## Blessed

are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29



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!" 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, this time, Thomas was also there.

Jesus came and stood among them again and 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!"

From Sunday's Gospel

SUNDAY 11th April 2021 Adapted from John 20:19-31 Easter Sunday Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us"

Today's word is **Encourage.** After Jesus had died, the disciples were afraid that the

people who had crucified him would now be looking for them too. Jesus' resurrection and miraculous appearance would have encouraged the disciples. There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are afraid or going through difficult times. When we listen to Jesus, we are filled with words of encouragement. Do you know anyone who may need your encouragement? Each of you choose a way to encourage someone during this Easter season. Perhaps you can: offer words of support; let someone know when they are doing something well; tell someone about the good news of Jesus' resurrection; give someone a helping hand if they are struggling.



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## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) April 11th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

# PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAYS 9.30AM AND SATURDAY 6.00PM (BOOKING NECESSARY

FOR SATURDAY 6.00PM)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
		(live streamed without a congregation)
Monday:		Private Intention
Tuesday:	9.30am	Fr Clive Birch
Wednesday:		Sr Bernard McPealie (P.I.)
Thursday:	9.30am	Michael Walker
Friday		Sr Martin Walsh & Peter Gormally
Saturday:	6.00pm	The Holmes & Richards' Families
Sunday:	9.00am	People of the Parish

(live streamed without a congregation)

#### **Confessions by appointment**

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Mrs Michelle Moore

#### **Church Opening Times**



Thanks to the stewards and cleaners we were able to have congregations at each weekday Mass during the Octave of Easter. Now that the Octave is over we will, for the time being, revert to the church being open for a congregation to be present on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evening at 6.00pm. Please contact Susan on the Friday before the Saturday Vigil Mass to book a place on 01457 878055 or 07778856089—thank you.

Mass will continue to be live streamed on a Sunday morning at 9.00am without a congregation.

As restrictions are lifted we will review the situation. Please watch this space. <u>Stewards/Cleaners April 2021</u>

Saturday 10th April 6.00pm: Liz Taylor & Ian Charnock Tuesday 13th April 9.30am: Liz Moores & Carol Street-Brown Thursday 15th April 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward# Saturday 17th April 6.00pm: Ian Charnock & Celia Hall Tuesday 20th April 9.30am: Susan & Jan Gedzielewski Thursday 22nd April 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Liz Taylor Saturday 24th April 6.00pm: Mary Farmer & Celia Hall.



#### ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS:

A series of 5 reflections taking place on Zoom on Mondays 7-8pm, beginning 12 April. Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz these will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of: the women who followed Jesus (12 April), Peter (19 April), the disciples (26 April), Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please

contact gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Banking 4th April: First Collection: £413.50; Second Collection: £142.50 Holy Places: £142.32 Total Banked: £688.00 Thank you.



As a parish we thank all those who in any way contributed to the Liturgies over the Triduum and Easter Octave. Although our numbers were reduced and the Liturgies were curtailed because of COVID-19, those present played a full and active part in all of the liturgies, ensuring that they were worthily celebrated. On a personal note, my sincere thanks for the cards, greetings, gifts and Easter Offerings—still to be counted!



Our grateful thanks to all our Parishioners for their prayers and good wishes and assuring you of our prayers for you. We have been truly blessed. As the Papal Blessing Belinda arranged for us puts it: "Invoking through the intercession of the Virgin Mary an abundance of Divine Graces." We hope that you all had a blessed Easter. Peter & Stella



**Dementia** is the word used to describe many different diseases es and their effects on brain health. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, but the term covers more than a hundred diseases, most of them very rare. Just as every person is unique, the course of a person's dementia will be unique as well.

Dementia is a life-limiting condition that gets worse over time. Most people know that it affects memory, but this is just part of

the story. As dementia develops, different parts of the brain are affected and so will different aspects of a person's life and abilities. Common areas that may become difficult include memory, someone's sense of time and space, language and communication.

The biggest risk factor for developing dementia is getting older. This is why dementia is becoming more common – as the population becomes healthier and lives longer, more people will go on to develop it. However, old age is not the only risk factor and 42,000 younger people also live with the condition in the UK.

"Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

#### Easter Thanks