

<p align="center">Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p>First Reading Acts 2: 42-47 The first Christians rejoiced in their fellowship and shared everything particularly with the poor and needy in the name of Jesus.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24 Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 Peter: 3-9 God the Father raised Jesus to life so that we can all, through faith, look forward to our salvation.</p>	<p align="center">Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.</p> <p>Gospel John 20:19-31 Thomas doubts the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus in the upper room but Jesus blesses those who have not seen yet believe.</p>
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Sunday 12th April 2026 Sunday Year A
Divine Mercy Sunday Weekday Cycle II

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

When you turn on a light do you question the source of the electricity? Do you have to know the physics behind its generation in order to accept that pressing a switch will produce illumination? Or when you access your smartphone is it necessary to understand how this miracle of modern engineering can give you all the functions for which you use it?

Most of us do not understand the scientific principles behind the manufacture of microchips or the technology behind most of the machines which are an everyday feature of life in the twenty-first century. We just use them, trusting that when anything goes wrong we can call up the experts who know how to mend them. In other words, we happily live in a kind of trusting fog, a cloud of technological faith. In fact, it is remarkable how much of our lives depends on features that, if challenged, we could not describe or explain. This doesn't seem to worry us. A predisposition to faith seems to be a fundamental aspect of our being.

When Thomas returned to the others, having been off on some errand, he was astonished to be told that Jesus, whom he had been assured had been crucified and his dead body laid in a tomb, had appeared and spoken to the disciples cowering in that upper room in Jerusalem, fearful for their lives. You can imagine his incredulity.

But then, wonder of wonders, Jesus was suddenly there in front of him, ostensibly alive. His astonishment became abject sorrow: he had doubted his Lord. And his humbling became even more acute as Jesus gently chided him: “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side.” Perhaps that was the sort of relationship they'd had: Jesus gently teasing a rather pessimistic character. Whatever the case, Jesus makes the overwhelming claim

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	11 Apr	5.30pm	Philip Winfield RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	12 Apr	9.00am	Paddy and Miley Connors RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	12 Apr	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	14 Apr	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	15Apr	7.00pm	C J Thomas RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	16 Apr	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	17 Apr	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	18 Apr	11.00am	Lissy Shaji RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	18 Apr	5.30pm	Audrey Salmon (92 nd) Birthday
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 Apr	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday (St Helen's)	19 Apr	11.00am	Yorkshire Brethren

Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday in Goldthorpe.

Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3.00pm on Fridays at St. Michael's Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Goldthorpe** each Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for March
5th April	£608.58	£1939.96

that true faith relies on the acceptance of even the seemingly impossible: a resurrection from certain death, a return from the grave, even without the concrete evidence of one's own eyes.

This, then, is the essence of our Christian belief, our faith in the resurrection of the Lord. As St Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians: "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile".

We hear from the Acts of the Apostles that in the earliest days of the Christian Church, because of the resurrection, the believers were filled with gladness and hope, meeting together to pray, to break bread and to share everything, particularly with those people who were in need. They offered praise to God, revelling in their new-found fellowship. They had complete faith in Jesus's promise of salvation. Whenever we feel doubt about God's love we should remember Thomas. Probably most of us would have reacted like he did. We too would have doubted until we had the evidence of our own eyes. However, we have been called to faith by our baptism. Our belief in the reality of the resurrection encourages us also to follow Jesus' teaching: gladly joining with one another; receiving Holy Communion together; sharing our food and belongings with people in need; praying together with happy hearts, safe in the knowledge of our salvation because Jesus promised it. We may not have seen him in the flesh, but we believe despite all our failings and doubts.

It is significant that Jesus drew attention to his wounds. Our suffering Lord is in solidarity with his suffering people. Life can be incredibly difficult. Sometimes we question whether the terrible things we see and hear about in the media can be part of God's plan for his creation. And on a personal level we all must endure pain from time to time: illness, bereavement, loneliness, countless other ways. But perhaps we tend to dwell on the darker aspects of life to the detriment of the undoubted Good News. Jesus' first words to the disciples were, "Peace be with you."

Pope Francis was a cheerful man, a man of optimistic faith who said, "Do not be afraid to take the risk of loving." He called on all true believers to be a sign of a love that embraces everyone and turns evil into good. Like the early Christians we must pray together, helping and supporting one another and celebrating the wonderful fact of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we may have eternal life. Like Thomas we must affirm our faith in Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God!"

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, A Sick Person, Audrey Salmon, Yueh Li-Wu, Kath Lees, Kitty Hamstead, Maria Gilliver, Ian Coombs, John Bainbridge, Ann Stones, Carl Potter, Audrey Wood, Paula and Jimmy Stewart, Justin Philip Collins, George Beard, Stephen and Tracy Savage, Brian and Margaret Savage, Mary Brankin, Pat Doyle, Mary Smith, Christine Mays, Percy Winterton, Anthony and Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss, Nancy Preston.

Confirmations 2026

Confirmation Meetings will begin in Holy Rood Church Hall on Tuesday, 14th April at 5.45-7.30pm. The Deanery Confirmation Mass will take place in Holy Rood Wednesday, 24th June at 7.00pm. The Catechists will be Lee Redhead and James Green. Please speak with Fr Declan if you wish to be confirmed this year.

Offertory Envelopes

New Offertory envelopes starting on Sunday 12th April, are now available at the back of church, for those who require them. If you haven't had envelopes before and wish to use them, please send an email to the office, telephone or ask Fr Declan. You can, of course, Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer, thus helping the parish further.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes, or just the money from your box. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid, so make sure your name is on the box and on any donation that you bring to church. This allows the Missio Co-ordinator, Anne Damms, to log your donation and therefore claim the Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Carmel Care Centre – 40th Year Anniversary

The Carmel Care Centres 40th Year Anniversary Celebration and Blessing celebration will take place at the centre on Wednesday 3rd June starting at 12noon, the address is 172 Dykes Hall Road, Sheffield, S64GS There will be a buffet lunch, music and more.

Sent to Share the Faith

On 17th April, three Franciscan Friars, Fathers Casey Cole, Tito Serrano and Jason Damon from Charlotte in the USA will be visiting the Diocese to help us to think about how we can spread the Gospel today. They have recently started a mission to reach young adults, spiritual seekers, and those disconnected from the Church through authentic presence, conversation, and compassion. Rooted in the spirit of St. Francis, SEARCH is about walking with others, sharing Christ's love, and inviting hearts to renewal and healing.

They are hosting two events - the first at the Cathedral specifically aimed at young people and young adults at 1:15pm following midday Mass, the second aimed at a wider audience at St Francis of Assisi beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm.

Bookings are necessary using the Formation & Mission Eventbrite Page on this link or QR code <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

Further details from the Formation and Mission team 0114 256 6410.

Good Friday collection - £103.50 and Easter Offering Collection - £160.00