



O Queen of heaven rejoice! Alleluia. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,  
Has risen as he said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia, For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!  
(To be said instead of the Hail Mary at the end of the Bidding Prayers)



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:  
"Dear young friends, let us learn to face  
moments of difficulty knowing that the  
Lord never fails to give his support. With

God we can do great things." Today's word is "Encourage!" When Jesus was  
arrested his disciples were also threatened with arrest and possible death and they  
deserted Jesus. Even Peter denied knowing him. They were locked in a room when  
Jesus appeared to them speaking words of peace. This would have greatly  
encouraged them. How can we encourage each other this week?

#### Ministers

#### April 8th

##### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw  
8.30am M.Jefferis  
10.00am C.Street-Brown

##### Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

#### April 15th

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am E.Davies  
10.00am E.Davies

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
C.Ward/K.McKune

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £360.76 Second: £191.79 Shop: £153.85 Thank You  
Retiring Collection for the Holy Places: £168.73 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



## Sacred Heart & St. William

31 High Street  
Uppermill OL3 6HS  
web: [www.sacredheartparish.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartparish.org.uk)

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
**April 8th 2018 (Mark's Gospel)**

#### Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Ethel Lancashire
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Lawrence Hayden & Dr Peter Morris
<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>		
Monday	9.30am	Walter Bickers
Tuesday	9.30am	James Burns
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Maisie Donovan
Thursday	9.30am	Eamon McKeown
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention (CAB)
Saturday	10.00am	Kevin Madden
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Harry Dubois
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Winifred & Derek Kerr

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

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

**When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition**

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### Divine Mercy Sunday



Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday:

I renew to everyone the Easter greetings with the words of the Risen Jesus: "Peace be with you!" It is not a greeting, or even a simple wish: it is a gift, indeed, the precious gift that Christ gives to his disciples after passing through death and the underworld. He gives peace, as he had promised, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." This peace is the fruit of the victory of God over evil, it is the fruit of forgiveness. And so it is: true peace, profound peace, comes from the experience of God's mercy.

### Taize Prayer and Praise THIS Tuesday



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.

### 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

Roise Ward-Lynch is really grateful to everyone from church who sponsored her, raising more than £200 for **Children with cancer UK** who do research to help find a cure for children's cancer and provide care for children with cancer. Thank You.

### Churches Together in Saddleworth—Street Pastors



Churches Together in Saddleworth is considering the possibility of setting up a Street Pastors scheme in Uppermill, which would be in collaboration with the Police and the local authority, and would provide a supportive presence on the High Street on Friday and/or Saturday nights. The subject will be discussed at the next **CTIS**

**Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April at Ebenezer Church, 4 School Street, Uppermill OL3 6HB.** This will be

an open meeting, so everyone from our churches is invited to attend. In this Easter season, we are all called to follow Jesus' new commandment: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another'. What better time could there be than this, to put our faith into action, because as Jesus went on to say: 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'. (John 13. 34, 35)

### Parish Council Meeting



The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **THURSDAY APRIL 19th** beginning at 7.30pm. Items for the agenda to either Nick or Susan please as soon as possible.

### CAFOD Lent Family Fast



This year's Lenten Family Fast collection raised £584.94 with gift aid adding a further £100.00. Thank You. (Perhaps we should note that this year only 36 envelopes were returned, 30 less than last year when the parish raised over £1,000!)

### Oldham Foodbank Thank You



More than 50 Easter Eggs were given by parishioners to the Oldham Foodbank and we received the following letter: *Thank you so much to you and members of your congregation for all these marvellous Easter Eggs. We will now set about distributing them fairly. Blessed Easter, Oldham Foodbank.*

### Thought for the Week



I have learned that I simply have to say 'no' in order to have room for the things I most want to say 'yes' to. Saying 'no' without guilt takes practice to master, but so does any healthy habit.