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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ('LOW SUNDAY')



### TOUCHING THE WOUNDS

Why was the Risen Jesus scarred by the wounds of crucifixion and death? Surely they should have been healed? Obliterated?

It was not simply so that the disciples could be sure it was really Him, really alive! Resurrection does not obliterate death - it transforms it: for Jesus and for us. Healing is about growing through our woundedness to a new wholeness, not removing the wounds. For our wounds are the privileged meeting places with the divine, transforming Love. Our wounds become the place of growth, of new becoming and new beginning. We become whom we truly are through our wounds as touched by Love they become well-springs of healing and wholeness - source of our resurrection and new life.

And Thomas the doubting Apostle must touch the wounds - not only so that he will believe at last, but so that the Church formed upon the foundation stones of the witness of the Apostles, will know that it must always touch the wounds of humanity, the scars of the world, the cries and tears of the Earth, if we are to know the Risen Jesus and become part of His Rising in today's world. With love and courage to be Jesus touching the wounds!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10am (live-streamed: [Parish Website](http://www.tolentino.org.uk))

**MONDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**THURSDAY:** Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon (*NB Change of Mass times*)

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- FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30.am      **Mass at 9.00am** (*NB Change of Mass times*)
- SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.00am      **Mass at 12.00 noon**  
*Evening Prayer and Adoration* at 5.30pm (live-streamed - Parish FaceBook)  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* by appointment only  
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- SUNDAY:** **PARISH MASS (3rd Sunday of Easter)** at 10.00am (live-steamed: Parish Website)  
**Mass with LBGTQ+ community & friends** at 3.00pm (live-steamed Parish Website)
- MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm      **Service of Word and Communion** at 6.00pm
- TUESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass at 6.30pm**
- WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury & Theologian (died 1109)*  
*Prayer and Reflection* at 10.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)  
*Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass at 6.30pm** (live-steamed: Parish Website)
- THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.30am      **Mass at 12 noon** (*NB Change of Mass times*)
- FRIDAY:** *Feast of St George, Martyr, Patron of England (died 303)*  
*Adoration* at 8.30.am      **Mass at 9.00am** (*NB Change of Mass times*)
- SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.00am      **Mass at 12.00 noon**  
*Stations of the Resurrection* at 5.30pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book)  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* by appointment only

**11/4/2021** [1] **'Low Sunday', the Octave Day of Easter:** we celebrate the wonder of this Feast of Feasts throughout the week. In the early Church this was the only other day that Baptism was celebrated - an overflow if there were too many to be baptised during the Vigil itself. Sadly and unexpectedly, this year we have no baptism to celebrate.

[2] The Word of God speaks to us of that **first Christian Community in Jerusalem that was so close and loving** that its life together that 'great signs and wonders were worked among them' and healing flowed from them into their city. They witnessed to the Risen Lord, the source of New Life! They were a community overflowing with healing and life empowering the witness of Peter and the other Apostles. The conversion of St Thomas from his doubt to profound faith came about because he returned to the Community of the Resurrection and discovered Jesus alive in the midst of them! Does this describe our parish, our Church?

**18/4/2021** [1] **The Third Sunday of Easter** celebrates the Risen Christ whom we meet in the 'Breaking of the Bread', the Eucharist which gathers around Him and nourishes the life and love of Christ Jesus, the Crucified Risen One. May our 'hearts burn within us' as we listen to His Word, bathe in His love and recognise Him among us in the Breaking of the Bread! The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Resurrection, forming us, the Church, the Body of Christ, to become Sacrament of the Risen Christ, transforming our world in love.

[2] We rejoice to celebrate at our 10.00am Mass **the Rite of Adult Catechumen** with seven people preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday: Naomi, Mary, Jordan, Michaelay, Kimberlee and Abel and Issa - please pray for them.

[2] **Mass with our LBGTQ+ community at 3.00pm** - all are welcome!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** On 11th April, the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Patrick, Brockworth and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown

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(Glos), served by Fr Christopher Hickey, Fr Paul Brandon Deacon Brendan Vaughan-Spruce, Parish Administrators Mrs Marianne Roberts, Lilly Vujakovic and both their communities.

