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Sunday 27th April 2025
2nd Sunday Easter



**Jesus says to us as he said to Thomas:
See my wounded hands and side
See to prove of my love for you
So cease doubting and believe.”**

Like the apostle Thomas, all of us have doubts and fears, but we should learn from the example of Thomas. What a refreshing honesty he showed. He made no attempt to hide his doubt. He did not pretend that all was well when it was not.

Like Thomas, Christ invites us to draw close to Him in faith and to look at those wounds of His. While it is true we cannot touch them physically, we can draw very close to Him spiritually and having been ‘touched’ by Him, He sends us faith to touch others who do not believe in Him.

“Lord grant us the will to reach out even when we don’t want to; to love, to comfort, even if we are without comfort ourselves. The grace to see in darkness, and the faith to go on believing in You, even in the midst of our doubt, for you live forever and ever.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK:

Mon: St. George patron of England
Tues: St Catherine of Siena
Fri: St. Anastasia
Sat: Sts. Philip and James

MASSES TO BE SAID NEXT WEEK:

Wed: 30 April 10.15: Cynthia Maguire
Sun: 4th May 11.15: Sarah O’Donnell
Sun: 4th May 1pm: First Holy Communion

**It is with great sadness that we
mourn the death of Pope Francis
who was called home by the Lord
last Monday.**

Pope Francis will be remembered for his compassion for the poorest and most marginalized throughout our world and his mission for serving the poor never ceased.

He commanded us to pray for peace in our world and to protect our planet from a climate crisis.

He was a loving servant of God, reaching out to different faiths, but above all a Pope for EVERYONE. He was a People’s Pope – a light of faith, hope and love.
May he now have eternal peace with the Lord.

POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. They are desperate for tinned and dried food (not pasta and cereals) They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks.
There are boxes at the back of church.

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald and Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and Madden families, John Allen, Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Bill Hughes, Deacon Bill Adams, Danny Vickers, Aiden Crogan and all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently; for Sarah O'Donnell and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is in hospital or a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone ill or housebound who cannot get to church; ask them if they would like Communion at home, then let us know.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Sheila Millar (Anniversary)

READINGS

NEXT WEEK

2nd WEEK EASTER

Mon	Acts 4: 23-31	John 3: 1-8
Tues	Acts 4: 32-37	John 3: 7-15
Wed	Acts 5: 17-26	John 3: 16-21
Thurs	Acts 5: 27-33	John 3: 31-36
Fri	Acts 5: 34-42	John 6: 1-15
Sat	Corinthians 15: 1-8	John 14: 6-14

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41
Apocalypse 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025 at 1pm

Please remember in your prayers 17 of our children who will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday at a special Mass at 1pm.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped to prepare the church for our wonderful Easter Sunday Mass. This was a joyous occasion celebrating the risen Christ and the reinstatement of our Sunday Masses.

Thank you also to all who supported the Cake Sale which raised the magnificent sum of £160 which together with donations for tea and coffees and at the Taizé evenings, a total of £230.77 has been donated to the church buildings fund.

PARISH SOCIAL TEAM will meet on Tuesday of next week 29th April at 10am in the church rooms.

LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies' Group will meet on Tuesday of next week 29th April at 2pm in the Social Centre. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS

If you prefer to sign a Standing Order or undertake a Bank Transfer, please use the following details:

A/c Name: Parish of St. Gregory, Preston
A/c No: 81335332
Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please make sure you add your name to the payment, especially if you are a Gift Aider so we can claim back the tax.

GIFT AID

We thank you for your ongoing support to the parish during the last twelve months and we hope that this will continue in the future. All our Gift Aiders should now have received their new boxes of envelopes.