



St Peter & St Thomas More  
CATHOLIC PARISH

Feast

7 April 2024

Masses and Liturgies		
Time, church		Liturgy
Monday	0900 STM	Mass
Tuesday	0900 STM	Mass
Wednesday	0900 STM	Mass
Thursday	0900 SP 1100 STM	Mass Requiem Jim Harvey
Friday	1230 SP	Mass
Saturday	1000 SP 1100 SP 1830 STM	Reconciliation Mass, then Novena Mass
Sunday	0930 SP 1100 STM 1830 SP	Mass Mass Mass

**Baptisms** Registration takes place at STM after 1100 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Parents are warmly invited to register their child after that Mass

today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

**The Pope's Urbi et Orbi (To the city and the world)**

Today throughout the world, he recalled, there resounds the message proclaimed two thousand years ago from Jerusalem: Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised! The Pope reiterated that the Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. While recalling the tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone, the Pope lamented that today, too, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity, especially stones of war, humanitarian crises, human rights violations, and human trafficking. Like the women disciples of Jesus, the Pope suggested that we ask one another: 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' This, he said, is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning, that the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well. The tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty. From this, everything begins anew! Moreover, a new path leads through that empty tomb, the path that none of us, but God alone, could open. The Lord, Pope Francis said, opens the path of life in the midst of death, of peace in the midst of war, of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, and of fraternity in the midst of hostility. Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen, he said, noting He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. Without the forgiveness of sins, the Pope explained, there is no way to overcome the barriers of prejudice, mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are always right and others wrong. Only the risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world. Jesus alone, the Holy Father reassured, opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world. The Pope expressed his wish to turn our eyes to the Holy City of Jerusalem, that witnessed the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and to all the Christian communities of the Holy Land. The Pope said his thoughts go especially to the victims of the many conflicts worldwide, beginning with those in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine. May the risen Christ open a path of peace for the war-torn peoples of those regions. Pope Francis concluded by wishing all the people of Rome and of the world a Happy Easter.

**Pray for those who are sick**

Mary Welsby, Colette Ogden, Denis Bardsley, Roy Smethurst, Eileen Gill, Clare Hadlow, Jean O'Loughlin, Ellen (Nell) Orry, Austin Fagan, Anne Edge, Madeleine Sale, Fiona Jones, Paul Brierley, Margaret Murray, Danny Duignan, Irene Woolrich, Christine Cowen, Gordon Jackson, Mary Upton, John Kirby, Anna Beisty, Kathleen Mastin, Denis Fitzpatrick, Martin Brennan, Peggy Connarty, Jean Woolley, John Loran, Donald Adamson, Paul Tamburro, James Weinowski, Liane Clegg, Mary Jackson

**Masses received**

People of the Parish, Sick and Housebound, Sheila Welsby, Nora and Norman Brown, Special intention, Joan Hall, Imelda O'Hanlon, Debbie Edwards, Norma Coyle LD, Special intention Tina Dillon, John Green LD, John Dalton LD 2, Maureen Carey AV, Peggy Connarty, John Hall BA, Molly Hall AV, Winifred Irene Jordan BA, William (Bill) Hunt B, Special intention David Entwistle, Bob Knowles AV, Jim Harvey LD, Joan Fanning AV, Anne Murphy BA

**This week's Gospel**

Today's Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Thomas, the doubting disciple in

**Coffee mornings**

The next coffee morning will be held *this Sunday (7 April)* after 0930 Mass in St Peter's Hall - Fr Boniface says he is making the coffee! - and on Wednesday 10 April after Mass in STM.



St Peter & St Thomas More  
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Parish Finance**

Last week £2805 was banked for the parish. Thank you.

**Livestream in St Peter's Church**

A reminder that livestreams begin 5 minutes before the advertised time of the Mass or liturgy.

**Lost property STM church**

Have you lost anything in church? Please come and have a look and collect your these items.

Ministry of Lector				
	Mass	6-7 April	13-14 April	20-21 April
Sat	1830	M Wray	C Williams	M O'Regan
Sun	0930	M Perks	J Kelleher	D Walsh
Sun	1100	M Kelly	C Tennant	J Cannavan
Sun	1830	M Hopkins	D Walsh	M Gifford
Extra-ordinary Miniters of The Eucharist				
Sun	0930	M Smith	C Halliwell	A Sowerby



*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed*

**Divine Mercy St Clare's**

A day of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St Clare's RC Church, Blackley, today (Sunday) at 2.30pm. Includes

exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Talks on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II**

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10 April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

**Young Adults Mass**

St Augustine's, Manchester on Sunday 14 April at 5.30pm with opportunity for reconciliation from 4.45pm.

**Cemetery Mass**

An outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27 May at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26 August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

**St Thomas More AODS "Murder on Cue"**

By Robin Jennifer Miller. Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2024 at 7.30pm. This is a murder mystery which you are invited to solve. Tickets are now available at [seaty.co.uk/murderoncue](http://seaty.co.uk/murderoncue) or [stmaods@gmail.com](mailto:stmaods@gmail.com) or phone 0161 643 8932. Seating will be at tables, so if you want a group table, please book early. A licensed bar will be available from 7-11pm.

**Diocesan Day Retreat: The Cloud of Unknowing**

Our day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at this mystical text that dates back to the 14th century, The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. £20. Please see: [dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/](http://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/)

*Then Jesus said to Thomas,  
'Put your finger here and see my hands.  
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.  
Do not doubt, but believe'*

*John 20.27*