

# PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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## 27th April 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter, Yr C

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATIONS/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	2nd Sunday of Easter	Bill & Jean Johnson	<p><b>Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm</b></p> <p><b>ADORATION</b> Wednesday 1.30-2pm Thursday 9-10am</p>  <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>
Sun. 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish	
Mon. 10am	St. George	People of the Parish	
Tues. 10am	St. Catherine of Siena	People of the Parish	
Wed. 2pm	St. Pius V	Denise Whurr	
Thurs. 10am	St. Joseph the Worker	O'Friel family deceased	
Fri. 9.30am	St. Athanasius	Angela Phillips ints.	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent		
Sat. 6pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Williams Burton	
Sun. 10.30am	Feast of the English Martyrs	Mick Thorpe	

### NEXT WEEK, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

**LATELY DEAD**, Pope Francis, Anne Oxley, Marjorie Dobson **ANNIVERSARIES**, Theresa O'Friel, Fr. Lawrence Jones, Mick Thorpe

**COLLECTION**, £373, **SECOND COLLECTION**, £900

**100 CLUB**, 30th March - 47 Angela McMullen, 6th April - 59 Joseph Sanders, 13th April - 16 Anne Matwijiszn, 20th April - 19 Vicki Robertson

**POPE FRANCIS**, It has been heartening to see the media covering the life and funeral of Pope Francis. We have been blessed to have him as our pope for the last 12 years. He was extraordinary man with a great love of the poor and could see the face of Christ in all he met. He would want us to remember him in our prayers and let us also pray for the cardinals who are preparing to elect a new pope.

**THE FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**, Next Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of the English Martyrs. It would be good to gather at the Tyburn on the Knavesmire at 3pm, where over 100 of our Martyrs were hanged, drawn and quartered, and ask for their help for the Church, our parish and Christian Unity. Then we can walk up to the church for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and have a cup of tea in the Presbytery.

**ITALIAN EVENING**, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. A parish social, a simple get together, not a specific fund-raiser. Tickets available after Mass

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**, Please pray for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Mass.

**CEILIDH**, Saturday 31st May 7pm, to raise money for Myanmar through CAFOD, starting at 7pm in the church hall. Book a ticket through Rory after 10.30 mass, or text 07809 680629. £5 for adults, £2.50 for children. On the night bring your own drinks and snacks, and some coins for a coin roll with prizes to be won.

# SUNDAY PLUS

## Insight needed

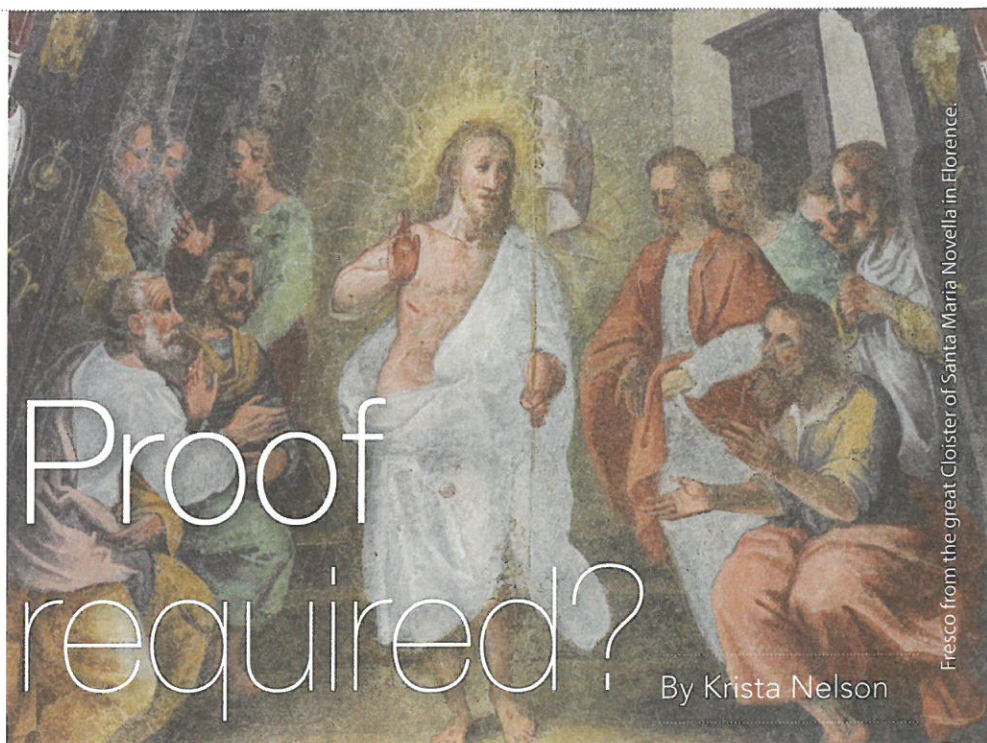
Jesus could have reacted differently to Thomas in today's Gospel. He could have reprimanded him for needing proof or told him his faith should have been stronger.

He doesn't hold back from giving correction at other times. But he doesn't here.

He patiently tells Thomas to touch his wounds. He accepts that Thomas needs proof and that his resurrection isn't the easiest thing to wrap one's head around. Jesus knows just how hard it is to believe sometimes. But he's there to help and encourage, not reprimand and expect us to be further along on our spiritual journey than we are.

He does point out that others don't need proof: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And whenever I hear that, I pat myself on the back, thinking, "That's me! I've not seen Jesus but I believe!" That's true on one level. But I must admit it might be the opposite: I have seen Jesus and not believed. We are to see Jesus in everyone. But I struggle with this. I may be "seeing" Jesus, but I don't always act like it... so I must not "believe" it.

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



Fresco from the great cloister of Santa Maria Novella in Florence.

# Proof required?

By Krista Nelson

Lord of my life, be the Lord of my love.  Amen.

## Inner sight

By Catherine Pepinster

For decades, people have been fascinated by crime dramas, but nowadays a simple police procedure is not enough: television viewers want to see episodes involving forensic scientists who scour the crime scene for fingerprints, bootprints, DNA, blood and more. This is proof, provided by science, and contemporary society encourages us to think that facts matter more than anything else.

Thomas is rather like the forensic scientists: he wants clearcut evidence. Perhaps he responds like this because he feels left out after not being present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, or he was naturally cautious. After all, could it really be true that Jesus, who died, might be risen? It takes much more than anything that forensic science can offer to believe that Jesus conquered death: it takes a leap of faith, an openness of heart that takes us beyond all that the material world has to offer to the truth.

*Writer, journalist and historian, Catherine Pepinster, a former Editor of The Tablet, is a regular contributor to Redemptorist Publications.*

Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ; and being transformed by the love of Christ, it is allowing him to take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, to free them from the darkness of evil and sin.

Pope Francis



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

## 28-30 April: Jubilee of People with Disabilities

According to the UN, over a billion people in the world, or one in seven, have some form of disability. Of these, more than 100 million are children, who are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children.

Pope Francis commented, "We come to realise that we exist as an 'us' and not a 'them' whenever disability, whether temporary or due to natural ageing, affects ourselves or someone for whom we care. Then we begin to look at reality with new eyes and we see the need to break down even those barriers that at first seemed insignificant. Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love."

Today:  
Acts 5:12-16  
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
John 20:19-31

Monday:  
1 Peter 5:5-14  
Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday:  
Acts 4:32-37  
John 3:7b-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:  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
John 14:6-14

Next Sunday:  
Acts 5:27-32. 4b0-41  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

