

Stay with us

19 APRIL 2026

SUNDAY *Plus*

3rd Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week III** Year A



Staying with them

Greg's visits with each kid are short, mostly a touching of bases. He gives this one a message from a girlfriend. He asks that one when his court date is and how his case is coming. He brings to a third a bag of personals – shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste.

"I always give priority to the kids who have no-one," says Greg. "About half the kids here have no-one, no family member who will bring them personals. So, I bring them what they need."

Watching him it becomes obvious why visiting kids in juvenile facilities has long been one of the building blocks of Greg's strategy. When a kid is locked up, he is at his most vulnerable, so the priest has a better shot at turning him around. "They always cry when they're locked up," says Greg...

If kids are incarcerated in facilities that are too far away to visit regularly, Greg writes to them, sending packets of personals through the mail as needed. He gets an average of forty letters a month and answers every one. The kids guard these letters as treasured objects, quoting passages to each other, and back to Greg months later when they are free.

Greg also goes to court or writes letters on kids' behalf when he believes in their cause. All these things – combined with helping them locate jobs, getting them into school, running interference with the bureaucracy, if need be, visiting them in the hospital when they've been shot – give him leverage. "Juice," as the kids call it. Influence.

Celeste Fremon, Father Greg & the Homeboys: the extraordinary journey of Father Greg Boyle and his work with the Latino gangs of East L.A.

It is our faith that gives us strength. It is our faith that enables us to see the light of Jesus Christ in our lives and to understand how important it is to live our faith.

Pope Leo XIV

I am with you

Be still and know I am with you.
be still, I am the Lord.
I will not leave you orphans.
I leave with you my world. Be one.

You fear the light may be fading,
you fear to lose your way.
Be still, and know I am near you.
I'll lead you to the day and the sun.

Ann Scott

Lord God, help me to bring your life and love to everyone I meet. Give me the courage to look for you even in the most difficult places. Amen.

Feast of the week Thursday 23 April St George (d. 303)

Dragons were in rather short supply when St George was an officer in Rome's elite Praetorian Guard. Contrary to popular belief, it's highly unlikely that he ever met a dragon and even less likely that he fought and killed one. In fact, the story of his battle with a dragon post-dates George by about five hundred years.

Much of George's life is unknown. He lived and died during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, who was responsible for the deaths of an uncounted number of early Christians, many after extreme brutality. Diocletian decreed that everybody in the Empire must sacrifice to pagan deities. George refused. His position in the Praetorian Guard meant an inevitable death sentence: Diocletian couldn't be seen to pardon a member of his own bodyguard!

As a Roman citizen, George – like St Paul – was beheaded, on 23 April 303. Unforeseen by Diocletian, his own wife, the Empress Alexandra, witnessed the execution, became a Christian and was herself martyred.

READINGS

Today:
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Monday:
Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29

Tuesday:
Acts 7:51 – 8:1
John 6:30-35

Wednesday:
Acts 8:1-8
John 6:35-40

Thursday:
Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51
England: St George
(Solennily):
Apocalypse 12:10-12
John 15:18-21 or 15:1-8

Friday:
Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59

Saturday:
1 Peter 5:5-14
Mark 16:15-20

Next Sunday:
Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10



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The Word This Week

During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us."



Mass Times 19th April 2026		
Sunday 19th April	Vigil - Saturday 18th Sunday Morning	4pm - Thomas Lyons (A) 11am - Parish & Wayne Russell Davies
Monday 20th	Mass	9.30am - Irene Griffin (BM)
Tuesday 21st	No Mass	
Wednesday 22nd	Mass	9.30am - Baby Callum (A) Faith in Action meeting 6.30-7pm Parish Hall
Thursday 23rd	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm - Tom Lally
Friday 24th	Mass	9.30am - Forgotten Souls
Saturday 25th	Vigil Mass	4pm - Noel Ward (LD)
Sunday 26th March		11am - Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Sr. Maria Lanigan; Thomas Lyons (A); Irene Griffin (BM); Baby Callum (A); Noel Ward x 2 (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; Sheila Lake (A & BM)

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 19th April 2026	
The Sanctuary	Sr Dolores
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

What's coming up in our parish

Scripture Course

Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:
2026 6th May; 11th June



A Man for All Seasons

We have chance for some tickets to see A Man for All Seasons at The Lowry Theatre on Saturday 7th November at 2pm. Ticket price is £38.00. Anyone who would like to place a Register of Interest in this event (this does not guarantee you a ticket) Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Tony Moss**, our prayers and condolence go to his family and friends. Tony's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 27th April at 10.30am. May he rest in peace.

The death has occurred of **Graham (Noel) Ward**, Our Prayers and condolence go to his family and Friends. Noel's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 29th April at 10.30am. May he rest in peace



CONFIRMATION

There will be two classes for our confirmation candidates. These will be on (this Saturday) 18th and 25th April from 9.30am until 2.30pm, please remember to bring a packed lunch

Lost Property; We have recently found an item of Jewellery after one of the weekend Masses, if you have lost something, please contact the parish office, with a description of your lost item. We would like to return this to the rightful owner

New Offertory Envelopes

Please collect your envelopes for the new financial year from the back of church. You should search for your name and address, as envelope numbers change each year. If you are unable to find your box please contact the office. **The New envelopes started on Sunday 12th April.**

Faith in Action—Lourdes Fundraising Raffle

The Faith in Action group will be selling tickets to raise funds for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Tickets are available after the Sunday Masses, or from the Parish Office.

Tickets are £5 per strip of £2 for an individual ticket.

1st Prize—2 Tickets for Manchester City v Brentford, on Saturday 9th May.

2nd Prize—Legal Will, Courtesy of Mr John Galvin

3rd Prize—£50 towards a meal at the Dane Bank Pub.

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.



Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady's Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary's. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.

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Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary's, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph's, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary's, Denton