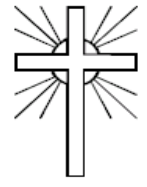


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Sunday 11th April 2021

Fr Martin writes,

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Phillip Hoath**, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Mr Hoath's funeral will take place this week at All Saints Church. Under present regulations, to continue keeping people safe by managing the numbers of people in attendance, funerals are open only to people whom the family personally invite.

"We also remember in our prayers **Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."



Thank you so much.

Your generous gifts will help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and dryer climate.

Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our Church family and support like yours, we provided him with solar powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land. Our parishes together raised £291.66. An additional £27 Gift Aid will be added to this. **THANK YOU!**

Red Box 2020: Thank You!

Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) writes:

In **2020**, your community of St Mary Crowned Glossop raised **£1,712.65** through your Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries, including money parishioners gave directly (e.g. online, by cheques sent to Missio Head Office and through direct debits). **Thank you!**

Communities around the world are so grateful that people in Glossop are supporting them through prayer and their generous donations.

The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked me to pass on their thanks and to tell you that they pray for you all. Find out more at missio.org.uk

News from the Diocese:

'A Father's Heart – A Podcast for Catholic Dads

The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a new Podcast to celebrate the Year of St Joseph.

A Father's Heart takes its name from *Patris Corde* (Pope Francis' letter that launched this special year). This letter is split into 7 sections, each highlighting a different characteristic of St Joseph's fatherhood. Each month the podcast will pick a section for 2 dads, from around the diocese, to reflect on and discuss. Find out how to listen (and subscribe) by going to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts

'Being a Missionary Disciple – After the great success of Bishop Patrick's Lent Talks on Discipleship, the Formation for Mission Team are offering two talks on Zoom in May on 'being a Missionary Disciple'. The first talk *'The Ascension & the Great Commission'* will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales) on Thursday 13th May at 7pm. This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live Jesus final instructions to us. The second talk *'Pentecost & Mission'* will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker & Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our everyday lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

GLOSSOP ROSARY.

We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 12th April** with the Joyful Mysteries.

The Cycle of Prayer for Eastertide:

We pray for new members of the church, vocations, the right use of the media, the church, human work.

Reflection for Eastertide

Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us may your touch release us.

When grief torments us may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us may your presence heal us

When justice fails us may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us

may your resurrection light lead us. *Amen.*

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Parish Newsletter Editor Liz Nash **Website** www.glossopcatholics.org.uk
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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)

Saturday 10th 6.00pm,	Saturday within the Octave of Easter ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 11th 10.30am	Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday SMH Holy Mass (Special Intention (AT)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 12th 10.00am,	St Guthlac ASC Holy Mass (Doreen Brooks RIP – Birthday Memories (DL))
Tuesday 13th	St Martin I, Pope & Martyr <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the welfare of Emma Strudwick (BS)</i>
Wed'sday 14th 10.00am,	Easter Feria ASC Holy Mass (Ron & Edith Puggsley – Easter Blessing (BB))
Thursday 15th 10.00am,	Easter Feria ASC Holy Mass (Philip Hoath RIP (BP))
Friday 16th	Easter Feria <i>The funeral of Philip Hoath RIP takes place at All Saints Church today, open only to persons invited by name by his family</i>
Saturday 17th 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	Easter Feria ASC Confessions , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 18th 10.30am	Third Sunday of Easter SMH Holy Mass (Anne Walsh – Easter Blessing (CW)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 117, 2-4, 15-18, 22-24; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

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

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them.

We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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