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The Month of April is devoted to God the Holy Spirit



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, (A)

12th APRIL 2026 Psalter Week 2

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Krysia and David Lamb

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m.

Monday St Martin I, pope, martyr

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) Easter Feria

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday Easter Feria

10.00 a.m.

1.30 p.m. Requiem Mass for Joe Parkin

Thursday Easter Feria

No Mass

Friday Easter Feria

12.00 p.m. Requiem Mass for Molly Upton

Saturday Easter Feria

10.45 a.m.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Next week's Masses

Totley - Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead - Sunday

9.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m. De Villy Family

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am

Rosary - 10.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.00am - 10.40am



Pray for our sick: Norah Chisholm, Dermot Glackin, Lesley Binnie, Paul Smith, Anne & John Grayson, Elizabeth Watson, Philomena McNally, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Sue Jarman, Anne McPhee, and Stephen Bingley.

HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!

RESURREXIT ALLELUIA!

Happy Easter

Father Clement would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and offerings made to him over Easter.

Office Days - Please note that Liz Mason is in the office for 3 days a week - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

THIS WEEK - Vintage & Collectables Roadshow - will be **here** in the parish hall and rooms on **Thursday, 16th April** between 11.00am – 3.00pm. Their experts will be offering free valuations and will buy on the day, anything you wish to sell. There are no fees or commission.

Carmel Care Centre 40th Year Anniversary Celebration and Blessing.

Anyone is welcome to join us for this joyous event. The celebration will take place at the centre the address is 172 Dykes Hall Road, Sheffield, S64GS on Wednesday 3rd June starting at 12 noon with a buffet lunch. For further information contact Janet Kent on Tel 07927 657462.

St Vincent's, Spring and Bloom Banquet The Spring & Bloom Banquet is a warm, community-led fundraising evening hosted by St Vincent's Furniture Project. Enjoy great food, music and company while helping us support over 3,000 people each year with essential furniture and household items.
Sat 18 Apr 2026 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm.
The Steamworks, S2 4SJ

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 13th April. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. All welcome to help with planning for...

BBB! As Totley Library have a big plant sale in early May, Outreach are shifting the focus of their Totley fundraiser in later May from Cuttings/plants to Bakes, Books and carBoots! (BBB) 3 spaces are still available at £10 each to support our parish Outreach partners.

To book your space now for 23rd May, contact Barbara Richardson 07725 023 708 b_rich54@hotmail.com



Offertory Envelopes: New envelopes for the coming Financial Year are available at the back of church. If you would prefer to pay by Standing Order please let me know.

Thank you to the kind people who brought plants to resurrect the garden and to those who put them in. Do keep them coming!

Mass Intentions - As you will from the front of the newsletter there are n Mass intentions. We have about 4 outstanding with a specific date, but apart from that there is nothing. Now is a good time to ask for a Mass offering! Envelopes can be found at the back of both churches.


If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair, please let Liz Mason, Fr Clement or Simon Jones, phone 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

Please ensure you always use the handrail when ascending and descending the steps outside church and the parish rooms.



Date for your diary! Advance notice that the school Summer Fayre will take place on **Sunday 14th June** from 1-4pm. More details will be given nearer the time, but the organisers (The Friends of St. Thomas) are currently searching for some 'big ticket' raffle prizes, and wondered if any parishioners may be able to help... Could you donate a raffle prize? Do you have any contacts or know any businesses which may be able to donate something (an item, a voucher...)? If you can help in any way, please chat with Rachel Wood or email friends@st-tc.co.uk. Thank you!



 **Grace Foodbank** Our regular 3rd Sunday collection of groceries in church for our local foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 19th April. Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. We are currently shortest of tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, jars of pasta sauce, spaghetti hoops etc. soup, corned beef and other meat, rice pudding, rice/microwave rice, shampoo, washing up liquid. For updates to the list and other information eg how to donate money and time, please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.

Forthcoming events at Stonyhurst.

For clergy, our next retreat is coming up in May. It will be preached by Bishop John Keenan and takes place from 11th - 15th May: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-priest-and-the-holy-family/> Please do consider joining us at our lovely facility on the Stonyhurst estate.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.
www.christianleadershipformation.com

Called to Love, 2 - 3 May 2026 A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us** or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> **join the team**

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com



**Mass - New Celtic Liturgy: Holy Holy 553;
Memorial Acclamation 554; Amen 555; Lamb of God 591**



A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guide me, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.
Amen.

St Augustine

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter

God of eternal compassion, each Easter you rekindle the faith of your consecrated people. Give them still greater grace, so that all may truly understand the waters in which they were cleansed, the Spirit by which they were reborn, the blood by which they were redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

An Easter joke!

Q. Why did Jesus avoid using a GPS after the resurrection?

A. Because he already knew the way, the truth, and the life.

**This Week's Readings
Second Sunday of Easter (A)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

Responsorial Psalm: 118

Second Reading: *1st letter of St Peter 1:3-9*

Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

**Next Week's Readings
Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33*

Responsorial Psalm: 16

Second Reading: *Peter 1:17-21*

Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*

This Week's Ministries 11/12 April 2026

Readers 5.00 p.m. A Southeran, D Fletcher
9.15 a.m. K Corker, S Corker
11.15 a.m. M Pybus, I Paterson

Communion 5.00 p.m. S Davey, C Udall
9.15 a.m. J Tucker, D Winter, R Gasser
11.15 a.m. H Stones, S Campos, M Harrison

Next Week's Ministries 18/19 April 2026

Readers 5.00 p.m. H Simmerson, V Coomer
9.15 a.m. A Peacey, J Bourne
11.15 a.m. J McNally, M Paterson

Communion 5.00 p.m. K Durkin, J Brook
9.15 a.m. B Ayanleke, S Jones, R Portaluri
11.15 a.m. P Orkamfat, E Williamson, K O'Brien

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. S Jones
11.15 a.m. E Williamson

Easter Morning and Beyond

We are now a week into the Easter season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's resurrection. Last Sunday's gospel told us about the discovery of the empty tomb, first by Mary Magdalene and then by Peter and John. Their (natural?) first reaction, that people have moved the body of Jesus, proves incorrect. They had failed to understand the meaning of the Old Testament scriptures that Jesus would rise again. In their encounters with Jesus in the following weeks, and finally with the coming of the Holy Spirit they gain this understanding. In the daily Mass readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear St Luke's account of the growth of the fledgling Church and the triumphal progress of the Gospel. The apostles and their companions, and their former persecutor, Saul/Paul, proclaim the risen Jesus to be judge of the living and the dead, the one the prophets spoke about, and that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven. It is by no means plain sailing, however. To many Jews, the idea of Jesus as the risen Messiah is shocking blasphemy. The worshippers of the Classical worlds aren't exactly happy about this new challenge to their gods either. James is beheaded, Peter is imprisoned, Stephen is stoned to death. Paul narrowly escapes a similar fate, is flogged on several occasions and spends periods in prison. (Both Paul and Peter are eventually martyred too.) The disciples and newly converted communities fall out amongst themselves over leadership and on questions regarding Gentile converts, such as permitted foods and circumcision. The love and closeness of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit sustain them in times of doubt, division, struggles and suffering. Those same Gifts are here for us now.