

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

(Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 6 th	5.30pm St P's	Eileen Collins (for health)	Vigil of 2 nd Sunday of Easter (Year B)
Su 7 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	2 nd Sunday of Easter Sunday (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	John & Anne Calvert Sp Int	
M 8 th	8.00am St P's	Joseph Rogers (for health)	The Annunciation of the Lord
Tu 9 th	8.00am St P's	Chris Chambers L	Weekday in the Easter season: week 2
W 10 th	8.00am St P's	Communion Service	Weekday in the Easter season
Th 11 th	No Mass		Weekday in the Easter season
F 12 th	8.00am St P's	Communion Service	Weekday in the Easter season

(Each Saturday there are confessions and a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope

P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass

D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time A J Eccles, Sabina Prendergast, Mary Isabella Cardwell, Margaret Mary Whipp, Rose Anne Burnes, Mary Lakeland, Philip Hayhurst, Frank Eccles, Margaret Mary Collins and Annie Bolton. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of Easter	3 rd Sunday of Easter
First	Acts 4; 32 - 35	Acts 3; 13 - 15
Second	I John 5; 1 - 6	I John 2; 1 - 5
Gospel	John 20; 19 - 31	Luke 24; 35 - 48

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in April 2024

For the role of women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women may be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Doubt no longer, but believe

This Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also called Low Sunday and also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the gospel Jesus appears to Thomas who receives conclusive proof of the resurrection.

Benediction and the 11am Mass

This weekend and next weekend, as the boarders are away, Benediction and the 11am Mass will be just for parishioners.

Day by Day and the Messenger Magazine

Please collect your April edition of these publications from the back of the church.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Normally this feast is celebrated on 25th March. As this year it fell in Holy Week the celebration has been deferred to this Monday. Normally there is no Mass on a Monday, however, this week Fr Tim will celebrate Mass at 8am in St Peter's in honour of Our Lady's feast day.

Fr Tim Away

Fr Tim will be away from Tuesday to Friday at the Province Meeting. Lucy Harrison will be representing the parish at the meeting. Please keep them in your prayers.

Communion Services

As Fr Tim will be away, the Mass on Wednesday and Friday will be replaced by a Communion Service. Thanks to those who will be leading these.

Coffee Stop

There is a Coffee Stop on Thursday from 1.30pm in the Bowling Green Pavilion. All welcome. Come and have a cuppa and a natter.

Next Sunday

Is the 3rd Sunday of Easter. In the gospel Jesus explains to the 11 that the scriptures foretold he must die and rise again.

Wedding blessings

Please pray for Matthias Turner and Olivia Howarth who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony in St Peter's during the week. We wish them every blessing.

Holy Week Retreat evaluation

Stonyhurst Experience are gathering evaluations of the Holy Week retreat. If you came to any of the talks or any of the services, please e-mail them your thoughts on: experience@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Prayers please

Please pray for Angus Robertson (OS 2012) who died tragically recently. Please pray for his family as well.

Who was "doubting Thomas"

From an article by Harry Elias SJ on *Thinking Faith* "Faith in the resurrection is commonly thought of as believing that life continues after death in some kind of body. St Paul talks of a heavenly body as opposed to an earthly body (1 Corinthians 15:40), but that does not leave me much the wiser about what form that body takes, nor would St Paul intend it to. All I know is what I am told about the appearances and movements of the risen Jesus in the gospels.

One such appearance is to the disciples (John 20:26-31), among them Thomas, who is most often singled out as 'doubting'. I am not convinced that this is a fair descriptor. We know that he was called 'the Twin' (John 20:24); and a twin, especially if he were an identical twin, would have been accustomed from very early on in life to being mistaken for his lookalike sibling. So perhaps Thomas was making sure, in case the other disciples were deceived by a lookalike who would later embarrass them, that indeed it was Jesus, with the mark of his nails to show that he had really died and risen.

Whatever were Thomas's motives, when Jesus asked him to feel the wounds of the nails in his body, Thomas answered, 'My Lord and my God!'; and Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' John continues by saying that the signs he records were done in the presence of the disciples and are written that the reader 'may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name'. Faith needs to be mediated through the senses, it can be aroused and encouraged by what is seen, touched and heard; but it cannot be reduced to sensory experience. Thomas (and the reader of the gospel) is chided for doubting the testimony given to him by eyewitnesses, but his faith in Jesus, as his Lord and God, went beyond what he saw and heard and touched (or not).