

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING *(Acts 5:12-16)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 117)*

**Response: 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/**
- 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/**
- O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light. **R/**

### SECOND READING *(Apocalypse 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19)*

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come."

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

### THE GOSPEL *(John 20:19-31)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you."

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him:

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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## YEAR C – SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER – 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 – Psalter Week II

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	SECOND SUNDAY	5.00pm	Curran Family (dec'd)	St. Mary's
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	OF EASTER	9.00am	Alice Oliver	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Bill Hall Children's lit.	St. Mary's
		12.30pm	Baptism: Gabrielle Nunes	St. Mary's
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Tom Peck	St. Mary's
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>		7.00pm	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		12.00pm	Hans Heheman	St. Paul's
		7-8pm	Confirmation (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)	L. Room
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>		9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>		9.30am	Rosalind Walker	St. Mary's
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		10.00am	First Communion Class-Lower Room	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	THIRD SUNDAY	5.00pm	Jason Jones	St. Mary's
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	OF EASTER	9.00am	Ints. Peter Scott	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Gary Jones Children's lit.	St. Mary's
		12.30pm	Baptism : Ariana Krivkiene	

Confessions: Saturday 4.00- 4.30pm at St. Mary's



Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.  
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## ZAMBIA

Mark and Kate Anderson, who are part of the music group at the 5.00pm mass, have volunteered to go out and spend some time at the mission assisting Fr. Waldemar. They are doing this at their own expense. They will be visiting in the summer, so I suggest that our June social, (28<sup>th</sup>) will raise some funds for them to take as a gift from us in this parish.

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially, Tom Peck, Peter Scott, Kath Fullerton, Sean Donaghy, Kath & Brendan Hartnett, Lyn Browne, Michelle Spiller, Margaret Craig and Wayne Stansfield.

We remember all those who have died recently especially: Pat Perkins, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Rosa Peck** would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers. Her grandson Tom is making a good recovery after surgery and has a very low-grade cancer-which is the best possible outcome.

## MONEY MATTERS

**Palm Sunday:** £1,158.15  
250 club £145

**Easter Offerings:** £1,057.43  
Standing Orders: £522  
Total: £1,579.43

250 Club: £145.00  
(Winner No. 89 Rita Millard)

Many thanks for your generosity.

## SPANISH NIGHT

Our parish Spanish Night at the Ramada is on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Booking forms are in our churches now. Three courses and coffee for £17.50. Please return forms and payment to the parish office no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> May as these evening book up very quickly and we have limited numbers with these events. As always raffle prizes most welcome.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**First Communion Programme:** The course will resume on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Confirmation Programme:** The first meeting took place last Wednesday. Confirmation takes place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## RETREAT IN NORTH WALES

From Sat 25th until Sun 26th May. Noddfa Spirituality Centre. Penmaenmawr. Cost £65. **Noddfa** is a Welsh word meaning refuge, a place of welcome and peace. If you are interested in some quality time away. Please contact Noreen O'Neill at [noreen.oneill@taw.org.uk](mailto:noreen.oneill@taw.org.uk) to reserve a place. Only a few left!



## HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Hope to build a peace garden and are offering a course for seniors who would like some support with computer skills etc. See notice and ring 01952-386100

## DIARY

### May

5<sup>th</sup> Baptism: Ariana Krivkiene  
17<sup>th</sup> Spanish Night – Ramada  
20<sup>th</sup> Parish Trip to Northumberland  
25<sup>th</sup> *First Holy Communion Celebration*  
26<sup>th</sup> Baptism: Justin Famodimu  
29<sup>th</sup> *Confirmation Celebration*

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Cafod Walk to Jackfield  
4<sup>th</sup> Parish Finance Group  
5<sup>th</sup> LMAC meeting Newport  
8<sup>th</sup> Morgan & Stoodley Wedding  
9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost  
28<sup>th</sup> Parish Social – British Legion

### July

7<sup>th</sup> Minnie Fortune – Baptism  
9<sup>th</sup> Beech & Ostrowski Wedding

### August

18<sup>th</sup> Buildwas Abbey

## PARISH ACCOUNTS 2018-2019

### INCOME

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Offertory envelopes	£11,175.94	£11,913.47
Standing orders	£24,411.00	£26,234.50
Loose plate	£16,655.67	£19,714.31
Other income-social, etc	£32,622.79	£39,934.44
Non-Parish income	£47,166.37	£42,524.47
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£132,031.77</b>	<b>£140,321.19</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Clergy expenses	£11,932.25	£12,042.50
Wages & Housekeeping	£5,620.08	£5,871.78
Property expenses	£16,035.98	£15,051.81
General expenses	£15,703.89	£14,662.01
Other (Trips, social etc)	£85,795.16	£86,938.99
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£135,087.36</b>	<b>£134,567.09</b>

### ASSESSMENT FUND

Money paid to Diocese each month has been increased to **£888.97** per month.

### CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNT

At the start of the financial year (31<sup>ST</sup> March 2018) our **credit** to the Diocese was +£50,677.31 and at the end of the financial year (31<sup>ST</sup> March 2019), it was in **credit** at **+£100,000** (£75,000 was the estimate for projected works to make the lower room and the toilet accessible to all, and to rebuild staircase to upper room so that it can be used. £25,000 is contingency). Planning has been approved and we await surveys to be carried out.)

The Gift Aid Tax refund (and small donation tax refund) gets paid directly into our central fund account which has increased over the year. Many thanks to those who support the scheme.

### OVERALL BALANCE

Money held in bank account\* at the start of the year on 31<sup>st</sup>/3/2018 was £14,862.34 and £20,616.44 at the end on 31<sup>st</sup>/3/2019

\*Both Ordinary Parish Account and the Pilgrimage Account

### THANKS

The parish of the Good Shepherd is in a very fortunate position to be able to improve our facilities in the near future, at the St. Mary's site. This is only due to the incredible generosity and prudent spending over the last few years. We were also able to pay off our debts, partly thanks to the assets that were sold when we reduced our buildings to two worship sites; St. Paul's and St. Mary's. The gift aid and the 250club have enabled us to put money aside. While the weekly offertory helps us to meet our on-going bills. Thanks to all who help manage our accounts; the finance group, our secretary Anne, and Jim our gift aid co-ordinator. As well as our counters who do a sterling job. The parish has also shown incredible generosity to those in need, here and abroad.

Wishing you every blessing

Fr. Michael