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7th April 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter, Ordinary Time, Yr B

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	Feast of Divine Mercy	People of the Parish	Thursday 6.15 – 6.35pm Saturdays 5.20-5.50pm ADORATION 6pm – 7pm All are welcome  <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p> <p>Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: psrenglishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk, 07711 569880.</p>
Sun. 10.30am	Feast of Divine Mercy	Keith Wheelhouse	
Mon. 10am	The Annunciation of the Lord	People of the Parish	
Tue. 10am		Cecilia O'Brien	
Wed. 2pm		Mary Johnson	
Thurs. 10am		Irene Bryan	
Fri. 10am		Ann Creamer ints.	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent		
Sat. 6pm	3rd Sunday of Easter	Steve Hardgrave	
Sun. 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Easter	Peter Pax Shortall	

NEXT WEEK, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Yr B

ANNIVERSARIES, Irene Bryan, Steve Hardgrave, Peter Shortall

HOLY PLACES, £478.29, **PLANNED GIVING**, £314.00

100 CLUB, 31st March No. 100 Greg McGee

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,

This week marks the feast of Divine Mercy and St. Aelred's is marking the feast in a special way.

11.30am – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 4pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 1pm – 3pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour – 3pm concluding with Benediction.

SVP SPECIAL COLLECTION, We are holding a second collection for the SVP this weekend The SVP have recently been helping two asylum seeking families, two ladies with children struggling to set up home again after having to leave abusive partners, are doing a monthly big shop for our local foodbank as well as helping some who are finding it hard to make ends meet. We are also continuing our work of visiting and befriending. We do appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and can promise that any money raised is used wisely.

YORK NEWMAN CIRCLE, Monday 15 April, 10am to 12pm, at the Bar Convent. Brian Hamill, President of the Newman Association: Marriage and 'Fiducia Supplicans' - the historical context. A talk and discussion about this recent Vatican document which, controversially, allows blessings for those in irregular unions. Followed by lunch at the Bar Convent Cafe - booking for lunch essential. For more information and to book lunch please contact judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

ST HENRY WALPOLE, April 7th 1595, St Henry Walpole was martyred here on the Knavesmire in York. He became a Catholic after witnessing the martyrdom of St. Edward Campion in 1581. He was ordained a priest in Paris in 1588. He came back to England, landing in Bridlington. Sadly, he was arrested only a day later. We are privileged to have a relic of St. Henry in our Martyrs chapel.

JOB VACANCIES,

Lunchtime Supervisors at Our Lady Queen Martyrs School, for more details please see the website, closing date 26th April 2024:

[Current Vacancies & Application Forms | Nicholas Postgate \(npcat.org.uk\)](http://www.npcat.org.uk)

SUNDAY PLUS

With words and with love

Feeling seen

By Lucy Russell

Feeling seen" means feeling recognised and accepted for who you are. The person doing the seeing understands you with little or no explanation. When we feel seen, we feel connected and remember that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Thomas wasn't with his friends when Jesus visited them the first time. He missed out on seeing Jesus and on the peace, joy and reassurance Jesus gave the other disciples. They believed because they had seen. Did Thomas feel resentful because he wasn't there? "Unless I see... I will not believe".

Love is about more than words. The band Extreme sang about that: "How easy, it would be to show me how you

feel/More than words is all you have to do to make it real." Thomas wanted more than the words of his friends. Christ made the reality of his love clear, not just in words.

The accounts of the passion and resurrection which we have heard in recent weeks are very physical. Today, Jesus goes back to invite Thomas to put his hand in his side. Thomas touches Christ's wounds and recognises him.

But Thomas wasn't the only one doing the seeing. Jesus recognised what Thomas wants. It's an example of love in action. Neither Jesus nor Thomas used the words, "I love you", but that is what each was saying to the other. Did Thomas believe because he had seen Jesus? Or did he believe because he felt seen by, and connected to, the Risen Jesus?



Lucy Russell is the author of *Who Do I Say I Am?*, available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk

Peter runs to the tomb but stops at the empty tomb; Thomas has to touch the wounds on Jesus' body with his hands. On our way of faith, it is also important to know and to feel that God loves us and not to be afraid to love him. Faith is professed with the lips and with the heart, with words and with love.

Pope Francis

Healed relationships

By Krista Nelson

Peter denied Jesus three times. I've often wondered how he felt afterwards. Was he nervous to see Jesus again?

Jesus simply said, "Peace be with you". Did Peter know instantly that he was forgiven and all was well? Perhaps – he did know Jesus' teachings about forgiveness. Did he later apologise? Maybe.

Although an apology is powerful and usually necessary,

it's often not enough to heal a relationship. Sometimes only action will do. We later hear in John's Gospel that Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. This was not for Jesus' benefit, but to allow Peter to make amends and reverse his denial – to allow Peter to feel confident the relationship was healed.

Are you one side of a fractured relationship? Is there an action you could take today or a way you could provide an opportunity for the other person to take action to show it's healed?

Krista Nelson is a mum of four, catechist and editor.

Feast of the week

Monday 8 April


The Annunciation of the Lord

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "Thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady;" Gloria!

"For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured lady;" Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Traditional

Loving Lord, take my voice and make it yours. Take my hands and feet so that I can follow you. Make my life a life of love.  Amen.

Today:
Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Monday:
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday:
Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7-15

Wednesday:
Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21

Thursday:
Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36

Friday:
Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15

Saturday:
Acts 6:1-7
John 6:16-21

Next Sunday:
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48