



LITURGY

First reading: Apostles 2:12-47

Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Dear Parishioners

Even if we have been Christian for decades, we all find that very often our faith is a tender flower, a wavering flame. Even if St John did write his Gospel for unbelievers, we too need to come to faith anew every day, to allow the Word of God to resurrect our faith once more. We are all frequently in the same situation as those early Christians who were perhaps converted by their first encounter with St John's Gospel, and we are frequently in the same situation as St Thomas was in that upper room. We doubt, we long for a deeper, firmer, more convincing encounter with the Risen Christ to give us that conviction that we lack. Jesus, in his infinite compassion, gave Thomas what he sought, and he will not deny it to us either, though it may come in a slightly different way. Today we put our fingers into the marks of the crucifixion, inviting Jesus to mould us, to conform our hearts and our lives to his merciful life and his sacrificial death. Today we place our hands into the side of Jesus to be washed clean by the water and the blood. Today, as we embrace our risen Lord with Thomas, not seeing him in his human form but recognising him in the breaking of bread, Jesus breathes upon us also his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of mercy and love, the Spirit of courage and power, the Spirit which makes us truly alive with the new Easter life of the Crucified and Risen Lord.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



2nd Sunday of Easter Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 16th April 2023

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Masses

Sat 15 th April	5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter (A)	Private Intention (JF)
Sun 16 th April	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Easter (A)	Michael & Eileen Griffiths
Mon 17 th April			
Tues 18 th April			
Wed 19 th April	9.45am	School Mass in Church	People of the Parish
Thur 20 th April			
Fri 21 st April		St. Anselm (m)	Private Intention
Sat 22 nd April	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish
Sun 23 rd April	10.30am	3 rd Sunday of Easter (A)	Private Intention

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: ,

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

Information

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee

Our next Coffee Morning following Sunday Mass on 30th April and we look forward to as many of you as possible joining us for coffee cake and biscuits afterwards.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Pam Young

The family would like to thank everyone who attended Pam's memorial service and for the total of £170 which was raised and donated to the Stroke Association.

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