

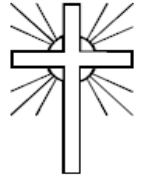


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2019

Sunday 28th April 2019

News from the Vatican:

To highlight the fruits of its 50 years of activity, the Catholic Biblical Federation has held an International Biblical-Pastoral Congress this week under the theme "Word and Life, Biblical Animation of the life and pastoral activity of the Church".

Pope Francis said at the Congress: "The word of God is alive"; it does not die or even age; it remains forever", adding that it was "the Holy Spirit, the life-giver, who loves to work through Scripture."

"The Word brings God's breath into the world, it infuses the heart with the warmth of the Lord.

All the academic contributions and volumes that are published are and cannot but be at the service of this".

But the Pope also pointed out that, "the Bible is not a beautiful collection of sacred books to study, it is the Word of life to be sown..., the Word is an irreplaceable injection of life.

That is why homilies are fundamental. Preaching is not an exercise in rhetoric, nor is it a set of wise human notions.

Instead, it is a sharing of the Spirit, of the divine Word that touches the heart of the preacher, who communicates that warmth, that anointing."

Pope Francis expressed the hope that there would be "a new season of greater love for Sacred Scripture flourishing on the part of all the members of the People of God", so that it would deepen our relationship with Jesus.

The Pope explained that the Word "gives life to each believer by teaching them to renounce themselves in order to proclaim Him, in this sense it acts like a sharp sword which, entering into the depths, discerning thoughts and feelings, brings to light the truth, wounds to heal."

"A Church that lives by listening to the Word is never satisfied with its own security. She is docile to the unpredictable novelty of the Spirit."

He also painted a picture of a Church that feeds on the Word, and lives to proclaim it. "The Word of God is the best vaccine against closure and self-preservation".

In conclusion, he said the Word of God and life should embrace each other and should not be without one another...

He also prayed the Bible would not remain in a library but would be proclaimed through the streets of the world where people await it.

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading, Jn 20:19 - 31

We are in the evening of the day of resurrection. John's Gospel has just told of Mary Magdalen's morning vision of the risen Lord; we know from Luke of the afternoon meeting with the Lord on the road to Emmaus; and now we have reached the evening.

The Lord has come from the inn on the Emmaus road, ahead of Clopas and his companion!

The disciples are fearful of Jesus, even though they have already heard of his resurrection. Faith does not remove fear.

Jesus dispels their fear with a repeated greeting of "Peace" and gives them reassurance that he still wants them to be his apostles. This bunch of runaway cowards who left him to his arrest, torture and death, are forgiven. It is stupendous.

They are worthless disciples and yet he still invites them, wants them to serve him. The forgiveness that Jesus grants them he now gives them to give to the Church.

During his own ministry the great sign of his being from God was forgiving sins ("only God can forgive sins"); now he entrusts forgiveness to the men who have supreme need of it themselves.

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Pope Francis's Intentions for April:

In his prayer intention for the month of April 2019, Pope Francis calls us to pray for doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Take Time to Pray this week:

Lord,

Whilst I pray for peace and goodwill in our world, I ask you to help me to change my own attitude for the better,

So that peace and goodwill may start with the way I behave towards those who have hurt me.

Inspire me to be as generous to others as I would like them to be with me.

Amen

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Parish Rotas: Weekend of 4th / 5th May

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm David & Monica;
 11am Peter G; St Mary's, Liz;
Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Eilish; 11am Sue B;
 St Mary's, TBA;
Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David; 11am Ann &
 Chris; St Mary's, Jan, Steve & Aidan;
Readers: All Saints, 6pm, TBA, 11am TBA;
 St Mary's, Tony, Mark & Sarah;
Bidding Prayers: Andrew (following week – Jim T)

Parish Diary - for the next few months:

June 15th	MISSIO Coffee Morning at Bradbury House
June 29th	Joint Garden Party at St Mary Crowned

All Saints Children's Liturgy:

We are trying to establish a rota for the children's liturgy on Sundays at All Saints. We would be so grateful if anyone would like to help and join our team. We will endeavour to support you throughout this important ministry. Please see Father Martin or Ann King for further details.

Concert By the Prodigal Sons on Saturday 11th May, at 7.30 pm, in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Glossop. Licensed bar (at affordable prices), Raffle/Auction. The Concert is in memory of Ernest Hall and Tony Payne. Proceeds to the Lourdes Admin Fund. Tickets available from Kathy Ford & Bernard McMylor.

SVP Mass: Friends of the SVP invite you to a Mass on Wednesday 8th May at 1.30pm, at SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Chapel-en-le Frith. The Mass will be followed by Afternoon Tea, all are welcome.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - SATURDAY 11TH MAY, LONDON

The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called 'LifeFest19' which takes place in the Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden. This will comprise workshops, children's activities, education stalls, speakers and prayer. Everyone will then leave together to process across the city for keynote speeches outside in the afternoon.

For more information please follow the link:
<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

Confessions: St Mary's – Saturday 10.05 – 10.45am All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

Parish Mass Book: Sunday: Gloria 9; Readings, p. 262; Creed p.11; Preface p. 74; Eucharistic. Prayer, p. 24

	All Saints	St Mary's
Holy Saturday 27 th April	6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 th April Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday Eucharistic Prayer: No 2 (White)	11.15 am Mass Anthony Mellor RIP - Anniversary 4.00 pm Baptism Course	9.15 am Mass Eileen Tagg – Birthday Blessing 6.30 pm Reconciliation with Confessions for Confirmation Candidates
Monday 29 th April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe (White)	10.00 am Mass Irene Clarke RIP (Pennine Care Home)	
Tuesday 30 th April St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Red)		10.30 am Funeral Service Frank Longson RIP
Wednesday 1 st May St Joseph the Worker (White)	10.00 am Mass Patrick Joseph Shanahan RIP	
Thursday 2 nd May St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (White))		10.00 am Mass Trevor Puggsley RIP
Friday 3 rd May SS Philip & James, Apostles (Red)	10.00 am Mass Ernest Hall RIP	
Saturday 4 th May	6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	10.00 am Exposition & Confessions 10.45 am Benediction
Sunday 5 th May Third Sunday of Easter Eucharistic Prayer: No 3 (White)	11.15 am Mass Tony Payne RIP - Easter Thoughts & Blessing	9.15 am Mass Angela & Darren Watkins – Wedding Blessing Crowning of Our Lady's Statue after Mass