



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

Wednesday 15th - Craft Group meets
10am-12pm - *all welcome!*

Thursday 16th , 10.30am Said Mass
followed by refreshments

The Candle before the Blessed Sacrament burns
this week in loving memory of John Woodall and
the Candle by the Blessed Virgin Mary burns
in loving memory of Celia Stimpson

Next Sunday: 19th April – Easter 3
11.00am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up
the readings we will use: Acts 2:14, 36-41;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*

Annual Parish Church Meeting - after the Parish
Mass on Sunday 10th May, *when we receive
reports from the past year, elect Churchwardens,
PCC & Deanery Synod Reps.*

*The Revised Electoral Roll is also received.
If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would
like your name added (after meeting the usual
requirements) please complete a form
– available at the back of Church.*

Sat. 30th May at 7pm

~ Colne Male Voice Choir in concert

Sat. 13th June at 7pm

~ Overgate Hospice Choir in Concert

Sat. 4th July, 10.30am-1.30pm

~ **St Paul's Summer Fayre** ~

Sat. 18th July at 7pm ~ Carlton Community Choir

Many thanks indeed for the lovely Easter cards
and especially for the unexpected, generous
birthday gifts & cards – they're all much
appreciated. *Thank you, Fr Nigel*

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Sunday 12 April 2026

Welcome to our Parish Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Easter

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

**Hymns: 104; 120; 125 (omit *);
113; 124**

Readers: Ian Knowles & Graham King

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of
Church if you are without cash for your offering.
If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes
– it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Prospect Avenue,
Prospect Close & Southowram

Among our congregation:

Steven Disher & Anthony, and George Femi

Monday – give thanks for the Resurrection

Tues. – for peace in the troubled areas of the world

Wednesday – give thanks for the Resurrection

Thurs. – for local schools as a new term begins

Friday – for all in any kind of need at this time

Sat. – Anita & Shaughn our Churchwardens

Those who are sick or in need:

Laraine Cowgill, Sue Sanders, Jeremy Whitaker,
Julian Haw, Susan Wainwright, Teddy Hicks,
Jerome, Jacinta Hunter, Barbara Martin,
Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson, Kathryn Osborne,
Audrey Martin, Victoria Bevan, Barbara Wood

Those in long term sickness:

Brenda Stones, Lesley Woodall, Barbara Wood

Recently departed:

Anniversaries: Ada Fogg, Thomas McClurg (12)
Mabel Dabbs (13) Beryl Oakes, Ethel Durman (15)
Beatrice Foster, Sarah Barratt, Ruth Normanton
(16) Edna Mattinson (17) Clifford Smith,
Harry Roberts (18)

Many thanks indeed to all who supported our Holy
Week Services, especially all who helped with
reading, playing, singing, serving and leading
intercessions, with all who have helped to clean
and decorate our Church for Easter.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING PRAYER Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE FIRST READING (Acts 2: 14a, 22-32)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 118)

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R:**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R:**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R:**

SECOND READING (1 Peter 1: 3-9)

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new

birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL (John 20: 19-31)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

