

OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PETER CHANEL

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12th April 2026

This is the OCTAVE
OF EASTER

We need to see something to help us believe



I wonder what Jesus meant when he said to the apostles *“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”*. Did he just mean that it is more blessed to believe without seeing? Or perhaps also that those who will come to believe in him will not lose out in any way by not having seen him in his risen, glorified humanity?

In fact, St John seems to understand very well our need for visible, tangible proofs of Jesus’ existence and his promises. At the end of today’s Gospel reading he digresses to say that he is offering us some of the many signs that Jesus worked to help us believe. He hopes that we will accept his testimony as a privileged witness, so that we might believe *“that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”*

St John then makes an assertion that will give us a fool-proof test for the doctrine of Jesus Christ, Lord of life and God of the universe. He states that by believing in Jesus we *“may have life through his name.”* St Paul said the same to the Colossians (second reading on Easter Sunday): we have been brought back to *“true life with Christ”*. This means that if we want visible signs of Jesus’ new risen life we need only look around to those who call themselves Christians, to those who through sacramental gift of God have a share in the divine life. In the lives of us Christians, that life which St John calls the *“light of men”* should shine forth in the world. Sure enough, there is a blaze of light from the canonised saints of the Church. We also expect it, look for it, from those sitting with us in Church this morning. And they have a right to expect it from us. When we find it should help us believe that what Jesus tells us is true.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Saturday	9.30am 6.30pm	Living & deceased members of the Cooper, Cowling & McFaul families
Sunday	10am 6.30pm	Regina Ofoegbu RIP People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	7.30pm	
Wednesday	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Ann Athraby RIP
Thursday	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday	9.30am	
Saturday	9.30am 6.30pm	John Hardwick RIP
Sunday	10am 6.30pm	Baby Joseph RIP People of the Parish
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: resumes after Easter		
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 10am to 10.45am; 5.30pm to 6pm. Sunday: 5.30pm to 6pm.		

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16* Throughout Eastertide we will follow the account of the first days of the new-born Church in the days after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We can marvel at the miracles the apostles were able to work. They are not so apparent today, but other 'marks' of the Church can and should be made present today: a strong union of minds and hearts, missionary witness, welcome to new-comers, especially the sick.

Second Reading: *The Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19* On a Sunday, the day on which Christians had already begun to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, John, exiled on the island of Patmos, had a great vision. He saw the Son of Man, the risen Lord Jesus. Despite having been close to Jesus during his earthly ministry, John "fell in a dead faint at his feet". But the Lord revived him and asked him to write down the vision he was about to witness: He is "the Living One" and holds "the keys of death and of the underworld". This vision unfolds in the second reading throughout Eastertide.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN AGAIN TO ANY OF THE MASS READINGS?

Go to www.lectionaryreadings.co.uk

FEASTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Pope St Martin I

NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY IS 'DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY', DEVOTIONS AT ST VINCENT'S

There will be a **Holy Hour from 3pm until 4pm** St Vincent's Queens Road. This is over the 'Hour of Mercy', 3pm when the 'Chaplet of Divine Mercy' will be prayed.

PRO-LIFE MASS AT OUR CHURCH, Saturday 25 April 11am

The anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Bill in 1967 falls this month. The special Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel on Saturday 25 April at 11.30am will be to pray for an end to abortion in our country, followed by a peaceful demonstration outside Lidl on Cottingham Rd. All welcome.

PARISH DINNER TO CELEBRATE OUR PARISH CENTENARY, Tuesday 28 April

With the change of bishops we've had to scale down our plans for celebrating the Parish Centenary. Instead, after Mass for the Feast of St Peter Chanel there'll be a Parish Dinner in the Marist Hall. Tickets are £15 adults, £10 for children & students, £40 for a family (parents & children).

TALK BY JOHN BERNASCONI: HOW TO UNDERSTAND CATHOLIC ART IN THE RENAISSANCE: MIRACLES, MADONNAS & MUSEUMS, Sunday 19 April at 8pm

This is one of the Chaplaincy talks which will be held in the Marist Hall and is open to everyone. John taught Art History at the University and is still curator of the Art Collection in the Library. He is also one of our parishioners!

THE EASTER COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous Easter offertory collection which is by custom the gift of the parish to the priest of the parish. It forms part of his income for the year. Your kindness is much appreciated!

ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH FOR YOUNG MEN, Thursday 30 April, 6.30-8.30pm

Group for young men (ages 21-35) meets at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. For more details, see the poster or contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The next meeting is on Thursday 16 April at 6pm at 113 Cottingham Road.

GATHER AND GROW LECTIO GROUP

It's at 119 Cottingham Rd at 7pm. Next meeting: Wednesday 15 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

SUMMERTIME AT AMPLEFORTH, 20 to 23 July 2026

For young people aged 10-15, last year around 33 children went from the Hull Catholic Youth Club. Booking is now open at faith.org.uk/events

FAITH SUMMER CONFERENCE, 27 to 31 July 2026 This is for our older young people: 16 to 30s. Booking is now open at faith.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2026

Next meeting: Tuesday 14 April at 113 Cottingham Road from 6pm to 7pm.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT THICKET PRIORY, THURSDAY 7 MAY, 10.30am to 3pm

This day at the Carmelite Sisters will be led by Fr John Farrell OP on the theme of 'Parables in Luke's Gospel'. The programme includes Mass. Tea & coffee provided but bring a packed lunch. Last year's was excellent – a real privilege.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 24 to 30 MAY 2026

It will be led by Bishop Marcus Stock. Go to: joewalshtours.co.uk

ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH

Please make your offering *realistic and regular* through a **Standing Order** from your bank or **Offertory Envelopes**. If you fill in a **Gift Aid form** we can claim 25% of every £1 you give.

Gift Aid envelopes for 2026/27

New Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of Church in alphabetical order.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Weekly average by Standing Order: £270

For a Standing Order: Barclays Bank, Middlesbrough. Sort code: 20-56-90. Account name: 'Diocese of Middlesbrough'. Account number 43496074

CARD READER AND QR CODE FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH

For your offertory you can register once for Gift Aid (if you are a tax payer) and it will recognise your card. Or use the QR Code.



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BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY MASS TO BE PRAYED AT HOME

With the trust that comes from knowing that we are God's children, let us open our hearts in prayer.

We pray that the peace Christ promised to his followers may be found in our parishes. May we contribute to this peace in our daily lives at home and at work [pause].

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

For those who are sick. We ask our all-powerful Lord to give them strength and comfort [pause].

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

For all those who care for the sick: for doctors, nurses, ancillary staff and care workers in Care Homes and Care Assistants who care for people in their own homes. May Jesus, our Mighty Saviour, give them strength and encouragement. [PAUSE].

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

That we may know and accept our calling from God as it comes day by day, and do what we are sent to do with humility and joy.

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

We pray that, like the early Christians, we may be a strong brotherhood, united in heart and soul, and stay close to the Lord in the Holy Mass and the teachings of His Church.

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

For the breaking down of suspicion and hatred in our world; that nations may work together to overcome problems and disputes.

Lord, hear us. LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Ann Athraby; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Let us ask for the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Lady: HAIL, MARY.

Let us pray for our personal needs.

Trusting in your immense mercy and compassion, Father, we offer you our prayers and ask you to hear us, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.