



Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 12, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events


Monday April 13
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-6, 7-9. R cf. 12c; John 3:1-8.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family


Tuesday April 14
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93(92):1ab, 1c-2, 5. R1a; John 3:7-15.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family. All are welcome.


Wednesday April 15
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34(33):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. R5; John 3:16-21.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
7:00PM Receptio Corporis - Mary Woods, St Mary's


Thursday April 16
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34(33):2, 9, 17-18, 19-20. R7a; John 3:31-36.
11:30AM Funeral - Mary Woods, St Mary's
(No Eucharistic service today)


Friday April 17
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27(26):1, 4, 13-14. R1a; John 6:1-15.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday April 18
Weekday of Easter

 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33(32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R22; John 6:16-21.
11:00-11:45AM Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's
11:00-11:50AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's
12:00 noon: Mass, St Mary's

Sunday April 19
3rd Sunday of Easter

 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.

(Divine Office Week 3)

9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a marriage, please speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.
Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham, Dave Riley, Stuart Radcliffe, Mark Wilkinson, John Crichton and Peter Colton.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Mary Woods, Lynn Redikin, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Geoff Ubhi, Padraig Rafferty, Joseph Glynn and Michael McBride. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Ted Bridgen, Carol Jones, Laurence Devine, Patrick Mahoney, William Molloy, Mary Murphy, Albert Hyde, Ann Brennan, Catherine Walsh and Brendon Maguire. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for the forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the death of **Mary Woods**. Reception into St Mary's church (Receptio Corporis) will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 15. The funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church at 11:30am on Thursday, April 16.

We keep Mary's family and friends in our prayers.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Important Deadline

The coach will be leaving St Edwards Church, Lees, at 7:00am on Saturday,

May 2, for our Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. **Forms must be submitted by Sunday, April 19** to janetanner52@gmail.com. All enquiries to Janet—tel. 07989558248.

Catenians Concert, Supper and Raffle

Magnificent vocalist, 'Shadia', will be singing hit songs dating from the 1960s to the present day at the Parish Room, Holy Family, Limeside, on Friday, April 24 2026. Tickets are priced at £15 – includes Meat and Potato Pie / Cheese and Onion Pie supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will

be provided, though all are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks. Tickets will be on sale at the churches after Sunday Masses this weekend and next weekend—April 19, and are otherwise available by calling Iain O'Hare—07977 720108. All proceeds will go to the Failsworth Catenians Group's Pilgrimage fund and to Parish funds.

ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All join in singing the acclamations:



Chris-tus vin-cit!



Chris-tus re - gnat!



Chris-tus im - pe-rat!

Pronounced:

*Christoos veen-cheet,
Christoos Rayn-ya,
Christoos im-per-a.*

Translation:

*Christ conquers!
Christ reigns!
Christ commands!*

Verses (sung by the cantor)

- 1 God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son: in Christ we gain our freedom, in him, the forgiveness of our sins.
Accl.
- 2 Christ is the image of the un-seen God, he is the first-born of all creation: in Christ, all things were created in heaven and on earth, all things visible and invisible. *Accl.*
- 3 In Christ, all things were created, through him and for him. Christ is, and was before all things, all things are held in unity by Christ.
Accl.

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(Striking breast:)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kýrie Eléison

All sing together:

Kýrie, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.
Christe eléison². Christe eléison.
Christe eléison, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

- ¹ Lord, have mercy.
- ² Christ, have mercy.

GLORIA

(Sung)

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

(Refrain)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

(Refrain)

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
(Refrain) Amen, amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

'All who believed were together and had all things in common.'

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad

and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

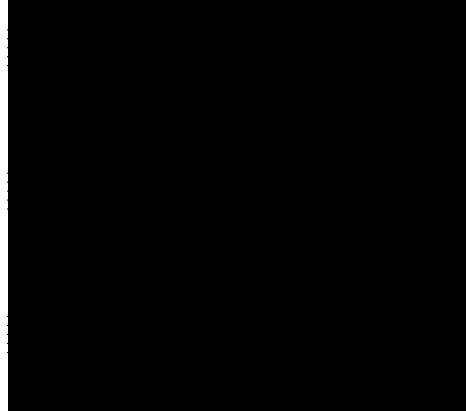
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4, 13-15b, 22-24. R1

All sing the response:



- 1 Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 2 They pushed me, pushed me hard to
knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my
song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.
- 3 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

'He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that

perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor: You believed, Thomas,
because you have seen
me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have
not seen and yet have
believed.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to **N.**

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked,

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the homily:

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All say together:

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined
words that follow)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and is glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

The mystery of faith

All sing together:



Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare
to say:

All sing:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

We conclude the prayer together, by singing:

**For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for
ever.**

Lamb of God

All sing together:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us
peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

**Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.**

HYMN 500

O Bread of Heav'n

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.**

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Amazing Grace

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Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Holy

All sing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.**

*The congregation kneel for the
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says: