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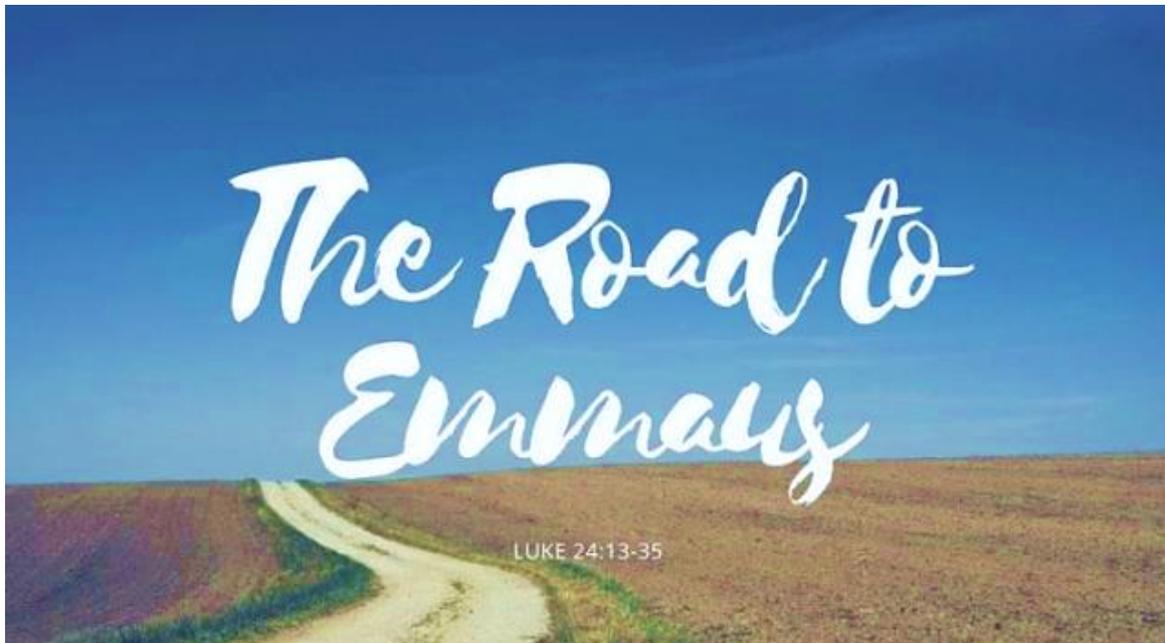
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 18 April	9.30 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 19 April		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 20 April		Weekday of Easter		
Wed 21 April	12.00 NOON	Requiem Mass*	Joanna Delany [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 22 April		Weekday of Easter		
Fri 23 April		SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 24 April	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	Blessed Frederic Ozanam	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 25 April	9.30 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Thomas Livesey [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

EASTER REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS

"“Jesus Christ is risen!” – “He is truly risen!” Dear brothers and sisters, indifference, self-centredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words for ever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of His glorious day, a day that knows no end."

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joanna Delany (Linda Oswin's mother) Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. **NB Requiem Mass Wednesday 21 April:**

***Due to current restrictions, attendance at the funeral is by invitation only.**

APPOINTMENTS TO PAROCHIAL OFFICES AND OTHER MINISTRIES 2021

Fr John Carlisle - Parish Priest of the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Huddersfield; and to assist with the spiritual care of All Saints Catholic College, Huddersfield, in collaboration with the clergy of the Parish of Holy Redeemer, Huddersfield

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me for **CAFOD'S Walk for Water** this Lent. The aim was to walk 10 000 steps a day for 40 days. I managed just over 750 000 steps, I had hoped to double the 40 000 but unfortunately had to rest for a few days after a rather serious fall! However, I was still very pleased with the total, as I am with the amount raised which currently stands at £740 (it's not too late to add a donation.) CAFOD is an amazing charity and hopefully with the amount raised countrywide more will be achieved to ensure that families have access to clean water without having to walk long distances to collect it.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON Nick Burchnall 20 April / Maureen & Frank Flynn 27 April / Anne & Mike Plunkett 4 May / Patricia & Paul Newman 11 May / Bernadette & John Gibson 18 May /

FLOWERS Please place your donation into the box marked "Flowers" If you would like to contribute for one week's flowers for church, contact Doris Moorhead 01422 842931
Rota: 18 April Kay Pierce / 25 April Veronica Gregory / 2 May Roger & Deborah
9 May Eileen O'Brien / 16 May Cathy & John Duffy / 23 May Anne & Michael Plunkett
30 May Patricia Newman /

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Please pray for Rev Christopher Butler as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 17 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. I hope that it will be possible to extend an invitation to all clergy, seminarians and religious to attend the Ordination. Please put the date in your diary and, if it proves possible, make every effort to come along and support Christopher with your presence and your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sean Elliott as he prepares for his Ordination to the Diaconate on Thursday 29 April 2021 at the Church of St Malachy, Halifax. Sean undertook the greater part of his formation for the Priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome, before commencing a pastoral placement at St Columba's and St Malachy's, Halifax, last September. Due to current restrictions, attendance at the Ordination by invitation only. Deacon (following Ordination to the Diaconate on 29 April 2021) for pastoral service in the Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy, Halifax, and within the Halifax Deanery

BUDGET FOR A FULL YEAR OF NEWS AND SAVE

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THE WEDNESDAY WORD Lectio Divina - prayerfully preparing for Sunday with reflections on the readings. Available online: www.wednesdayword.org

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING (Hosted by Catholic Care): Friday mornings at 11am. A place to have a chat, become part of a community and have some fun! All welcome.

