

From Sunday's Gospel



The disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Thomas, one of the

disciples, was not there when Jesus came and he refused to believe what had happened. One week later, they were in the room again, and Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Pope Francis writes, "We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: I believe!." Today's word **Believe.** What did Jesus say about those who believed without seeing? After seeing

the risen Jesus, Thomas believed that he was alive – he still is! Believing in the resurrection adds something very special to our lives and this cannot be found anywhere else. Jesus invited Thomas to believe and he makes the same invitation to you and me. Jesus' resurrection – his victory over death – is the greatest event in history! Even though, like Thomas, you may sometimes have doubts, be assured that, when you do doubt, Jesus is still truly close to you and ready to help you to believe. As we journey through Easter, how as a family, might we grow in our belief in Jesus? Perhaps it could be: reading about what Jesus did and said; being with others who believe; asking God to help you grow in belief; living out Jesus' teachings and seeing the difference it makes to your lives.

Offertory Collections and Shop Income March 5th

First Collection: £351.50 Second: £151.24 Shop: £233.50 Thank You
Holy Places: £108.13 Thank You



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street
Uppermill OL3 6HS
www.sacredheartparish.org.uk
Please visit the website above.

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday: **6.00pm** Bob Peat`
Sunday **8.30am** Terry Farmer
10.30am People of the Parish
Monday: **9.30am** Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday: **9.30am** **No Public Service**
Wednesday: **12.00pm** Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday: **9.30am** Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday **9.30am** Cecelia Weale

12.00pm Funeral Service for Wayne Hemmings Oldham Crematorium

Saturday **10.00am** Joseph & Clara Casey
3.00pm Nuptial mass Mike Howell & Margaret Smith—all welcome
6.00pm Andrew & Eva Kilkenny
Sunday: **8.30am** Alice Ardern
10.00am People of the Parish
Baptism of Ida & Hanna Costello during Mass

Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment
Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass

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Mrs Michelle Moore

Bishop Marcus - CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE 2022



On Saturday 14th May, there will be a **special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon** for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year and for those whose anniversaries occurred during the years of the pandemic. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, **please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church** and send it to Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email it to bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by Tuesday, 3rd May 2022.



A Big Thank You to all who donated their no longer needed belongings for recycling for Cafod. A sack weighing 25 kgms was collected 22nd April. It takes about 6-8 weeks for the process to reveal what this raises for Cafod, and then we will be sent the information and confirmation. Catherine.

The total collected for CAFOD Lent Family Fast came to £862.42. 20 people gift-aided their donation which will add a further £162.00 to the overall total that CAFOD can claim. Thank you. Anne



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION**
Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

First Forgiveness will be celebrated on Saturday May 14th at 11.00am. Please make sure that your child has completed the first four chapters of **I Belong**.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd May during the 10.00am Mass. Emily will be leading another Zoom meeting on **Thursday 28th April at 7.00pm**. The link will be sent to all those preparing for Confirmation in good time.

The 'Best Wishes and Thank You occasion for the Revd John Rosedale will take place in St Thomas' Church, Delph this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm. Quiz teams are asked to bring a prize.



From Parish to Mission

There will be a follow up meeting on **Thursday May 5th, 7.30pm-9.00pm** in the Parish Centre. This will be facilitated by Sarah, Marie and Eileen and will concentrate more on local issues. All very welcome.



Diocese of Leeds Safeguarding

Safe Spaces is a free support service commissioned by the Catholic and Anglican Churches. It is specifically for survivors of church related abuse. The service is for anyone aged 18 or over, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the perpetrator is living or deceased. It is not necessary to have reported the incident to the Church authorities or to the Police in order to access support. It is not necessary to be a current active member of the Church in order to access support.

The service is for people who have experienced any kind of abuse—this includes (but is not limited to) sexual violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, physical abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse coercive and controlling behaviour.

Phone: 0300 303 1056

Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Leaflets are at the back of the church



Caring for the Carers– Looking after your other relationships

You may feel like you have no time to spend with other family members and friends, or that having a life outside of your caring responsibilities is unimportant or even selfish. However, it's really important to ensure you stay in contact with friends and family. This can give you opportunities to talk to other people about what you're going through and allow them to support you, as well as giving you vital time out to enjoy each other's company. Keeping up with your other relationships and activities that bring you pleasure means that when your caring responsibilities change for example, if the person with dementia goes into a care home, you still have things to enjoy and people to spend time with.

(Adapted from Admiral Nurses Help leaflets)