us respond to Archbishop Richard's plea for this time of prayer. If you are unable to attend, you can watch on livestream or set aside your own time for prayer. The other date will be 5pm on 24th May.

**The Good Counsel Network:** 'On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com).'

**A Big Thank You...**to the person who has offered to make monthly contributions towards the cost of our live stream service. May God bless you for your generosity helping with this considerable expense!



**Parish Pentecost Feast (Party Time!):** We will celebrate On Sunday 24th May, after the 12 noon Mass, in the Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall) and in the wider church compound. **No parking in the car park, all day. Please park responsibly elsewhere if you cannot arrive by other means.** Given the international theme, you are encouraged to wear your national dress and bring a dish from your culture. You must bring a clearly readable list of ingredients to be displayed alongside your dish. Please discuss your allergy or intolerance with the person serving the food. Thank you.



**Parish Mass Books:** The next Year A Set have arrived – that's 400 books costing £4.95 each. If you are able to sponsor one or more books, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you so much. Thank you to our volunteer for stamping the books!

86 books sponsored—thank you to our sponsors!

314 remaining to be sponsored, please.

**Parish Marquee Project: Please sponsor an item if you can—thank you!**

- a) Cost of marquees (x2) = £2961.89 **Taken (Sponsored by Parish Events & Activities)**
- b) Cost of Storage Container = £1450 **Taken**
- c) 100 x Plastic Chairs @ £12.60 each = £1260 **77 Taken 23 Remaining**
- d) 25 x 6ft Tables @ £41.40 each = £1035 **4 Taken 21 Remaining**
- e) Trolley for Chairs = £431.99 **Taken**
- f) Trolleys for Tables = £863.93 **Not taken**

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**FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange assistance for you.**