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'LOW' SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 10.00am (*live-streamed on Parish website*)
Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Adoration at 6.00pm* *Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm*
(live-streamed Parish Website)

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr (953-1012)**
Adoration at 6.30pm *Service of Word & Communion at 7.00pm*

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Service of Word & Communion** at 12 noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury & Theologian (1033-1109)***
Adoration at 8.300pm **Service of Word & Communion** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

16/04/2023: [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. 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?

[2] **Mass with the LBGTO+ community and friends** at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend this mass, of course!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS** at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Parish website*)

MONDAY: ***Feast of St George, Martyr, Patron of England (died 303)***
No Liturgy today

TUESDAY: ***Feast of St Mark, Evangelist***
Adoration at 6.00pm **Mass** at 6.30pm (*live-streamed Parish Website*)

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.300pm **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Dominican Third Order, Reformer (1347-1380)***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

23/04/2023: [1] The **Third Sunday of Easter** celebrates the Risen Christ whom we encounter in the 'Breaking of the Bread' (the first name given to the Eucharist or the Mass). Jesus comes alongside two despairing disciples (blinded by their grief and so do not recognise him), listens to their story, reminds them of their faith tradition, sits at table to eat with them and so enables them to believe and trust again. Do we too 'recognise Him in the Breaking of the Bread'? Do we rush to tell others the glorious Good News of Resurrection?

DIOCESAN PRAYER **16/04/2023:** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Peter and St Paul, Bath, served by Fr Bill McLoughlin OSM and all the community. **23/04/2023:** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission

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of St John the Evangelist, Bath, served by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Parish Administrator Janet Flinn and all the community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the **Lay Ministry of the Eucharist**. Co-ordinated by Margaret Ulloa, this ministry helps to nourish our Eucharistic Community of Mission, assisting with the sharing of Holy Communion on Sundays and leading services of Word and Communion in the absence of the priest. They also enable periods of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and bring the Christ of the Eucharist to the housebound unable to join us around the Table of the Lord. This ministry is an example of lay clergy team work and partnership in the sacramental life of the Church.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK - EASTER OFFERINGS

G.A. Env £- + Loose £1004.66 + Card Reader £196.62 + S/O £165.88 = £1367.16 - thanks!

Good Friday 'Holy Places' £129.43 Holy Thursday 'Caritas' £111.54 thank you!

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the annual 'salary' of your priest through this collection (and also at Christmas).

FOODBANK There is a significant increase in demand for our Parish Foodbank since the cost of living crisis kicked in. Please deliver your gifts either during Mass on Sunday or to the Parish Office at the Assisi Centre. What kind of things? Long-life milk and juices, small jars of coffee, tins of meat, fish, vegetables, tinned tomatoes baked beans, soups, custard and fruit; packets of rice, pasta, cereals; jars of pasta sauce, ketchup, mayonaise, packet soups; toilet rolls, bars of soap, toothpaste, and other toiletries. ***You are helping us to meet a vital need, making practical in these difficult times 'love of our neighbour' and 'God's Option for the Poor'. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you in the name of all whom we are serving.***

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

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| 25th April | Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (via Zoom) |
| 27th April | First Eucharist Parents Meeting at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre) |
| 27th April | Liturgy Planning Group meeting at 6.30-8.00pm (Assisi Centre) |
| 29th April | Joint Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Legacy Group 9.30am-1.30pm (Assisi Centre) |
| 2nd May | Borderland Trustees meeting |
| 11th May | Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council with Bishop Declan at 7.00pm (Assisi Ctr) |
| 13th May | Lay Readers ('Proclaimer of the Word') Training Day 9.30am to 1.00pm |
| 18th May | Feast of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation |
| 4th June | Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday |
| 8th June | Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm |
| 11th June | Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday |

PARENTS PREPARATION FOR CHILD BAPTISMS ON 4TH JUNE Parents seeking the baptism of their children on Trinity Sunday, 4th June at 10am Mass are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Details of the Baptism Preparation course and celebration:

BAPTISMS ON TRINITY SUNDAY SUNDAY JUNE 4th at 10am Mass

Preparation Sessions: to be confirmed (Assisi Centre)

'PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD' - LAY READERS TRAINING DAY This is a very important Ministry - people of faith and love for the Word of God, called to proclaim the life-giving Word to God's people at Mass. We are seeking to call more people to this Ministry, so if you are interested and have a love of the Scriptures, please let Richard or Reagan know. There will be a Training Day for **ALL LAY READERS ('PROCLAIMERS OF THE**

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WORD') on Saturday May 13th from 9.30am, concluding with Mass at 12noon. Please keep this day and time free - thank you!

'LIGHT OF TRUTH' - a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith

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| 1. How to talk about God | Apr 20 |
| 2. How to talk about Jesus Christ | Apr 27 |
| 3. How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) | May 4 |
| 4. How to talk about the human person | May 11 |
| 5. How to talk about the Church | May 18 |

To sign up, parishioners need to click on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 30th 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 to call members of our community to the many ministries of the Spirit (preparing for a future without a resident priest). Pray also for the renewal and new expressions of ordained ministry!

NEW APPOINTMENTS SERVING THE PARISH MISSION: I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a Food Bank Manager and welcome Mike Conway to serve the Parish's Mission to the disadvantaged - he begins his work after Easter. We have also appointed a Parish Office Co-ordinator, Mrs Astrid Thompson, who will support both the administrative and pastoral work through the parish office. She begins work at the beginning of May. We welcome both Mike and Astrid to the 'Parish Team'. I would like to thank Margaret Ulloa who has voluntarily carried both roles for the past 15 months. We owe her a great debt of gratitude.

MARKING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III This event on Saturday 6th May marks a very significant moment in the history of our nations of the United Kingdom and is of great constitutional importance. I invite suggestions about how we might as a Parish mark the event. Please let me or members of the Parish Pastoral Council know in the two weeks - thank you!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME BEGINS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE It is a great joy for our community that there are 10-12 young people (over 13 years old) who have expressed an interest in being Confirmed in the Holy Spirit to take their place with us in the Mission of the Church and to be gifted to build up the Body of Christ in love and faith. **The first meeting of the Programme is on Friday 21st April at 5.30pm in the Assisi Centre.**



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