

Mass Times**Intentions**

Saturday **Easter Vigil 8.30pm** Parishioners living and deceased

Sunday **Easter Sunday 8.30am** People of the Parish

10.00am Aiden Breen

Monday **10.00am** Sr Margaret Finnerty **(Bank Holiday)**

Tuesday 9.30am Deceased members of the Beckwith & Lohan families

Wednesday 12.00 noon Lawrence Hayden & Dr Peter Morris

Thursday 9.30am James Joseph Crewdson

Friday **12.00 noon** Bernard Gaunt **(First Friday)**

Saturday 10.00am Yorkshire Brethren

Vigil 6.00pm Ethel Lancashire

Sunday 8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Lawrence Hayden & Dr Peter Morris

Confessions: Saturday after 10.30am Mass and on Request

Exposition: Monday—Friday 40 minutes before Mass

When there is a Service of the Word there is **NO** Exposition beforehand

Ministers April 1st***Liturgy of the Word***

8.30 Easter Vigil Separate arrangements

8.30am M.Crewdson

10.00am E.Jubb

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson

S.Crewdson/M.Booth

M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

Ministers April 8th

6.00pm P.Redshaw

S.Dyson

8.30am M.Jefferis

S.Crewdson/M.Booth

10.00am C.Street-Brown

G.Leggat/C.Hall

Last Week's Collections

First: £474.27 Second £181.55 Shop £220.79 Candles: £60.03 Thank you

Sing for Pleasure Choir £115.00 Pennine Vale FMG £25.00 Thank You

Please make cheques payable to

Diocese of Leeds—Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart & St William**Easter Sunday****April 1st 2018**

He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**Easter Blessings 2018**

Easter Thanks

Our thanks as a parish to all those who have contributed their time and expertise to celebrate the wonderful Holy Week and Easter Liturgies in a beautiful church. Our thanks, too, to those who make the church such a welcoming place in which to celebrate, and to those who contribute to the liturgy throughout the year. May God's Easter blessing be upon us, our families and all those we love as we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. Alleluia!



Taize Prayer and Praise



After the winter break we will be resuming our weekly Taize evenings in this church next week on **Tuesday April 10th at 8.00 pm**. This is an ecumenical event and all parishioners along with friends from other parishes will be very welcome. It is an informal occasion and includes the wonderful Taize chants and prayers, a psalm, bible reading, the chance to listen to some religious music leading into a short time of silent meditation, and the opportunity to light a candle and pray for your own intentions. Each session lasts about three quarters of an hour. There is no need to feel committed to coming every week – just come when you can. Thank You Chris and Heidi.

Plants for Africa



The Communities of Saddleworth are continuing their support for the Oshandi villages in Namibia by buying trays of plants. Please see the forms at the back of the Church giving details. If you are interested please return the completed form by **Monday 9th April** with cash or a cheque made payable to OATIN. Thank You.

Sponsored Half Marathon



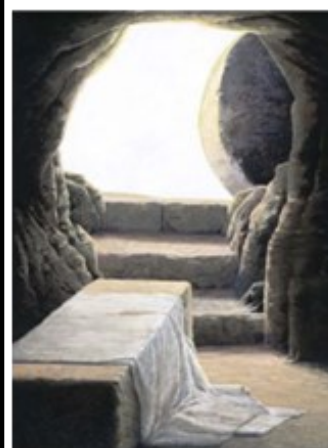
If you signed up to sponsor Roise last weekend she will be delighted to receive the money for **Children with Cancer**. Thank You.

Easter



Early in the morning on the first day of the week Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb where they had laid the body of her beloved Jesus. Her heart is broken. *"I sought him whom my soul loves. I sought him but found him not. I called him but he gave no answer,"* cries the bride in the Song of Songs who prefigures Mary. She wants to be the first to anoint the body, but who will take the stone away? And when she arrives at the tomb, what does she find? The stone has been taken away. The body of Jesus has disappeared. Someone has stolen the body of her beloved! The tomb is empty, as empty as her heart. She runs to Simon Peter and to the other disciple 'one whom Jesus loved', crying ***They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him!***

At Mary's cry of alarm, Peter and the other disciple go running to the tomb. Everybody seems to be running in this early morning light. Running out of fear? Running because they are confused? Running because Jesus has disappeared? But where is the body of Jesus?



Peter heavy with sadness and guilt is confused and runs slowly. The other disciple, the "beloved" seems less troubled. He had followed Jesus to the cross and so is more sprightly. But he is respectful and lets Peter go into the tomb first. Peter—Cephas—the Rock is still the leader, even though he has denied Jesus. Peter sees the cloth that had been over the head of Jesus folded up in a corner. No thief would have stopped to fold this cloth! The other disciple in a flash of insight understands:

Jesus is surely risen.

Jean Vanier: Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John