



# 5th Sunday of Easter—3rd May 2026



The Gospel for this Sunday takes us back to the Last Supper and shows Jesus comforting his friends that, despite what will happen to him, he will return for them and always be there for them.

The disciples were often confused, puzzled yet ready to believe but it is only natural to have doubts, especially at difficult times. Jesus tells them to not let their hearts be troubled because he has a place for them. They know the way. We, like the apostles, have to believe, and if we believe, that's just the beginning. We have to believe and live the belief every day. Jesus and his message are the way, the truth and the life. At times, we will be like Philip asking if we could just be given a clue, a little something. We have been shown the way. If we believe and follow the way, we have to love our neighbour. We have to walk on the right path. That's not always easy. We know the right way. We are looking for a detour, that shortcut because it can be difficult. There are no shortcuts. As these recent times have shown us, the importance of sharing Jesus' love with all of those around us is paramount and Jesus is there to support us when we do.

Alleluia! He is Risen!



God of goodness and mercy,  
Support us and guide us in these uncertain times. Look after our loved ones and all members of society who are finding times difficult and upsetting.  
Let us work together to allow this time to pass with support, friendship and love.  
Amen.

*As this weekend marks the anniversary of VE Day, let us remember the sacrifices of that generation to ensure we live a free life today. As with the sacrifices we are being called to make today, the greater good was achieved through a country working together.*

*We pray for all those who have worked to keep us safe, today and during the Second World War so we can live our lives with freedom and safety.*



In addition, this week let us pray for

- ◆ those who continue to help run our country during these times;
- ◆ all those affected by war;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.
- ◆ All those receiving the sacrament of first holy communion over the coming weeks.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
John 14