**On 18th April**, the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Edmund of Canterbury, Calne and St Anthony of Padua, Melksham (Wiltshire), served by Fr Vincent Curtis, Parish Administrator Mrs Sharon Pearce and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing for all serving the **Ministry of Healing**. Healing was at the heart of Jesus Proclamation of Good News, of the 'in-breaking Kingdom of God'. His Word was made flesh in healing of body, mind and spirit. Some of us are trained in praying healing with and for our sisters and brothers; others work professionally in healing professions - doctors, nurses, care workers, blood transfusion units, paramedics, counsellors, psychotherapists etc. We are all called to serve the healing of others - all called to build a 'field hospital' parish. Please pray for all who serve God's healing love in our world and through our community. Furthermore, we are exploring how we can respond to the increase of mental illness during and following the pandemic. If you would like to know more about the ministry of healing prayer, please contact Richard or Mary.

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £345.00 + Loose £321 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £797.05 thanks!

**GOOD FRIDAY Collection for the Christians of the Middle East** £150.00 *I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish. Every gift and giver is equally valued and these gifts are used to serve the growth of the Kingdom of God. Thank you!*

### **WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35 / Psalm 117 / 1 John 5: 1-6 / John 20: 19-31 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31 / Psalm 2 / John 3: 1-8                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-37 / Psalm 92 / John 3: 7-15                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26 / Psalm 33 / John 3: 16-21                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-33 / Ps 33 / John 3: 31-36                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42 / Psalm 26 / John 6: 1-15                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7 / Psalm 32 / John 6: 16-21                     |

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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| 14th April | Ashley Churches Together Serving meets on Zoom                          |
| 18th April | Mass with our LBGTQ+ friends and community at 3.00pm                    |
| 22nd April | Diocesan Safeguarding Commission meets (on Teams)                       |
| 25th April | Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for all Vocations                  |
| 12th May   | <b>ASCENSION DAY - Holy Day of Obligation</b>                           |
| 16th May   | Mass with our LBGTQ+ friends and community at 3.00pm                    |
| 19th May   | Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)                                |
| 23rd May   | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY - celebration of Adult baptism and Confirmation</b> |
| 30th May   | <b>TRINITY SUNDAY - child Baptism Sunday</b>                            |
| 6th June   | <b>Feast of Corpus Christ (Body and Blood of the Lord)</b>              |
| 29th June  | <b>Feast Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>                 |
| 18th July  | <b>First Eucharist Sunday</b>   |

**FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME 2021 BEGINS** The Programme of Preparation began on Thursday at 4.00pm in the church and will continue for the children at that time each Thursday until First Eucharist Sunday. As it is inevitably an abbreviated course (given the delay caused by Covid Lockdowns), ***IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS EN-***

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***SURE THEIR CHILDREN DO NOT MISS ANY OF THE SESSIONS (except for ill-health of course!).*** We will write to schools other than St Nicks asking permission for the children to be released from school a little earlier to enable them to arrive for a prompt 4.00pm start. A number of Spanish speaking families from Latin America have asked for their children to be prepared. **We are very grateful that Jackie Chenier has agreed to lead a programme for both children and families in Spanish and this will take place each Friday at 4.00pm in the church.**

**TALKING AND LISTENING GROUP** - the group runs every Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are effecting them and listen to others. The group supports those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. One to one sessions over the phone or social media are available. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or [robertvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robertvh@hotmail.co.uk). Or, just come along.

**SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP** Each week the group shares reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers and Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders. The group continues to meet on **Wednesdays at 4.30pm**. Contact John Flannery (email: [j.flannery@btinternet.com](mailto:j.flannery@btinternet.com)) or Richard (email above) for the Zoom link.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021/2022 AVAILABLE TODAY** The Offertory envelopes for the coming year are now available to be collected before or after mass of from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 10am to 1.00pm. Please do so as soon as you can.

**DIOCESAN VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April is the Feast Day of St Bernadette Soubirous, so as part of our own ongoing virtual pilgrimage Monsignor Liam Slattery will be celebrating a livestream Mass at 7:00 pm, please join us through the Clifton diocese website at [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com).

**THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES** The Rector of the Sanctuary informs us that because of the new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until pilgrimages are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV>. The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 25th April - Day of Prayer for Vocations** We are asked to pray for a deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and serve the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace; each of us is called to care for our environment and seek to heal the abuse of our good Earth so that future generations will be able to thrive on this planet. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are necessary to the mission of God's Church. We seek especially to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate, preparing for a future without a resident priest. **Sunday 25th April**. Pray also for new expressions of ordained ministry!

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain** - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

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