

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done, through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking the bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117):2-4.13-15b.22-24.

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the Lord was my helper,
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

1:3-9

Blessed be God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Consultation: Bishop Marcus writes:

"The Holy Father has invited the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in closer collaboration with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation, either individually or as a parish group, by completing the online questionnaire. I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before offering a response, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment. To assist in this, prayer resources and a presentation have been made available below to help ensure that this period of reflection is fruitful. I kindly ask that responses be submitted through the online questionnaire no later than 22nd May 2026.

The link to the questionnaire can be found on the Leeds Diocesan website

(www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

You will find there:

Consultation Presentation

Format for Prayers

Consultation Participant Notes.

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo X1V. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain, Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ, +Marcus"

Welcome to the parishes of

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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**Second Sunday of Easter
Feast of Divine Mercy**

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Jesus came and stood among them
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas,
'Put your finger here,
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and put out your hand,
and place it in my side.

Do not disbelieve,
but believe.

Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and
my God!'

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Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday A 26

Saturday	6.00 pm	Divine Mercy Group (Living & Deceased)	St MM
Sunday	9.30 am	Morales & Bailey Families	St Ter
Sunday	11.30 am	Masden Family	Bl Sac
Saturday	Reader	Chris Archer	St MM
Sunday	Reader	Lucy Gabrielle & Chris Kelly	St Ter
Sunday	Reader	Max	Bl Sac
Tuesday	9.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass	St Ter
Wednesday	9.30 am	Steve Clay	St MM
Friday	9.30 am	Nellie McNicholas Birthday Blessings	Bl Sac

Third Sunday of Easter A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	ROSA GIBSON SPEEDY RECOVERY (ST PAULS)	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM		ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM		BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	PAUL GORMAN	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	DICKIE DENTON & MARY ANN BAILEY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	ANDREW	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £245.00 Loose Money £37.00 Easter Offering £146.00

Mary Ann Bailey wishes to thank everyone for supporting her with the Easter Raffle raising £119.00

St MM Env £102.50 LM £131.82 Raffle £62.99

Bl Sac Env £94. Loose Money £115.00

CONFIRMATIONS 2026 Please note the start date Tuesday, 14th April.

5.45 – 7.00 pm Holy Rood Church Hall

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - HOLY HOUR 12th April

St Mary Magdalene's Cudworth - Confessions from 2.00 pm – Service 2.30 pm

Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Eucharistic Exposition

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction

Please join us for this grace filled Holy Hour, promoted by Pope John Paul II on the 30th April 2000 at the canonisation of Faustina Kowalska, as the Feast of Divine Mercy.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome and keep in our prayers, Fr. Dominic Jenkinson as he settles into our parishes as Assistant Priest to Fr Stephen.

Advanced Notice: Gabrielle Cottrell Funeral Service St Mary Magdalene's 20th April 11.45 am

