



# The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

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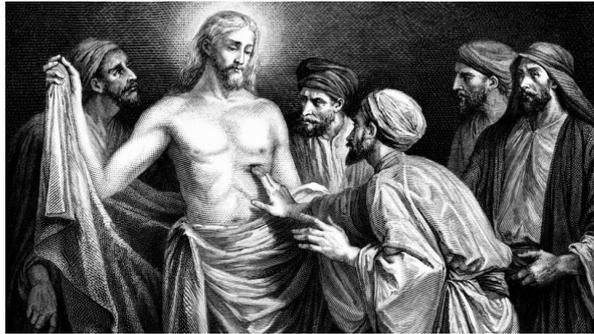
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## Sunday 11th April 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Easter



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.

*John 20:19-30*

### Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 11 April	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter— Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Brian Gibson (A) Winifred Hamilton  Parishioners
Mon 12 April	<i>Monday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 8.30am	Benefactors of the LISCF
Tue 13 April	<i>Blessed Miles Gerard</i>	Confessions <b>St Patrick's</b> 6.45-7.15pm Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 7.30pm	Phyllis Edwards (LD)
Wed 14 April	<i>Wednesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Charles Collier (A)
Thur 15 April	<i>Thursday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Jean Moran (LD)
Fri 16 April	<i>Friday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Marie Johnson
Sat 17 April	<i>Saturday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Winifred Clough (LD)
Sun 18 April	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Anne Griffiths Hans Peter Schickhoff (A)  Parishioners

Since the year 2000, the universal Church has concluded the Octave of Easter by celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. This great solemnity calls the faithful to rejoice in the merciful love of God as it is most profoundly manifested in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.





**Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:** Brian Scott, Albert Winstanley, Fr John Kearns CP, Paul Fairhurst, Karen Parry, A Sick Person, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran, Michael Nieland, Arthur Harrison-Scott

**Please remember those who have died:** Terry Windsor, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh,



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Norman Ashall, Charles Collier, Hans Peter Schickhoff, Wallace Hill, Brian Gibson, Mary Hurst, Eileen & Robert Mather, Joseph Blackledge, Graham Slater, William Alcock, Bert Shaw, Darren Taylor, Vincent Wall, Bernard McLoughlin, Brian Gibson,

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Intentions of Eileen Caldwell, Intentions of Margaret Cook, Brian & Ade (sick), Winifred Clough (LD), Stephen V.O. (LD), Terry Windsor (LD), Valerie Moran (b'day), Carmel Healy (A).

**THE EXSULTET:** If you missed it or want to watch again, Fr O'Shea lighting the Paschal Candle and singing the Exsultet at the start of the Easter Vigil is available on the Parish YouTube: <https://youtu.be/vyTVozwfdM>

**THANK YOU:** for your generous offerings over the Easter weekend, both to the Parish and for the Holy Places.

**NEW TO GIFT AID:** If you have taken one of the yellow Gift Aid forms but haven't yet returned it, please can you do so as soon as possible. Similarly, if you haven't yet received your envelopes, please speak to Rita or Josh at St Patrick's or one of the stewards at St John's. Thank you.

**BLESSED MILES GERARD:** We have recently discovered our Parish has its own martyr: Blessed Miles Gerard, who was born in Ince (approximately 1550). A descendant of the Gerard Family of Ashton, he studied for the Priesthood at the English Seminary in Rheims, France. He returned to England to minister and covert Catholics during a period of persecution under Queen Elizabeth I. He was executed on the 13th April 1590 in Kent. Pope Pius XI beatified him on the 15th December 1929. This Tuesday, April 13th, is Blessed Miles Gerard's Memorial. Mass will be offered at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church.

**DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN AGED OVER 30:**

- Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life?
- Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point?
- Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option?

If any of these questions apply, this weekend is for you! The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made immediately! The weekend, **Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021**, will take place in a prayerful spirit and aims to provide some tools for reflection and discernment about future choices. It will be mainly in silence but there will also be input and the opportunity for one-to-one guidance. Run jointly by St Beuno's Spirituality Centre and the Beda College in Rome, the weekend will take place in St Beuno's, North Wales. Details and booking at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend>

**ST PATRICK'S ARCHIVES:** Thank you to the anonymous donor who posted some pictures through the presbytery letter-box. The photos have been uploaded to the Archives on the St Patrick's Facebook Page. They include photographs of Walking Day and the old Girls' School.

**ST PATRICK'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKS:** Raised a wonderful, final total of £660 for the Refurbishment Fund. Thank you for your support.

**SYNOD 2020:** We are now coming to the final stages of the process. Following each parish's submission of proposals last year, the Synod Working Party has been working hard to produce the final list of Synod Proposals. . Between now and **June 2021** members will discern again by sharing the final list of Synod Proposals in preparation for coming to the Synod in June. Over the next few weeks Chris and Josh will be organizing this final phase of discernment within the parish. The Pastoral Plan will be promulgated on the **1st Sunday of Advent, 28 November 2021**.