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The Month of April is devoted to God the Holy Spirit



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday 17 April 2022



Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8.30 p.m.

John Paul & Noella

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Easter Sunday

8.15 a.m. (Totley)

People of the Parish

9.15 a.m.

Maureen Casey

11.15 a.m.

Tom Bennett

Easter Monday

Octave of Easter

No Mass

Easter Tuesday

Octave of Easter

No Mass

Easter Wednesday

Octave of Easter

No Mass

Easter Thursday

Octave of Easter

No Mass

Easter Friday

Octave of Easter

12 noon

Danny Grant

Easter Saturday

Octave of Easter

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m.

Kath Jarman

Sunday

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m.

Jacqueline Calvert

11.15 a.m.

People of the Parish

Saturday

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Pauline Soufflas, Teddy Haws  
and David Gage.

Lately Dead: Robert Batley RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 117

R. This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

HE IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA!



# RESURREXIT ALLELUIA!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued kindness and support towards me and to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

*Father Stephen*

I would also like to thank all who worked so hard to prepare the church for the Triduum and Easter and to those who ensured the liturgy was done so well.

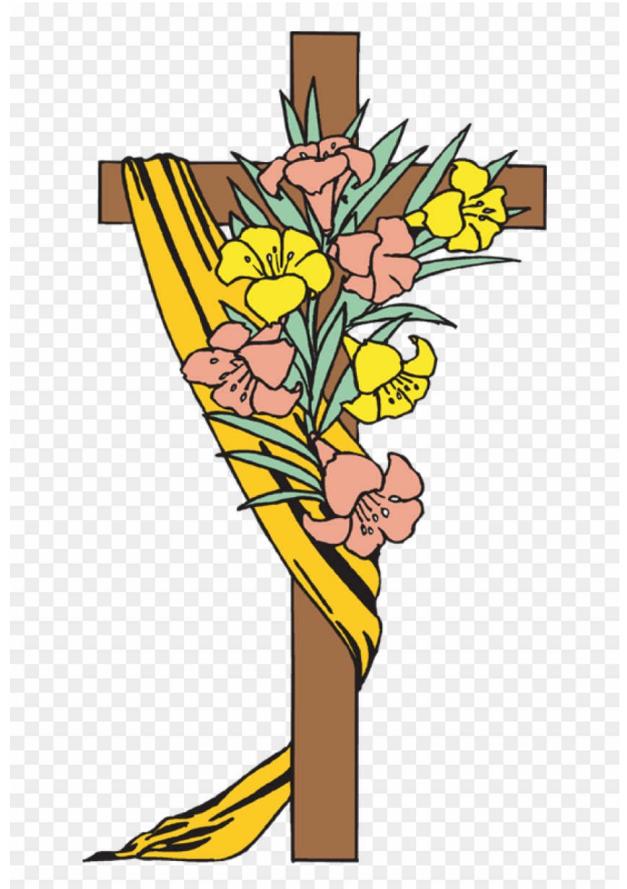
Last but not least, thank you to all those who help in the running of the parish in any way: gardening, office work, computers and booking systems, and the upkeep of the premises. etc It is very much appreciated.

*Father Stephen*

**MASSES THIS WEEK: Easter Sunday**  
Mass at Totley has had to be moved from 9.00am to the earlier time of 8.15am.

There is no morning Mass on either Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

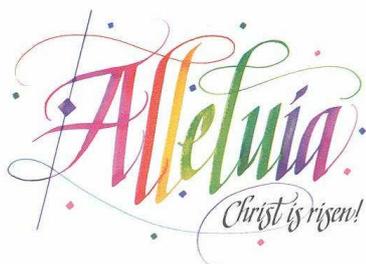
Friday's Mass will be at 12.00 noon, not 10.00am. (See lunch club article below)



**Many congratulations to Nadine and Jack** who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil **and to Tom** who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. As they have joined our Parish Community they still need lots of support in developing the life of prayer and growing in Christian Charity. Please make them feel welcome and pray for them.

The ritual says that the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy which takes place during Eastertide "Is a time for the community and the neophytes (newly baptised) together to grow in their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditating on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of Charity."

