

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea



2nd Week of Easter, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week II

“you believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.”

John 20:29

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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

“The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus’ Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John’s Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke’s Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn’t recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. From readings such as today’s Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas’s doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus’ appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas’s human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are “blessed” because we believe without having seen.”

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

Interested in working with children and young people?

Leaving school or university in the summer and deciding what to do next? In between jobs, or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-35 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for either 12 months (September intake) or 6 months (January intake), with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

The Next CWL meeting takes place on Tuesday 18th April at 1.30pm - all welcome.

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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>

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

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

20th/21st May – Catholic Communications Network – World Communications Day.

17th/18th June – Life Charities – Day for Life.

1st/2nd July – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Work.

8th/9th July – Missio – Mill Hill Mission Appeal.

29th/30th July – Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which, as per tradition, is your gift to the Parish Priest. Your continued financial support for me, 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 16th – April 22nd

- 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)
- Monday 17th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Tuesday 18th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Wednesday 19th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Thursday 20th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Friday 21st - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 22nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 22nd - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Michael Mills (RIP)
- Sunday 23rd - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 23rd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Trevor Stone (RIP) & Josie Langan (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.
