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**Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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<p>In the Gospel this weekend we hear about two disheartened disciples of Jesus leaving Jerusalem confused and perplexed by the tragic, heartbreaking events that had occurred. Many Christians today have similar feelings about what is happening in the world today. Some rich and powerful world leaders seem to have lost any moral scruples and abuse their positions even using religion to justify their actions. Vladimir Putin makes sure the Russian Orthodox Church supports his invasion of Ukraine and does not criticise his killing of innocent woman and children and the abduction of children taken to Russia for indoctrination. Benjamin Netanyahu uses the backing of orthodox Jews to support the genocide in Gaza, the illegal expansion of the Jewish State in the West Bank at the expense of Palestinians and Christians and the killing of innocent people in Lebanon. His position as prime minister has prevented him being prosecuted for breach of trust, accepting bribes and fraud leading to relinquish his ministry portfolios other than prime minister. And finally Donald Trump attacking Pope Leo XIV for criticising some of his actions against Iran and posting pictures of himself as a Christ like figure curing a sick person. His last post shows him with Jesus Christ with his arm on his shoulder. It seems the world has gone mad and completely lost its way. However the readings this weekend remind us that we must not lose hope and trust in Jesus as he is alive and walks with us to support us in all our troubles, trails and challenges. The Bible helps us to understand the message of Jesus and strengthen our faith that allows us truly see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, sacraments and in all the people we meet in our daily lives. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles relates St Peter's first public proclamation in Jerusalem about Jesus. He tells the people how God raised Jesus from death, thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised descendant of King David who was buried in Jerusalem. It shows how the Holy Spirit empowers the apostles to spread the message of Jesus. In the second reading Peter encourages believers to remain faithful in a world where they face challenges. He reminds the Church that their identity comes from God's mercy and their new life in Christ. We must live with hope in God's eternal plan. In Luke's Gospel, as the Gospel from John last week, we hear how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. We discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognised. Cleopas and the other disciple have left their community and are trying to make sense of what has occurred so that they can put the experience behind them.. Their hope is gone. But Jesus gives them the faith to return to Jerusalem and spread His message Malcolm.</p>			

**Mass times**

**Feast Days**

<p><b>6pm: Confessions</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>  <b>John Berridge</b>  <b>RIP</b>  <b>died Good Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> St Kateri Tekakwitha</b> Native American Indian born in 1656 in America in New York State near the border with Canada. Daughter of the chief of the Mohawk tribe. Both parents died of smallpox, <i>white man's disease</i>. Tekakwitha recovered but it scared her face and damaged her eyesight. She was adopted by her father's sister who was married to chief of Turtle clan. She lived with them in Caughnawaga, a village by Mohawk River. She was impressed by the Jesuit missionaries. At age 18 asked to be a Catholic. Baptised with name Kateri in 1676 aged 20. Moved to Jesuit mission house and was very devout. Had a close friend at the longhouse. They inspired each other and took part in excessive penances until stopped by a priest as it was damaging their health. Then practised reasonable fasting and penances. Both wanted to be nuns but were not allowed due to their Native American Indian race. Kateri died on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1680 aged 24.</p>
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**9.30 am Mass**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

