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THE NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 7 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of 2 nd Sunday of Easter (Year B)
Su 8 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	For the College	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Year B)
M 9 th	NO MASS		The Annunciation of the Lord
T 10 th	8.20am St P's	Kathleen O Flynn L	Weekday in Easter Season
W 11 th	8.20am St P's	Private Intention	St Stanislaus
Th 12 th	No Mass		Weekday in Easter Season
F 13 th	8.20am St P's	Priest's Intention	Weekday in Easter Season

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: Eugene Erdozain, Oliver Ryan, Cecily Holden, John Holden, Terry Dixon, Br Bernard Elliott SJ, Joseph Richardson and Ann Snape. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of Easter	3 rd Sunday of Easter
First	Acts 4; 32 - 35	Acts 3; 13-15, 17-19
Second	1 John 5; 1 - 6	! John 2; 1-5
Gospel	John 20; 19 - 31	Luke 25; 35-38

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in April 2018

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

Doubting Thomas

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"

Courageous master of the awkward question,
 You spoke the words the others dared not say
 And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
 Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
 You put your finger on the nub of things
 We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
 But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
 Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
 Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
 Because He loved your awkward counter-point
 The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
 Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine

*Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter – end of the special Easter Octave
 Traditionally, this was called "Low Sunday" as it was the end of a time of feasting.*

However, St Pope John Paul II renamed today "Mercy Sunday".

Today's celebration:

The Gospel on this Sunday is always the story of "doubting Thomas", the disciple who asked Jesus at the Last Supper how he could follow Jesus as he did not know where he was going. We remember God's blessed mercy – especially when, like Thomas, we doubt or are feeling lost.

Easter Grace

During the whole of the Easter Season we allow the grace of the resurrection of Jesus to grow deeper in our lives. It is difficult to grasp the height and the depth, the length and the breath of the mystery we celebrate.

Thanks to those who helped

Heartfelt thanks go out to all of those who contributed to the solemn celebration of the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Those on the Stonyhurst Retreat have filled in an evaluation form, to help us to plan for next year. Fr Tim would be glad of feedback also from parishioners as to what was helpful and what could be improved next year.

Jesuits and Friends

Please take a copy of Jesuits and Friends after Mass. It is free and has lots of articles about the work of the Society of Jesus in Britain.

Mass times during School Holidays

Mass times remain the same during the school vacation (see overleaf). In addition, the Saturday afternoon Holy Hour and Confessions takes place from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm before the vigil Mass of Sunday.

The Collection:

Weekend 31st March / 1st April 2018

Vigil	9.30am	11.00am	TOTAL
£24.00	£144.44	£590.90	£759.34

Traditionally the Easter Collection is your personal gift to the priests of the parish. Since we are a Jesuit Parish, his amount has been forwarded to the British Province where it will be spent on the training of new Jesuits and the support of elderly ones. Thank you for your generosity.

Ecumenical Celebration

The Ecumenical Celebration on the Wednesday of Holy Week was well attended. Thanks to the parishioners of St John's for providing lunch. After expenses, donations received amounted to £200. This will go to the Hummingbird Project. Thank you for your generosity.

Hummingbird Project film

There is a Movie Night to raise funds for the Hummingbird Project, which seeks to sponsor a refugee family here in the village. The film is "Lion" and it will be shown in the St John's Old School Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd April. The suggested donation is £5.00. All welcome.

Gift Aid Envelopes

The new Tax Year has started. Nearly everyone has collected their new box of envelopes, however, if you don't have yours, it is there at the back of the church.

If you have not yet joined the Gift Aid scheme and you pay Income Tax and would like to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme please either ask Father Tim or Kaz Poloczek (01254 826527) for a Gift Aid form. If you no longer pay tax and are a member of the scheme please let Father or Kaz Poloczek know that you have stopped paying tax. Also if you have changed address since you joined the Gift Aid scheme please let Father or Kaz know so the scheme records can be updated.

Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity.



