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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YR. A 12TH APRIL 2026

Reflection

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A, invites us to reflect on our faith and how it brings us together as a community.

The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Christian community characterized by devotion to the teaching of the Apostles, communal life, and breaking of bread. This beautiful depiction reminds us that faith is not meant to be a solitary journey but a shared experience. The early Christians' commitment to prayer and fellowship serves as a powerful model for us today. In our own communities, we are called to foster an environment of mutual support, generosity, and love, echoing the spirit of these first believers.

The 2nd reading from the first letter of Peter, speaks about the living hope that comes from Jesus' resurrection. Peter assures us that despite our trials and sufferings, we can rejoice in the hope of salvation. This hope is not a passive wish but an active trust in God's promises. In our own lives, we may face moments of doubt or challenge, much like Thomas did in the Gospel.

The Gospel is taken from John 20:19-31, and it recounts Jesus' appearance to the disciples, particularly to Thomas. Jesus gently addresses Thomas's doubt, inviting him to touch His wounds. These encounters teach us that doubt and belief can coexist. Jesus meets us in our uncertainty and invites us to deepen our faith through our experiences.



First Holy Communion – A soft reminder that the next Session will be on 2nd May 2026 (Saturday) at 10:30 am for Group A and 1:00 pm for Group B for Communion Preparation at the School Hall. Make sure that your child will come before the time please.

Confirmation – The 6th session will be on 26th April 2026 (Sunday) 5:30 PM at Founders Room and 6:30 PM Mass at the church for Confession and Practice.

Safeguarding – Our Diocese is strengthening safeguarding across all parishes, not just as a requirement, but to uphold the dignity of every person. All parish volunteers are asked to complete a short safeguarding training (under one hour). Details are in a letter available from the colonnade or parish office, and via group leaders. Please complete the training as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued service.

Appeal for the Lighting System – Our parish church had made a major repair to the electrical lighting system that costs £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mass Collections (28th & 29th March 2026) – £1,187 was received in the main collection, and £574 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

Easter Donations – Thank you for your generous Easter donations. Your kindness supports our parish mission and ministries in a meaningful way. May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.
• Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 13th – St. Martin I
Tue 14th – Bl. Peter Gonzalez
Wed 15th – St. Caesar de Bus
Thu 16th – St. Bernadette
Soubirous
Fri 17th – St. Benedict Joseph Labre
Sat 18th – Bl. James Oldo



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th April** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

YOUR GIVING BUILDS THE PARISH

Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish.
Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:42-47

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.

The word of the Lord.
Alli: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL

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

R. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever

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.' **R**
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. **R**
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. **R**

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Year A) 12th April 2026

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31

1:3-9

St. Peter

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.



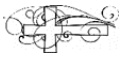
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SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

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



NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

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 bow for following three lines)

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 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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Alli: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

