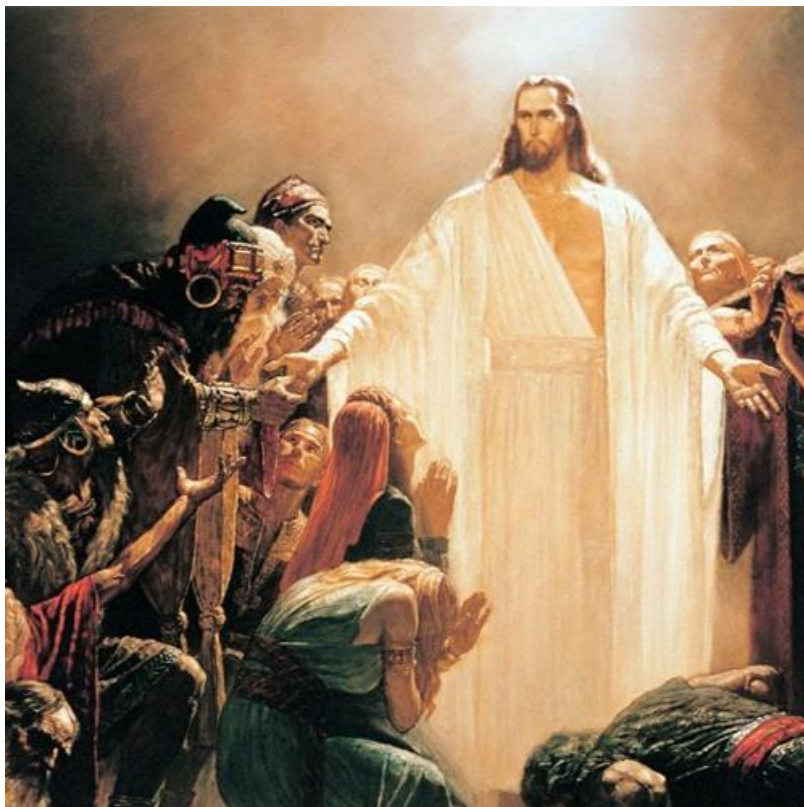


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Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Please pray for Joan Burkinshaw, Jack Hague, Justina Ukato & Betty Walsh RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

There will be a **retiring collection** for the **Priests' Training Fund** on the weekend of **20 & 21 April**, Good Shepherd Sunday.

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Holy Communion

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children and, at this important time, we remember them, their children and their catechists in our prayers.

- The concluding classes of our formal parish preparation will take place in the undercroft from 9.30am until 12 noon:

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

- As this part of the preparation comes to a close (this includes celebrating First Confession) **I invite parents to make arrangements** for a date to celebrate **their child's First Holy Communion**. Thank you, Fr M.

- **As the children become communicants** they are encouraged to deepen their understanding and participation at Mass with their families and the whole community. **They are most welcome** to think about **servicing** at the Altar, **reading** at Mass, **singing** in the choir or **helping** with the offertory procession or tidying the hymn books after Mass. Thank you.

The Sacrament of Confirmation,

For those who have registered to receive this Sacrament preparation will take place at St Joseph's on **Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am** on the following dates: **20 & 27 April and 11 & 18 May** (incl. rehearsal). **Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation**, within the octave of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 25 May, at 5.00pm**. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

The next **UCM meetings** are on **Friday, 19 April**, after the 10.00am Mass in the undercroft and then on **Saturday, 11 May**, after the national conference, from 9.30 to 11.00am.

There will be a diocesan service on the national Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse, on Tuesday, 30 April, at 7.00pm, at the church of St Michael & All Angels, Wombwell.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena will run for nine Tuesdays from Tuesday, 2 May, at 7.00pm. As part of our preparatory prayer for the Jubilee Year in 2025 this year's theme will consider the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!' The Catechism calls it 'truly the summary of the whole gospel' and refers to it as the 'most perfect of prayers.'

Tuesday, 30 April, The Summary of the Whole Gospel

Tuesday, 7 May, 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven'

Tuesday, 14 May, 'Hallowed Be Thy Name'

Tuesday, 21 May, 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Tuesday, 28 May, 'Thy Will Be Done on Earth, As It Is in Heaven'

Tuesday, 4 June, 'Give us this Day Our Daily Bread'

Tuesday, 11 June, 'And Forgive Us Our Trespasses, As We Forgive...'

Tuesday, 18 June, 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

Tuesday, 25 June, 'But Deliver Us from Evil'

We will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm on the final evening.

Easter Communion

Pure fasted faces draw unto this feast:

God comes all sweetness to your Lenten lips.

You striped in secret with breath-taking whips,

Those crooked rough-scored chequers may be pieced

To crosses meant for Jesu's; you whom the East

With draught of thin and pursuant cold so nips

Breathe Easter now; you serged fellowships,

You vigil-keepers with low flames decreased,

God shall o'er-brim the measures you have spent

With oil of gladness, for sackcloth and frieze

And the ever-fretting shirt of punishment

Give myrrhy-threaded golden folds of ease.

Your scarce-sheathed bones are weary of being bent:

Lo, God shall strengthen all the feeble knees.

Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1865

Just as the Israelites found the desert awaiting them on the far side of the Red Sea, so the Church, after the resurrection, always finds history filled with joy and hope, grief and anguish. And yet, this history is changed, it is marked by a new and eternal covenant, it is truly open to the future. For this reason, saved by hope, let us continue our pilgrimage, bearing in our hearts the song that is ancient and yet ever new: "Let us sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!"

Pope Benedict XVI, 2010

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 14 April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Steve George</p>
<p>Friday 19 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Denny & Dympna Keenan</p>
<p>Saturday 20 April <i>Easter Saturday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People</p>
<p>Sunday 21 April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Joan Burkinshaw 10.00am Arthur Higton</p>
<p>Monday 22 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Celebrant's Intention</p>
<p>Tuesday 23 April <i>Solemnity of St George</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Roy Dyson</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial List</p>
<p>Thursday 25 April <i>St Mark</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Celebrant's Intention</p>
<p>Friday 26 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Pat Collett</p>
<p>Saturday 27 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People</p>
<p>Sunday 28 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Sydney & Ellen Mason 10.00am Intentions of Allison McManus</p>

Last week's collection was £614.04 (£262.90 in offertory envelopes, £351.14 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.