

| Day/Date | Time | Feast | Intention |
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| Sat, 22 Apr | 9.30am | | Fr John's Intentions |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil | Mary Mason |
| Sun, 23 Apr | 9.30am* | Divine Mercy Sunday | Margaret & Leo Nichols |
| | 11.00am | | The Parishioners |
| Mon, 24 Apr | 9.30am | St George (from 23 April) | Livia Romanowska |
| Tue, 25 Apr | 9.30am | St Mark, The Evangelist | Norma & Steve Thomas |
| Wed, 26 Apr | 7.00pm | Deanery Mass (no 9.30am Mass) | |
| Thur, 27 Apr | 9.30am | | Krysia Clews |
| Fri, 28 Apr | 9.30am | | Kathleen Hickey |
| Sat, 29 Apr | 9.30am | St Catherine of Siena | Fr John's Intention |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil | Holy Souls |
| Sun, 30 Apr | 9.30am* | Third Sunday of Easter | The Parishioners |
| | 11.00am | | Joseph Leo Wright |

* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions at St John's every Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: every Saturday 10.00-11.00am at St John's

Please Pray For

Megan (aged 8), Andrew Sanderson, Louis Crowson Hannah Metcalf, Laura Patey, Cyril Thompson, Mary Robertson, Connie Ellwood, Pauline Cafferty, Roy Clarke, Kate Lingard, Maureen Johnson, Chris Taylor, Antonio Palmer, John Hawkins, Christopher Brown, John Vincent, Gerard Walsh, Fr Gerry Dunn, Canon John Watson and all the sick.

Lately Dead

Roy Clarke, Paul Quinn. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may they rest in peace.*

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 23 April 2017
Second Sunday of Easter
Year A



Jesus Appears to His Disciples
John 20: 19-31

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout the week

Second Sunday of Eastertide

Thomas has become known as “Doubting Thomas” - but is this fair? In today’s gospel, Thomas surely gives one of the Bible’s most heartfelt expressions of faith: “My Lord & my God”. Thomas was blessed because he could see for himself the wounds in the body of Christ. We, however, walk by faith & don’t have this privilege. Our faith is often lived in darkness & is often put to the test. The world we live in frequently seems far away from the one promised us by faith. However, the Lord says to us as he said to Thomas: “Do not be faithless, but believing”. It is often in wrestling with our doubts that we come to a deeper faith.

Acts of The Apostles

St Luke’s Masterpiece “The Acts of the Apostles” could equally have been called “The Acts of the Holy Spirit”. It is a rollercoaster of ups and downs as the apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, navigate their way in spreading the Good News of the Risen Lord.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention For April

“*Young People*”: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

St Mary’s, Fleetwood: 150th Jubilee Year

St Mary’s Parish is celebrating 150 years since its foundation with a number of events. The first is a Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, 6 May at the North Euston Hotel (tickets £25). If you would like to attend, please contact Deacon Bill Wright or anyone else from St Mary’s. Other events and details to follow.

This Week we pray for people living in Lockwood Ave, Longfield Ave, Longfield Place & Longhouse Lane.

Eastertide Deanery Masses:

Wednesdays At 7.00pm The first Deanery Mass will be at St John’s on Wednesday, 26 April. Please try and come along if you can.

Cafod Lenten Fast: Update Another £16 has been received and sent to CAFOD - raising our total to £1,105. Let’s give ourselves a pat on the back!

Aid To The Church In Need: Syria Appeal Thank you to everyone who came to our Sunday Coffee mornings during Lent. Through your generosity we have been able to send £473.05 to ACN to help in its heroic work amongst persecuted and frightened Christians.

First Holy Communion 2017 Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion children, their parents and catechists - as we continue to support them on their faith journey.

Tea and Coffee is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John’s and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin’s every second Sunday of the month.



Annual Parish Lunch – Sunday, 30 April 2.30pm This popular social event will be held at Singleton Lodge. If you would still like to come, please contact Anne Bradley to see if any further places are available. We hope this will be an enjoyable parish event and look forward to seeing you there.

St Martin’s & St Hilda’s

“The People’s Palaces”, Tuesday 16 May at 7.00pm. A talk with slide show given by Dick Gillingham featuring 19th century ornate places of entertainment including The Winter Gardens, The Tower, Pleasure Grounds in the North West. Please come along and enjoy this fascinating talk.



For tickets see Jeanette after Mass or contact on 895722 or via our Facebook page, @StJohnsPLF

Thank You for all for the wonderful Easter celebrations - your music and liturgy, refreshments, cards and gifts. Fr John Walsh, Fr John-Paul Evans and Bill Milton.

Parish Review (St John’s & St Martin’s): Next Steps

A good number of representatives of the groups within the parish are almost ready to present the work of their group. They have started the process of exploring how we can support each other and get more involved in parish life through their particular work. There is still time to produce a poster, even if you haven’t started yours yet! Your aim is to show your group’s contribution to the life of the Church at St John’s and St Martin’s. Don’t worry about the production or quality of your posters. This will be co-ordinated into a final production and presentation in a “tree of life” style. A further meeting will be held on Sunday, 28 May after 11.00am Mass. So, please come along, bring your posters and get involved.

Prayer For Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace... where there is hatred - let me sow love; where there is injury - pardon; where there is discord - union; where there is doubt - faith; where there is despair - hope; where there is darkness - light; where there is sadness - joy, for thy mercy and thy truth’s sake.

Grant O Lord that I may not seek so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving, that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born into eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi