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The Month of April is devoted to God the Holy Spirit



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Sunday 24 April 2022 Psalter Week 2



THE SEASON OF EASTER

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Jacqueline Calvert

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday ST MARK, EVANGELIST

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley) ST GEORGE, MARTYR
PATRON OF ENGLAND**

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday Eastertide Feria

10.00 a.m. Danny Grant

**Thursday St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
St Louis Marie Grignon de
Montfort, priest**

No Mass

**Friday St Catherine of Sienna, virgin,
doctor of the Church**

12.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Saturday St Pius V, pope

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Pat Tormey

11.15 a.m. Honorato Carreon

**Saturday
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am**

Please Pray for:

**Our sick: Pauline Souflas, Teddy Haws
and David Gage.**

Lately Dead: Robert Batley RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 117

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

**HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**

RESURREXIT ALLELUIA!

MASSES THIS WEEK: A reminder that, in anticipation of the return of the lunch club in the next few weeks, Friday Mass is now at 12noon. The 10am Masses on Tuesday (Totley) and Wednesday (Meadowhead) remain unchanged.

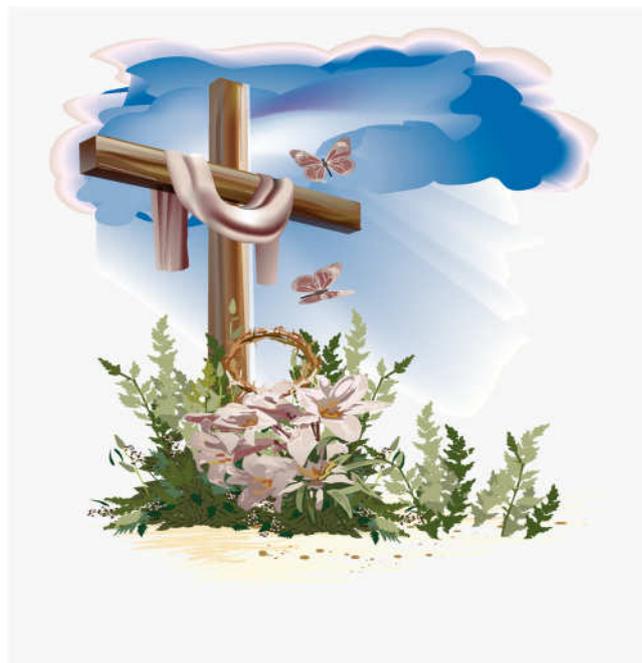
The Octave of Easter and the Feast of St George

The celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection continues in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter, starting on Easter Sunday, Each day of the Octave ranks as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts.

That's why, whilst St George's Day festivities have been taking place around the traditional date of 23 April, the Church's celebration of his Feast has been transferred to **Tuesday 26 April**, outside the Octave.

St George is the object of much imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life. That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And that is enough

He is the patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Catalonia and Genoa.



FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

Due to an unavoidable circumstances, it has now been decided to postpone the reopening of the lunch club until the 6th of May. Hoping that this does not cause too much inconvenience/disappointment.

We will let you know if anything else changes

1st Sunday Collections:

Give to Live, the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the basket on the Offertory Table, will be next

Sunday, the first in the month – small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity last month which raised £138.02.



It is also the day for the practical offerings for St Wilfrid's Centre: tinned tuna, meat, particularly ham, and donations for cheese. Thank you for your continuing support.

Well-Being programme for teenagers - starting on Friday 29 April: Caritas Hallam is offering a free 7 week programme for teenagers of all ages, looking at identity, being well, and good relationships. This youth initiative starts on Friday at 6pm, and there are still a few places available. To find out more, please email Candida Calvert on GoodShepherd@hallam-diocese.com.

Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings will be a bit simpler this year, though hopefully more than we've been able to do for the last 2 years! So, NO Bric-a-brac please, but do look out your cake recipes, put cuttings /seedlings on one side and /or make a date to meet friends 10am – 12 noon **Saturday 21 May at English Martyrs, Totley**, in aid of Transport 17 and other Parish Outreach partners. Thank you.



'FINDING TIME FOR SILENCE'

Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey,
Friday 13 - Sunday 15 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 23 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
joseph.durham52@gmail.com
or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247
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Pope Francis's April Prayer Intention

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

If there is anything most of us have learned during the pandemic, it's to appreciate health care workers. Day after day they have literally risked their lives to help others. They have worked round the clock and into burnout, often without enough supplies or equipment. It's not only doctors and nurses who have performed their duties heroically, but so many others - orderlies, technicians, nursing assistants, the folks working in cafeterias and maintenance, and many more - all who have lived the Gospel call to love their neighbours as themselves.

According to the World Health Organisation, over 115,000 health care workers have died of Covid-19. As the rest of us go back to business as usual, let us not forget the vital importance of health care workers, not just during pandemics but all the time. Let us ask God to bless them, and also that He may help us be mindful of ways we and our communities can value and support them and the work that they do.

On Monday we celebrate the **Feast Day of St Mark**. He was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and the gospel attributed to him (though it is not absolutely certain that it is the same person) is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the *Gospel of Mark* emphasises Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. It was probably written for gentile converts in Rome - after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between AD60 and 70.

Both Matthew and Luke, in their longer gospels, borrow extensively from Mark.

Friday is the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena.

Born in 1347, she entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. A group of followers gathered around her - men and women, priests and religious. A public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, for the spiritual instruction of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs.

She became very influential because of her evident holiness and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked for the crusade against the Turks and for peace in Italy. She spent the last two years of her life in Rome pleading for unity in the Church at a time of schism. She died in 1380 and was canonized in 1461.

St Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. In 1999 Pope John Paul II named her co-patron of Europe.

Her spiritual testament is to be found in *The Dialogue*.

Parking - Please remember that parking outside church on a Sunday morning is restricted between 9.00am-12 noon to those with a blue disabled badge. This is to ensure parishioners with mobility problems are able to park closer to church.

As our attendance numbers increase, post-lockdown, it's all the more important that these restrictions are respected. Please be aware that Traffic Wardens are now patrolling the area and the chances are you will end up with a ticket if you park there without a valid blue badge.



Divine Mercy Sunday

At the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska in 2000 Pope Saint John Paul II established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

He said: "Christ has taught us that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practise mercy towards others. He showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to human needs.

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy.

This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of their sins, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you"?"

Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made
your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

This Week's Readings SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Readings THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: *Acts 5:27-32. 40-41*

Responsorial Psalm: 29

Second Reading: *Apocalypse 5:11-14*

Gospel: *John 21:1-19*

This week's ministries:

Readers:

5.00pm: H Simmerson, V Coomer

9.15am: C Perryman, S Jones

11.15am: M Richardson, F Glaze

Communion:

9.15am: R Portaluri

11.15am: J McNally

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*'It's time you stopped
working from home'*

Next week's ministries for 30 April/1 May

Readers	5.00 p.m.	E Watson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, A Peacey
	11.15 p.m.	A Willcock, M Pybus
Communion	9.15 a.m.	S Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	F Glaze
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock