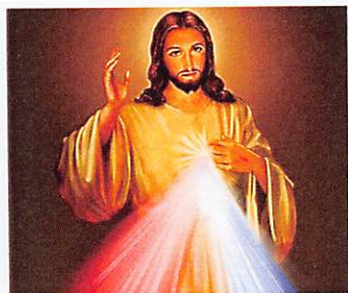


# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The Blessed Sacrament



April

## Mass Intentions

**Sat: EASTER SATURDAY** – Church opens at 7.00am

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Liz Freeman – Sick

**FOLLOWED BY THE NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (9)**

**Followed by Confessions until 11.00am**

5.00pm – Intentions of Frank Matovu & family

**Sun: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Les Conway - RIP

9.30am – Dennis Swanton – 60<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

11.00am – Serge Poisson - Anniversary

**3.00pm – DIVINE MERCY VOTIVE MASS** – Sung High Mass

**No Evening Mass**

**Mon:** – Church opens at 8.15am

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Colin Pritchard - RIP

**No Exposition today**

**Tue:** – Church opens at 8.15am

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Pope Francis - RIP

**No Exposition Today**

**Wed:** – Church opens at 8.15am

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Paddy & Ciss Carberry - RIP

**No Exposition Today**

**Thur:** – Church opens at 7.45am

8.00am – Morning Prayer

8.15am – A Holy Hour of Reparation

9.30am – Intentions of Josephine Djerkallis

**No Exposition this Morning FOR PREPARATION**

**Fri:** – Church opens at 5.00pm with Exposition

6.00pm to 7.15pm – Confessions

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Intentions of Carberry Family

**Followed by First Friday Devotions**

**Sat:** – Church opens at 7.00am with Exposition

8.15am – Morning Prayer

8.30am – First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am

9.30am – Rosary & 15mins Quiet Rosary Prayer

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – Craig Paul – Anniversary

**Sun:** – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Blessings on Zophia & Ryszard Olslewscy

9.30am – Patrick Galavin - Sick

11.00am – Pope Francis - RIP

5.00pm – Dina's Intentions

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Is the Feast of St George – Martyr & Patron Saint of England.**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Receive the Holy Spirit, For those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained*

"We have seen the Lord!" The Risen Christ had already appeared to the disciples in the absence of Thomas. He had shown the wounds of his passion and imparted to them his messianic peace. In the anticipation of Pentecost, he had given them the Holy Spirit – the Spirit who by their means would effect the work of salvation. Then came Thomas, and careless of what others thought, but true to himself, said flatly: "Unless I see, I refuse to believe." Thomas the apostle was a forthright and honest man: his mentality is revealed in various places in the gospels. Here he shows us that in what concerns the adventure of faith, he is not easily convinced. How like ourselves he is, in his pursuit of the real, the tangible: mistrustful of ideologies unless they are vouched for by everyday experience. Yet God is not displeased at this! The most amazing thing about faith is that one *can* believe. The Lord understands this, and a week later takes him at his word and submits to his demand: 'Give me your hand and put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' And what about us, twentieth century believers: are we going to drift through the liturgical celebration of the Easter season, repeating abstractedly: Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe? Rather we should try to see the resurrection in our own lives

### REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

We are now accepting registration forms from parents of children who are to be prepared for the above sacraments for **2026**. Registration is for children who are entering year 3 and above in September 2025. Registration forms are on the table in the porch. There will an Enrolment meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the parish hall. The children should be accompanied by their parents.

### REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are now accepting registration forms from the parents for young adults who are to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation for **2026**. Registration is for young people entering school years 9 & 10 and up to the age of 18yrs. Registration forms are on the table in the porch. There will be an enrolment meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the parish all for parents and their young people.

### PARISH MASS BOOKS

Because of the new translation of the Lectionary, we have had to discard the old Mass books that we had and then we began using Mass leaflets. This has proved inadequate for our needs. We would like to buy more Mass books, but they are expensive. Donations would be welcome to help cover the cost of new books. If you would like to help then please put your donation in an envelope marked **Parish Mass book**. Many thanks

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANointing OF THE SICK

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

In the morning after 12 noon Mass in the church. If you feel that you would benefit from receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, then please do come. Illness, pain, stress, physical or mental difficulties – Our Lord is always ready to give help, support and healing – we are in his hands. Please do come.



*Through this holy Anointing may the Lord help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**Solemn High Votive Mass**

**3.00pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

With sung Chant

Litany of the Divine Mercy and

Veneration of the image

Of the Divine Mercy.

**Plenary Indulgence:** Sorrow for sins, Confession, Mass & Holy Communion, Holy Father's Intentions, Creed.

### NOTICE

Please note that all of our masses and services are live streamed.



### PARISH GIVING

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please do try and keep up with your giving. The parish relies on a regular income from these envelopes each week. If you are away or do not attend church please can you make up your giving – that is what Planned Giving means. Please, if you can, take out a Standing Order to the parish. Our bank details are **HSBC Bank plc.** To credit our account: WRCDT – Mary Mother of God Ponders End: 81308432. Sort Code : 40-05-20. Add the surname and first name as a reference. Many thanks.

### PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LEBANON

20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

£1350 single room, 1250 twin shared rooms. Includes flights, 23kg luggage, hotel full board & transport. Contact: Nada Daoud for info on 07886234113.

### YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

The idea is for young adults (18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield Deanery on a Friday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St George, Enfield, EN2 6DS. Worship, Music, Speaker, Social please contact; annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

### FINANCES

**Offertory Boxes** – If you use envelopes for your weekly giving to the parish would you please pick up your new boxes as soon as possible. Please make your donations to **Cafod Family Fast Day** and the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** as soon as you can. To help the parish please try and get up to date with your giving envelopes

### ONLINE

#### BOOK CLUB

Online book club in May & June 2025  
Reading the Final Synod  
Document Together

Join the Agency for Evangelisation and the School for Synodality to explore the Final Synod document each Wednesdays from 7.30-8.30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June. For more information and to book, either use the QR Code on the notice in the porch or email: evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: St Catherine of Sienna – Patron of Europe  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: St Pius V - Pope

### LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

At 2.45pm in the parish hall

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past few weeks or so. Attendance and meetings is an important aspect of our lives as Legionaries.

**The date for the Curia/Praesidium Retreat has been set for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Tyburn Convent.**

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**April: For use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and help us face the crises of our times.

*And please pray for the Holy Father*

### RETRouvaille

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme begins with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

Call/text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

### EASTER DUTIES

The Church obliges all the faithful to receive **Holy Communion** during the Easter period. To receive Holy Communion we must be in a state of Grace which means that there must be no serious sin in our lives. For us, therefore, to receive Holy Communion worthily, might require us to go to **Confession**, which also the Church obliges all the faithful to do at this time. Please make sure you are able to fulfil these duties worthily.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage at  
Westminster Cathedral

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2.30pm**

The Cardinal is inviting couples in the Diocese who are celebrating in 2025 their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and any year over 60 wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage. Please hand in to Fr John your details: names of husband and wife, date of wedding, number of years married, postal address, email and phone number. Please hand in details as soon as possible. Thanks.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: St Joseph the Worker  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Sts Philip & James:  
Apostles - Feast

### PRAYERS PLEASE

**For the Sick:** Agnes Robinson, Joe Harper, Mary Conway, Sara Moloki, Lily Bleach, Margaret Felgate, Declan Culbert, Eileen Lacey, Bernard Woghren, Gloria Conway, Agnes Guvaya, Liz Freeman, Nancy Brady, Faustina Smiley, Pope Francis, Mary & Gordon Hayden, Patrick Galavin, Sean Swanton

**For the Recently Dead:** Fr Bernard Scholes, Joyce Moran, Calogero (Charlie) Tona, Lucia Anna Tullio, Patrick Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, Vincent Desir, Alex Jjuko, John Charlery, Ronnie Mayo, Alma Francois, Pauline Ntaji.

**Anniversaries:** Arnurio Ramos, Solomis & Eleni Djerikallis, Marianna Amato, Sheila Nellis, Alice McCourt, Dominic Omovbude, Pat & Ciss Carberry, Ezeudeny Ojinnaka, Serge Poisson, Les Conway, Craig Paul

**Morning & Evening Prayer** – is said before all weekday Masses Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings and on Friday evenings at 6.30pm before Mass at 7.30pm.

**Friday Lunch Club** – Lunch is served free every Friday morning in the parish hall from 11.00am onwards. It is open to anyone – just come along for good food.

**The Legion of Mary:** Meets next on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2.45pm in the parish hall.

**Beginning Experience Weekend:** This is a residential weekend for widowed, separated or divorced people – help with natural feelings of grief or loss. 4-6<sup>th</sup> April at the Sion Community, Essex. Contact Mary 07730 884315.

**Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. Elizabeth on 0207 798 9173

**Covering of Statues & Crucifixes** – Our statues and Crosses will be veiled in purple from this weekend onwards until just before the Easter Vigil – and the candle stands will be removed from the church also.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like and intention for a particular day and time, then please let us know well in advance. Thanks

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday evenings from 5.00pm to 7.15pm, Saturday mornings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm and most weekday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** – The offerings that you make at Easter are for the benefit of the priest of the parish and form part of his yearly income. Thank you for your kindness

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

29<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

9 days/8 nights – price £838

Departing from Luton airport. The price is for twin sharing rooms. Singles rooms have a supplement of £225. Check in luggage is 23kg + hand carry on. Flights, transfer, entrance fees are all included. Travel Insurance, lunches, tips and gratuities will be added to the invoice. Always a wonderful spiritual experience. Do come for a special time.



# SUNDAY PLUS

## Insight needed

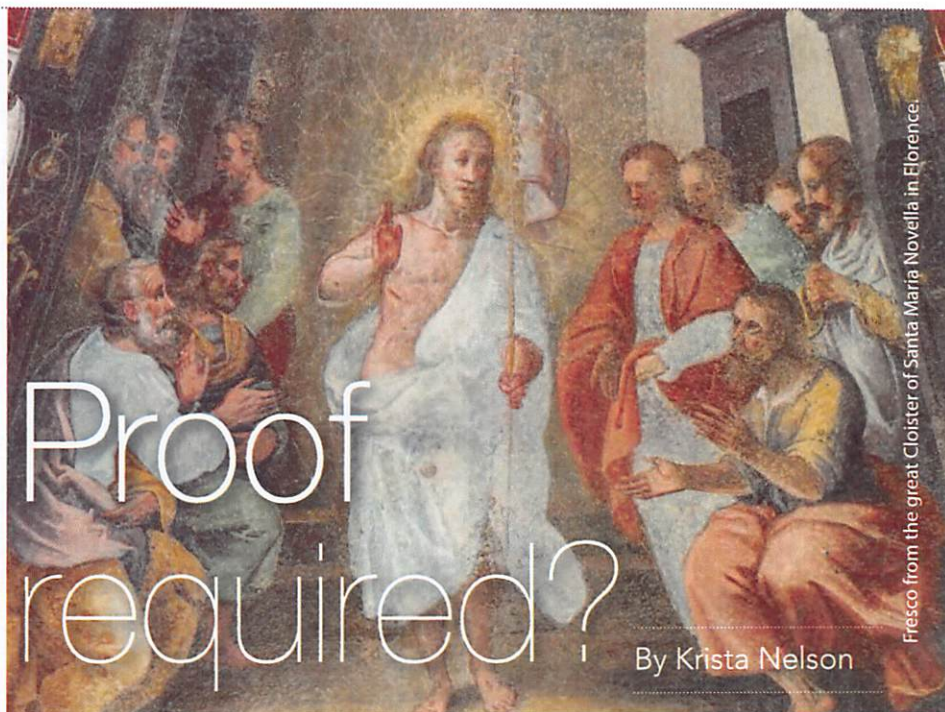
Jesus could have reacted differently to Thomas in today's Gospel. He could have reprimanded him for needing proof or told him his faith should have been stronger.

He doesn't hold back from giving correction at other times. But he doesn't here.

He patiently tells Thomas to touch his wounds. He accepts that Thomas needs proof and that his resurrection isn't the easiest thing to wrap one's head around. Jesus knows just how hard it is to believe sometimes. But he's there to help and encourage, not reprimand and expect us to be further along on our spiritual journey than we are.

He does point out that others don't need proof: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And whenever I hear that, I pat myself on the back, thinking, "That's me! I've not seen Jesus but I believe!" That's true on one level. But I must admit it might be the opposite: I have seen Jesus and not believed. We are to see Jesus in everyone. But I struggle with this. I may be "seeing" Jesus, but I don't always act like it... so I must not "believe" it.

*Krista Nelson is a mum of four, catechist and editor.*



By Krista Nelson

Lord of my life, be the Lord of my love. ☪ Amen.

## Inner sight

By Catherine Pepinster

For decades, people have been fascinated by crime dramas, but nowadays a simple police procedure is not enough: television viewers want to see episodes involving forensic scientists who scour the crime scene for fingerprints, bootprints, DNA, blood and more. This is proof, provided by science, and contemporary society encourages us to think that facts matter more than anything else.

Thomas is rather like the forensic scientists: he wants clearcut evidence. Perhaps he responds like this because he feels left out after not being present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, or he was naturally cautious. After all, could it really be true that Jesus, who died, might be risen? It takes much more than anything that forensic science can offer to believe that Jesus conquered death: it takes a leap of faith, an openness of heart that takes us beyond all that the material world has to offer to the truth.

*Writer, journalist and historian, Catherine Pepinster, a former Editor of The Tablet, is a regular contributor to Redemptorist Publications.*

Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ; and being transformed by the love of Christ, it is allowing him to take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, to free them from the darkness of evil and sin.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

28-30 April:  
Jubilee of People  
with Disabilities

According to the UN, over a billion people in the world, or one in seven, have some form of disability. Of these, more than 100 million are children, who are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children.

Pope Francis commented, "We come to realise that we exist as an 'us' and not a 'them' whenever disability, whether temporary or due to natural ageing, affects ourselves or someone for whom we care. Then we begin to look at reality with new eyes and we see the need to break down even those barriers that at first seemed insignificant. Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love."



**Today:**  
Acts 5:12-16  
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
John 20:19-31

**Monday:**  
1 Peter 5:5-14  
Mark 16:15-20

**Tuesday:**  
Acts 4:32-37  
John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:**  
Acts 5:17-26  
John 3:16-21

**Thursday:**  
Acts 5:27-33  
John 3:31-36

**Friday:**  
Acts 5:34-42  
John 6:1-15

**Saturday:**  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
John 14:6-14

**Next Sunday:**  
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19



# THE Wednesday WORD



## Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

*Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families*



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

### 1

#### Read

#### The Gospel for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

##### JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

The doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. He said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

**Taken from John 20:19-31 The Second Sunday of Easter, Year C**

### 2

#### Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

**After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

Two aspects of this meeting with the risen Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the Gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix. At the end, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God: nowhere else is Jesus hailed as 'God', though there are other ways in which his divinity has been indicated. So in a way Thomas' greeting of the risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament. Secondly, it is striking that Jesus' final blessing is one of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring these gifts to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible God is a God of forgiveness. The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants, each in turn broken by God's chosen people, but then re-created by a forgiving God. There was the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf, and finally the new covenant is promised by Jeremiah after unfaithful Israel had been exiled to Babylon. Christianity is not for the perfect but for the sinner, who is surrounded by other sinners. As forgiven sinners we are exhorted to bring forgiveness to all those around us. **How, as a forgiven sinner and part of a community of forgiven sinners, do I demonstrate the power of God's forgiveness?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

### 3

#### Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

### 4

#### Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is **BELIEVE**!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Jubilee  
Year of Hope**

**Share the Prayer:** Why not forward a digital copy of this Parish Version to your friends? Also, to see a sample of your primary school's *Family Version*, visit: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)



# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 27th April 2025**



## 1

**1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16**

### **The Early Community**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.



Before he tells us of the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, St Luke (the author of the Acts of the Apostles), describes the ideal community in Jerusalem. He stresses the unity of this community, their prayer together, their common ownership of all their possessions, their generosity to those in need, and their steadfastness under persecution by the authorities who refused to accept their message. It is the model for any Christian community, which all our Christian communities need to strive to imitate and become real centres of the love and confidence of Christ. In today's reading St Luke tells how in the early community the same signs and wonders of healing which Jesus himself had worked are now worked by the apostles too, and especially by Peter. It is a theme throughout the Acts that the followers of Jesus, filled with his Spirit, continue his work and are alive with his life, expressing the power of the risen Christ, who remains with them always. St Luke also wants to underline that Jerusalem is being given a second chance: the people there had rejected Jesus, but now they have another opportunity to welcome him, this time at the hands of his apostles, the witnesses to his resurrection. This is why St Luke underlines that the numbers of believers increased steadily. But the martyrdom of Stephen will mark the end and the failure of this second chance.

**What work of Christian healing can I do now?**

**The risen Christ will release her people from all sorrow and sadness.**

## 2

**2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13. 17-19**

### **A Vision of the LORD Jesus Christ**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of Man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come."



The first reading during the season of Eastertide is about the beginnings of the Church; in Year C the second reading (taken from the Book of Revelation), is about the end and completion of the Church. This book, the last book of the Bible, was written to assure Christians, struggling under persecution from the Roman Empire, that the risen Christ would eventually bring his Church to triumph and release her people from all sorrow and sadness. It uses extravagant, cosmic imagery to emphasize God's total control of the universe, heaven and earth, and all that is in them. It is very imaginative, drawing heavily upon the imagery of the Old Testament and upon the symbolism of numbers. The narrator is the Apostle John, exiled to the Greek island of Patmos, and it begins with a vision of the risen Christ in all his glory. The phrase 'Son of Man' (used in this reading), was Jesus' favourite way of referring to himself. Here the 'Son of Man' is also reminiscent of the Son of Man in the prophet Daniel's vision; to him God gives all power over the universe. The seven lamp-stands (seven is the perfect number), represent the seven local Churches of Asia to whom the Book was primarily addressed. **This vision of Christ was written down to inspire and energize a real Christian community; can it help to inspire and energize mine?**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church**  
**Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**



# WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



Can you find the following words in the Scripture Square?

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**SMARTSEARCHERS** FIND THESE **TEN** WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**



**NEW  
START**



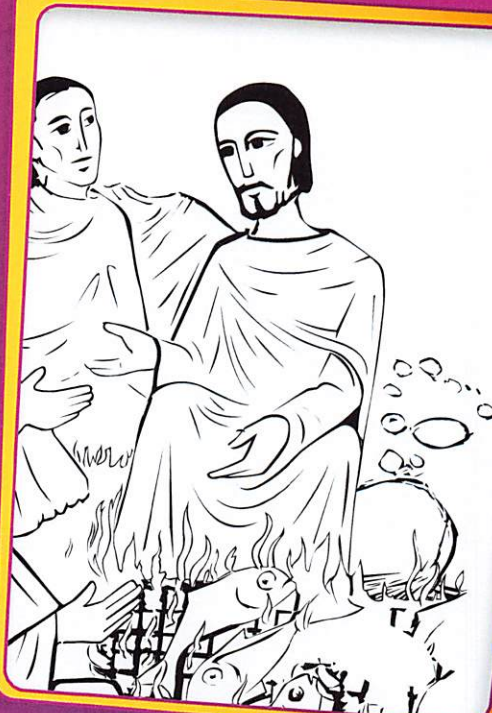
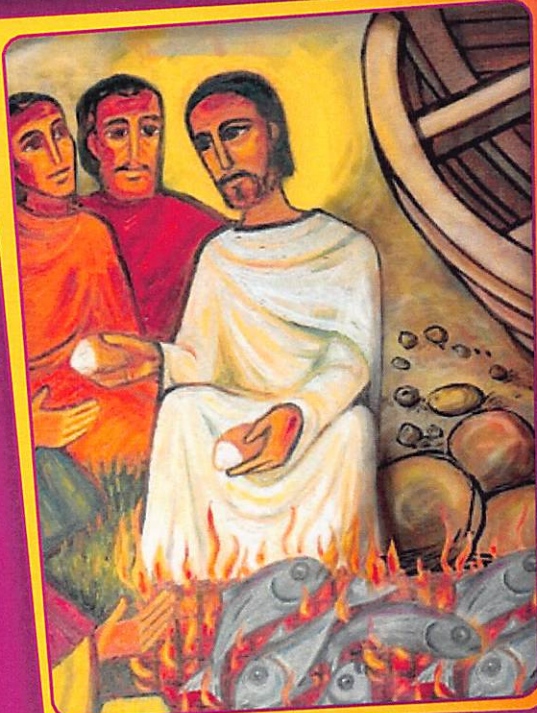
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**TOMB  
EASTER**

**THOMAS  
BELIEVE**

**PETER  
WITNESSED**

**SUPERSEARCHERS** FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



THERE ARE 8 MISSING PARTS IN THE BLACK AND WHITE PICTURE.  
FIND AND DRAW THE MISSING PARTS BEFORE COLOURING IN.

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# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

*Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.*

*Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.*



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR  
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD  
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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*'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'*  
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

**A. Classroom religious education is outstanding**

- The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's. The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.
- After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.
- Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy. Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.
- The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.
- The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.

**B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding**

- The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.
- The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.
- The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.
- Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.
- Partnership with the parents is excellent: they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.
- The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'

(OFSTED Section 48 Inspection, September 2019).