

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea



1st Week of Easter, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I

“Till this moment
they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.”

John 20:9

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Other Clergy: Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Gospel Reflection

“Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>



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R E-gí-na cae-li * laetá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem
me-ru-ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia : Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
alle-lú-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lú-ia.

℣. Gaude et laetáre, Virgo María, allelúia.

℟. Quia surréxit Dóminus vere, allelúia.

Catholic Primary School

A reminder to all our parents that the local Catholic Primary School is St Mary's, located on Kirkley Cliff Road (NR33 0DG). For anyone who is considering a school placement for their child, from reception through to Year 6, I would recommend contacting the school and arranging either a tour or a meeting with the Head of School, Mrs Ewa Parker, Tel: 01502 565384. For more information please visit: <https://www.stmarysrcps.com>

Dates for you Diary...

12/04/23 – The Requiem Mass for the Late Mike Fathers takes place at 12:30 on Wednesday 12th April, followed by burial in Kirkley Cemetery at 2pm.

14/04/23 – The Funeral Service for the Late Joseph Keogh takes place at 12:30 on Friday 14th April, followed by cremation at Waveney Memorial Park at 2pm.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

29th/30th April – Vocations – the formation of Seminarians for the Priesthood.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £478.88 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: April 9th – April 15th

- Saturday 8th - 20:00 - Our Lady's** *(1st Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 9th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(1st Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: A Private Intention
- Sunday 9th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(1st Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Irene Tall (RIP)
- Monday 10th - 10:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Monday)*
Offered for:
- Tuesday 11th - 10:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Tuesday)*
Offered for:
- Wednesday 12th - 10:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Wednesday)*
Offered for:
- Thursday 13th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Thursday)*
Offered for:
- Friday 14th - 10:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Friday)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 15th - 10:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Saturday)*
Offered for: Our Lady's Intention
- Saturday 15th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 16th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Sunday 16th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Maize Waring (RIP)

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