Meeting ID: 882 6618 1071 / Passcode: Hello21

RELAX AND REVIVE with Catholic Care: Join Janet Kent every Monday afternoon at 4pm starting Monday 12 April for a friendly online relaxation group.

Meeting ID: 829 0366 7151 / Passcode: 526282

SHORT ONLINE COURSE ON THE EARLY CHURCH The Church that Follows Jesus Christ, covering the early life of the Church leading to the Council of Nicea (325CE) is now available as six 30-minute recordings available on the diocesan website at:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/>

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS A series of 5 reflections taking place on Zoom on Mondays 7-8pm, beginning 12 April. Led by Fr Jarmuz these will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of: the women who followed Jesus (12 April), Peter (19 April), the disciples (26 April), Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

FIELD NOTES

If we look back over our lives most of us will find something or other that we very much regret. Sometimes we can find it hard to move on; they trouble us and we struggle to be free of them. We can find ourselves going back to the memory of them over and over again. The first disciples of Jesus must have felt like this in the aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion. During the days of Jesus' final journey, they had all deserted him. Their mood in the aftermath must have been one of deep regret. However, the first words the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples were, 'Peace be with you.'

For those first disciples, the initial experience of the risen Lord took the form of a profound experience of forgiveness. This was the risen Lord's gift to them.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a privileged opportunity to admit the truth, to acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness and to ask directly for it. In that sacrament that the risen Lord says to us, 'Peace be with you.' The words of absolution include the prayer, 'through the ministry of the church may God grant you pardon and peace.'

The first disciples, having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, were sent to spread that forgiveness to others. In a similar way, we who receive the same gift are sent out on the same mission. As forgiven sinners we proclaim with our lives the presence of a forgiving and faithful God.

The touching, gospel scene of Jesus taking bread and fish and eating it with his disciples drives home the striking humanity of Jesus, at table. The real heart of the story, however, is not the meal but the quality of the appearance. Jesus appeared as a living, solid form. The Holy and Divine could be found in the tangible. God reached his people through his creation, not in spite of it. This insight became the foundation of the Church's self-awareness as the Body of Christ. It also grounded worship in the Church as sacramental. The believer encounters the Risen Christ through the bodily senses. His followers saw, touched, and heard the Risen One. We see, hear, and touch Christ today through the sacraments, through shared witness and service to others.

In the verses that immediately follow where the gospel ends, the risen Jesus promises his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit upon them. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that they would be able to engage in the task that Jesus was entrusting to them. We need the same Spirit if we are to forgive as we have been forgiven. In the weeks ahead that lead up to the feast of Pentecost, let reflect on the fact that the Eucharist is a summary of Jesus' life and ours. The Eucharist celebrates oneness, a oneness experienced on three levels: one in Christ, one with each other, and one in service to the world.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (Lukington)

Centre of my life (Inwood)

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

18 April - "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to consider abortion, and that they and their mothers would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us"

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests sent in recently.

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

Robert Morley hoping to start treatment for cancer very soon.

With thanks for prayers received - **Doris Phillips** is now home from hospital and recovering.

21/02/21

For **Barry Harrop** he was unable to have the planned operation and now faces an uncertain future with cancer. 21/02/21

For **Alfie** born at 28 weeks and weighing 730 grams, and for his mother Emily, still struggling with her own health, that they may grow in strength and health together.

Aileen Queenan – asks for our ongoing prayers and thanks us for our support. 07/03/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

Please pray for **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital 20/02/21

Please pray for **Annis Peart - Binns** during this period. 28/03/21

Please pray for **Rosa** - remains in need of prayers and spiritual support. 21/02/21

For **those suffering from Covid 19** and its aftermath.

For **those in positions of decision-making**, to be guided by the Common Good.

For **the isolated and sick** at this time of Covid restrictions.

For **those in care and hospital work** – may they be given resilience.

For **the recently bereaved** – when we cannot console them directly.

Of your mercy please pray for: Joanna Delany, Ailish Cullen, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson.

All who have recently died. Pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PRAY FOR:

THE SICK Fr John, Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, David Heap, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Fr John, Deacon Patrick Kelly and Deacon Edwin Murphy. Support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses.

LATELY DEAD Joanna Delany, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.