<p><b>6.30 pm Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Beatified English Martyrs 1584 – 1602.</b> We commemorate the "Forty Martyrs of England and Wales" on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Many were martyred during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and beatified but not canonised. These martyrs died on 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> April. <b>Blessed James Bell:</b> Born a Catholic in Warrington 1524. Studies at Oxford University. Ordained a priest during reign of Catholic Queen Mary. Under Queen Elizabeth 1 eventually served as a Protestant minister in 1561 Returned to Catholicism in 1581. Then secretly served as a Catholic priest. Martyred at Lancaster Castle 20<sup>th</sup> April 1584. <b>Blessed John Finch:</b> Catholic farmer in Lancashire who adopted Protestant religion. Then returned to Catholicism. Martyred with James Bell at Lancaster Castle 20<sup>th</sup> April 1584. <b>Blessed Richard Sergeant:</b> Born a Catholic in Gloucester. Attended Oxford University. Ordained Douai 1583. Served secretly as a priest in London. Martyred Tyburn 20<sup>th</sup> April 1586. <b>Blessed William Thompson:</b> Catholic in Lancashire. Ordained in Rheims in 1584. Chaplain to St Anne Line in London. Martyred Tyburn 20<sup>th</sup> April 1586 aged 26. <b>Blessed Antony Page:</b> Born 1563 a Catholic in Middlesex. Attended Oxford University. Ordained Rheims in 1591. Served secretly as a priest in Yorkshire. Martyred Tyburn 20<sup>th</sup> April 1593. <b>Blessed James Duckett:</b> Born Protestant in Cumbria. Became a Catholic and bookseller in London (Duckett's bookshop was in the Strand until the 1970's) Distributed Catholic literature secretly for many years. Often arrested. Martyred Tyburn 19th April 1602. <b>Blessed Robert Watkinson:</b> Born 1579 a Catholic in Yorkshire. Ordained Douai in 1602. Betrayed by a spy in Douai. Martyred Tyburn 20<sup>th</sup> April 1602. <b>Blessed Francis Page:</b> Born Antwerp, Belgium. Moved to England. Brought up a Protestant. Married a Catholic. Converted by Fr John Gerard, a prisoner in the Tower of London. Ordained a priest at Douai 1600. Served secretly as a priest in London. Arrested at the home of St Anne Line. Martyred Tyburn 20<sup>th</sup> April 1602 with Robert Watkinson</p>
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<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> St Anselm of Canterbury</b> Born in 1033 in Italy. Benedictine monk in Normandy. Prior and then Abbot of Bec monastery. Made it a centre of learning and attracted many students. Archbishop of Canterbury under King William Rufus. Then sent into exile in France. Returned with King Henry I. Exiled in dispute over king's right to make Church appointments. Returned three years later after king relented. Died 1109 and became a cult but eclipsed by martyrdom of Thomas Becket.
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Adalbert of Prague</b> Born in 956 in Bohemia, now Czech Republic. Bishop of Prague. Conflict between his family and Duke Boleslaus. Had problems over opposition to his reforms and authority. Left Prague never to return. Mission to convert pagan Prussians near what is now Gdansk in Poland. Murdered 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 997 at instigation of a pagan priest
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> St George</b> Seems to have been a genuine martyr born in what is now Turkey who died at Lydda (now Lod in Israel) in the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the 4 <sup>th</sup> century. There was a shrine to St George of Lydda in the Holy Land visited by pilgrims in the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> centuries. However there have been outlandish legends told about slaying a dragon to save a maiden. Stories of St George were known in England and Ireland before the Norman Conquest but his fame increased after the Crusades started to try to regain the Holy Land from the Muslims. In the 12 <sup>th</sup> century Richard the Lionheart put his army under the protection of St George. In 1348 King Edward III had founded the Order of the Garter with St George as its patron. His feast was made a national festival in England after the battle of Agincourt in 1415 when the cry was "Cry England, Harry and St George". The battle cry "St George for England" was used by English armies throughout the Hundred Years' War which lasted from 1337 to 1453 Patron saint of England, Protector of England. Demoted to a minor saint in reforms in 1969.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</b> Born Mark Rey in 1577 in Germany of noble parents. Studied law and philosophy at Freiburg University. Led an austere life. Taught philosophy. 6 years travelled in Europe visiting churches and hospitals helping the poor. Became a lawyer. Stood up for human rights. "Lawyer of the poor". Gave his estate to the poor and became Capuchin Franciscan monk and took the name Fidelis. Read theology to train to be a priest in present day Switzerland. As a priest was a great preacher and sort after confessor. Went to Austria. During a severe epidemic cared for the sick. Fidelis led a group of Capuchins to Switzerland to oppose Protestant Reformation. Mission was a great success with many converts. Murdered by a mob of 20 Calvinist soldiers in 1622.
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> St Mark</b> St Peter's "interpreter" who wrote down everything St Peter could remember. One of the original 72 disciples sent out by Jesus. Possibly the one of the four Evangelists that is the easiest to read and understand. The most historic and devoted a third of his text on the last week of the life of Jesus to emphasise the "Theology of the Cross". It is thought he was " <i>the young man who flees naked when Jesus was arrested</i> " as he is only evangelist who mentions this incident. Wrote in fluent Greek. St Mark's Cathedral in St Mark's Square in Venice has 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> century frescoes showing supposed scenes from his life and his symbol of a winged lion which dates from the 4 <sup>th</sup> century. The winged lion was adopted as a symbol of the Republic of Venice
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>	
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>	
Ann Drumgoole   Hazel Sale   Mary Light   Trevor Delves   Pat Sweeney   Phil Boulton   David Keates	

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Easter Eggs for Stella Marist to give to seafarers.**

Very many thanks to all who donated Easter Eggs and boxes of chocolates. We received 3 very large eggs, 10 large eggs, 8 medium eggs, 12 small eggs and 3 boxes of chocolates, 36 in all. They will be given to seafarers, most of whom are Catholics from the Philippines, Kerala and Goa, by the two lay chaplains, Luke Phillips and Gregory Hogan, and volunteers at Stella Marist next to St Joseph's Catholic Church near Tudor House in Southampton

#### **Special Second Collection next weekend for the Clergy Training fund**

There is a special orange envelope in gift aid boxes as we can claim gift aid on these donations.

#### **Prayers are needed for David Keates who is serious ill in hospital.**

David, husband of Shirley, had a dizzy spell on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and fell fracturing his skull, breaking his shoulder and some ribs. He was initially put into an induced coma in the high dependency unit in Southampton General. He is now fully conscious but cannot speak at the moment. He is responding to instructions but is expected to remain in the high dependency unit for some time.

#### **Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 1pm to 3 pm**

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you.

#### **Boxes of gift aid envelopes for parishioners in St Vincent de Paul**

There are still some boxes of gift aid envelopes that have not been collected

#### **Parish collection for last weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Easter Gift		TOTAL of all money
							Gift Aid	Loose	
£94	£23.50	£194.52	£242.54	£51.98	£606.54	-----	-----	£5	<b>£611.54</b>