**The Journey in Faith group plans** to support them by continuing to meet with them on Tuesday evenings throughout Eastertide to reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. Others are very welcome to support them by coming along to this group starting on 26 April at 7:30 for an hour. These meetings will finish at Pentecost. You do not need to commit to coming every week and are welcome to come along when you can.



## FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

It is hoped that we can re-start the Lunch Club after the noon-time Mass this coming Friday, April 22nd. But transportation issues have not yet been finalised, so it's possible the lunch club may not take place this week. The lunch club team will be back on the case immediately after Bank Holiday Monday.



# He is Risen Alleluia

**In your garden over Easter?** Please could you sow some extra seeds and put cuttings on one side to support our Parish **Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings** event on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May for Transport 17 and our other Outreach partners? Thank you!



*This Friday, Easter Friday, is considered to be a continuation of the great Feast of Easter, definitely not a time of penance. Therefore, there is no requirement for abstinence of meat imposed on that day.*



**Thank you** for your ongoing contributions to the **Foodbank** – sadly, now needed more than ever.

## 'FINDING TIME FOR SILENCE'

**Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey**, Friday 13th - Sunday 15th May 2022 Led by Fr Kevin Hayden OSB in association with the Lay Community of St Benedict <https://www.lcsb.uk/>  
For further details please ring Christine and Richard Watts on 0114 2667437.

**Hallam Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage**, Saturday 23rd July 2022  
Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30 a.m.  
£18 adults, £12 students/children,  
Procession along the Holy Mile, Mass of Sunday.  
Contact Joseph Durham, 07939 152558  
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## Fairtrade Easter Egg - 1 ONLY!!



For sale at the repository.  
Price: Four pounds  
Includes a booklet of the Easter story.  
No plastic, green and completely recyclable (except for the chocolate of course.)



## Easter Hymn by A E Housman

If in that Syrian garden, ages slain,  
You sleep, and know not you are dead in vain,  
Nor even in dreams behold how dark and bright  
Ascends in smoke and fire by day and night  
The hate you died to quench and could but fan,  
Sleep well and see no morning, son of man.

But if, the grave rent and the stone rolled by,  
At the right hand of majesty on high  
You sit, and sitting so remember yet  
Your tears, your agony and bloody sweat,  
Your cross and passion and the life you gave,  
Bow hither out of heaven and see and save.



## Prayer for Easter Sunday

Oh God, who on this day,  
 through your Only Begotten Son,  
 have conquered death  
 and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
 grant, we pray, that we who keep  
 the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
 may, through the renewal brought by your  
 Spirit,  
 rise up in the light of life.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Easter Morning and Beyond

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Today's Gospel tells us about the discovery of the empty tomb, first by Mary of Magdala and then by Peter and John. Their (very natural?) first reaction, that people have moved Jesus's body, 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 during Eastertide, we then 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's by no means plain sailing, however. To many Jews, the idea of Jesus as the risen Messiah is shocking blasphemy. The worshippers of the deities of the Classical world aren't exactly happy about this new challenge to their gods either. James is beheaded. Stephen is stoned to death. Paul narrowly escapes a similar fate, is flogged on several occasions and spends periods in prison. The disciples and new communities regularly fall out amongst themselves over leadership and 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, struggles and suffering.

**Those same Gifts are here for us now.**

## Thought for the Week

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
 let earth her song begin:  
 let the round world keep triumph,  
 and all that is therein;  
 invisible and visible,  
 their notes let all things blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is risen  
 our joy hath no end.

*Saint John of Damascus*

## This Week's Readings EASTER SUNDAY

**First Reading:** *Acts 10:34, 37-43*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 117

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-4*

**Gospel:** *John 20:1-9*

## Next Week's Readings SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

**First Reading:** *Acts 5:12-16*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 117

**Second Reading:** *Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19*

**Gospel:** *John 20:19-31*

## Next week's ministries for 23/24 April

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman, S Jones
	11.15 p.m.	M Richardson, F Glaze
<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	Volunteers needed
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos

## This week's ministries:

### Readers:

**8.15am:** G Higgins C Nicholson

**9.15am:** K Corker, S Corker

**11.15am:** J McNally, D Lewis

### Communion:

**9.15am:** R Gasser

**11.15am:** H Stones