

From Sunday's Gospel

There was a man named Lazarus who lived with his two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters. The sisters sent a message to Jesus, but by the time Jesus had arrived at their home, Lazarus had died. As soon as Lazarus' sister, Mary, saw Jesus she threw herself at his feet crying. At the sight of her tears, Jesus said in great distress, 'Where have you put him?' So they took Jesus to Lazarus' tomb. Jesus wept. 'Roll the stone away' he said and then in a loud voice, 'Lazarus come out.' Then Lazarus came out with his feet, hands and face bound.

Jesus said, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"The compassion of God, his suffering with us, gives meaning to our struggles and sufferings." To be

compassionate is literally 'to suffer

with', to share someone's difficulties and sorrows, to be aware of the pain that they are going through. Jesus showed himself to be compassionate in so many ways, not least in today's incident. Who is the most compassionate person we know? Am I determined to show compassion to someone this coming week?

Ministers

April 2nd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw

8.30am M.Crewdson

10.00am C.Street-Brown

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson

S.Crewdson/M.Booth

M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

April 9th

6.00pm M.Jefferis

8.30am E.Davies

10.00am S.Rudd

S.Dyson

S.Crewdson/M.Booth

G.Leggat/C.Hall

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £484.00 Shop £131.25 Votive Candles £89.01 Thank You

Second Collection for Catholic Care: £478.35! Thank You

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5th Sunday of Lent

April 2nd 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Ethel Lancashire & Joan Bradbury
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Keith Rogers
	4.00pm	CAFOD Tea Cakes after Mass
Monday	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	9.30am	Mary Rafferty
		Special Intention
	8.00pm Taizé Prayer group	
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Lawrence Hayden & Dr Morris
Thursday	9.10am	Morning Prayer - No Exposition
	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	12.00noon	P.J.Clarke First Friday
	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation
Saturday	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Vigil	6.00pm	Irene McEntree
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Private Intention

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

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COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART



Please remember that Individual Sacramental Confession is celebrated on Saturdays after the 10.00am Mass and by appointment.

This coming Friday, April 7th, we will be having a **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION at 7.00pm in the Church.**

The Service will follow the pattern of previous services and everyone is most welcome to attend.



SINGING PRACTICE THIS SUNDAY

The first singing practice to rehearse the music for the Holy week Ceremonies, especially the Easter Vigil, will be this Sunday, April 2nd, after 10 o'clock Mass. Anyone who likes singing and who would like to make a contribution to the music in these important liturgies will be very welcome. There will be one more practice next Sunday, April 9th, at the same time.



Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Course

The final meeting of the Lent Course, looking at David Adam's book The Awesome Journey will take place on Thursday 6th April in the Parish Centre from 7.30-9.00pm. Chapters 9 & 10. All welcome



Up to the time of printing the bulletin only SIX people have signed up to go to the Chrism Mass. This really is a last call if anyone else wishes to go to the Mass and travel together. Please sign the list at the back of church **as soon as possible** Thank You.



Morning Prayer of the Church

On Thursdays during Lent we will be saying Morning Prayer at 9.10am in the Church. No Exposition that morning.



Thought for the week

For the last time this Sunday we will be reading the SHORTER form of the Gospel. For the full version of today's Gospel see John 11:1-45

The Oldham Project



Kari and those connected with the Oldham Project are in desperate need of a baby's buggy and a push-along walker for ladies at the Project? If anyone has one, or knows of someone who may have one that is now surplus to requirements could they please let Claire or Heidi know. Parishioners may want to know that there is a fairly consistent donation of clothes and other items from the parish.

Kari apologised that she hasn't written to thank the Parish for the fantastic donations of toys before Christmas. They were very greatly appreciated. It is a real way of putting Gospel Values into practice, especially the corporal works of mercy recommended by Pope Francis!



Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal were founded in the States in 1987 and came to the diocese of Leeds a few years later. They are based at St Pio Friary in Bradford and on Holy Thursday, 13th April 2017, BBC One will be presenting an hour long programme on their work in Bradford and the restoration of St Patrick's Mission Church. It will be shown after News at Ten, but please check the T.V. Listings for more details.



Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, April 9th is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's liturgical life. Weather permitting the 10.00am Mass will begin in the Parish Centre with the blessing of the palms and then the procession into the church reminding us of Jesus' own entry into Jerusalem, surrounded by crowds of people, laying down their clothes and waving their palms and singing 'Hosanna'. Later in the Mass we will hear proclaimed the Passion Narrative according to St Matthew and will be invited to enter in our hearts and minds another procession, but this time to Calvary. The supportive shouts of 'Hosanna' will change into cries of 'Crucify Him, Crucify him!'