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The Incredulity of St Thomas, Cima de Conegliano, 1502-04

Scriptures for the Second Sunday of Easter, 27th April 2025

<u>Acts 5:12-16</u> This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people and of the cures which they effected for the sick.

Revelation 1:9-13.17-19 John is bidden to write a message which has meaning for the Church until the end of time.

John 20:19-31 When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas's doubt was turned to faith.

Almighty and ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's Resurrection: grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Our Liturgies

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

26th April Saturday of Easter Octave

5 pm Reconciliation 6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

27th April Second Sunday of Easter

10 am Mass Bryan Devereux RIP (Nadia thanks parishioners for their welcome during her recent stay. She returns home this week.)

Monday 28th April St George

Tuesday 29th April St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday 30th April St Pius V 10 am Mass Richard Mitchell RIP 10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 1st May St Joseph

Friday 2nd May St Athanasius

Saturday 3rd May Ss Philip & James 6 pm Mass Maurice Wren RIP Stephen Harrison & Philomena McEntee RIP

4th May Third Sunday of Easter 10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

One New Parish!

Parish Mass for our current Catholic Communities will be celebrated at 3 pm on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, at Oaklands School, marking our becoming one Southeast Hampshire Parish. Please see attached news of the name for our new Parish.

<u>A Week of Accompanied Prayer</u> is planned for the Havant Pastoral Area 22nd – 27th June to provide spiritual nourishment. Places are limited. A leaflet on the noticeboard explains the Week and invites people to attend the Information Evening which is being on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.

The Gift Aid return has been completed for Q2 2024 - 25 and we have claimed £1641.38. Our thanks to everyone helping in this way.



<u>His Holiness Pope Francis RIP</u> Jorge Mario Bergoglio 17th December 1936 – 21st April 2025

Pope Francis died aged 88. He had been Pope for twelve years, was the 265th successor of St Peter. Baroness Hollins, Catholic Union President writes:

Pope Francis was a humble pastor who showed a deep compassion for all humanity, especially those who are too often forgotten. He was a teacher who listened and found the words to connect. Catholic social teaching grew under his Pontificate. His stature as a world leader will be remembered on many issues especially his concern for peace and stewardship of the world's resources for the benefit of everyone. We give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis. He modelled integrity and inclusivity. His legacy should enable us to stand up for our convictions. May he rest in peace and rise in eternal glory!

Teacher of History The Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust Directors seek to appoint an enthusiastic, committed teacher to join our hardworking, supportive team in September 2025. The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher with exceptional classroom practice reflecting contemporary & traditional thinking teaching in & learning. Applications from ECTs are warmly welcomed.

Closing date: Wednesday 7th May 12 noon Interviews: week beginning Monday 12th May For details go to the Staff/Vacancies: www.oaklandscatholicschool.org

Prayer for the 2025 Conclave in the Spirit of St. Catherine of Siena

Eternal Father,

You who are Fire ever-burning and Love never-failing, Look with mercy upon your Holy Church in this time of discernment. From the wounds of Christ your Son, pour out wisdom, And from the depths of your mercy, raise up a shepherd after your own heart.

O God, Eternal Trinity, You placed in your Church the successor of Peter as a beacon to the nations,

Sweet Christ on earth, as your servant Catherine called him. Grant that those entrusted with choosing his successor May be guided by your Spirit, not by ambition or fear, But by burning zeal for your glory and the salvation of souls.

> Consume with holy fire any self-interest, Dispel confusion, And sow peace among the electors.

Raise up for us a pope Bold in truth, humble in heart, and unwavering in charity — A man who will speak with the voice of Christ, Bind wounds with the hands of a father, And guide your Church through the shadows of our time.

We offer you our prayers, our sacrifices, our longing hearts, With Catherine we cry: "Take my heart and crush it for love of your Bride the Church. Let my life be poured out for her beauty, her holiness, her unity."

> Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the Sistine Chapel with your presence. Let no will prevail but Yours. Amen.