

3ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, EWELL



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All Masses are now live-streamed.

Access to the live streaming can be acquired through the Parish Website.

Mass on Friday is behind closed doors



Easter Low - Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday, 11th April 2021	Psalter Week 2	Cycle B
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Fr Martin Jakubas RIP
Sunday 11 Apr	8.30 am	All Parishioners
	10.30 am	Wellbeing of Fred Sage
Wednesday	10.00 am	Michael O'Connell RIP
Friday behind closed doors	10.00 pm	All Parishioners

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th April 2021	Psalter Week 3	Cycle B
Saturday Vigil	8.30 pm	Wellbeing Kathleen Gallaher
Sunday 18 Apr	8.30 am	Sean McCabe RIP
	10.30 am	Sarah Frost RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Friday behind closed doors	10.00 am	All Parishioners
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Wellbeing Theresa Pinch
Sunday 25 Apr	8.30 am	John O'Connell RIP
	10.30 am	Tony Bellino RIP

ANNIVERSARIES 11TH -17TH APRIL

Kathleen Gunn, Olive Biggerstaff, Dr Sebastian Pillai, Ernest Groce, James Gallagley, Margaret Brooke, Oscar Lawless

ANNIVERSARIES: 18TH-24TH April 2021

Kathleen Yates, Fernand Smette, John Murphy, John Brennan, Thomas Aherne, Constance O'Brien, Mrs Mackenzie, Liam O'Sullivan, Greta Duggan,

DEATH: Please remember in prayer Margaret Rose Bishop who dies recently. Our sympathy to Georgina and Family. May Margaret rest in peace.

Please remember in your prayers H.R.H. Prince Phillip who died on Friday. May he rest in peace.

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING: Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary Frost, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Harris, Jocelyn Bowen and Joseph Ewing.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Nathalie Kamm and Neil Anderson who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Monday, 12th April. The wedding will take place under COVID rules, but will be live-streamed on the parish website from 11.00 am. Our prayers for Nathalie and Neil will be for a happy and long life together.

MARCH 200 CLUB WINNERS: 1st Michael Hannon No 227 £30 2nd Alfred Street No. 104 £20. Congratulations!

FANCY A CHAT? If you would like to chat with fellow parishioners over zoom or even by telephone, please contact Fiona Perks on Fionap580@gmail.com or telephone Parish Office – 020 8393 5572.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family have survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

REFLECTION: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

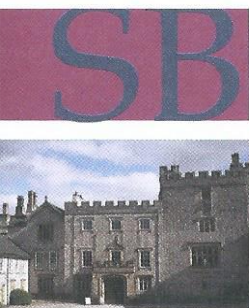
Divine Mercy Sunday – Gospel: - John 20: 19-31

Is it easy to believe? For those who live in a Christian Family or community with the supports and signs of faith around them, then belief may come easily. But, for the majority of people in our world today, faith is an act made in the face of doubt and uncertainty. Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) speaks of the "oppressive power of unbelief" in the contemporary world, which affects our own will to believe. There are many "Thomases" today who want empirical scientific proof before they will risk breaking out of a room where they are locked in by their own suspicions.

There are some Christians who feel guilty about having doubts, feeling that they should have no difficulty in just accepting everything they are told in church. Today's Gospel is a reassurance and reminder that doubt was present right from the beginning of the Church, even in the apostles. They came by stages to faith, helped by Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that St John calls "another witness" and "the truth". Faith will always involve a risk and an act of trust. Thomas expressed his doubt but ended with a profound faith. And the history of the Church shows how down through the centuries, Christians have overcome their doubts, developed a strong faith in the risen Christ and are indeed blessed because "they have not seen and yet believe".

Easter Greetings from Fr Graham

Thank-you for your cards and attendance at Holy Week liturgies – in church or live-streaming. And thank-you for the Easter Offerings. May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you.



When James was replaced by the Protestant William of Orange and forced to flee to France, the Stricklands followed – England had become too dangerous for them to remain. They returned at the end of the seventeenth century, though they continued to support the Stuarts. And when the final Stuart or Jacobite rebellion took place in 1745, with Bonnie Prince Charlie's invasion of England, Francis Strickland was one of the prince's closest companions, sailing with him to France earlier in the year to raise money for the campaign. Even after the Jacobites were defeated at the Battle of Culloden, the Stricklands continued to support their cause.

ART AND GARDENS

Given all this, it's not surprising that Sizergh's magnificent art collection includes many portraits of leading Stuarts and reflects their links to the exiled Jacobite court in France, including porcelain, glass and sculpture. Outside, the gardens and grounds are particularly beautiful – as well as a lake and a kitchen garden there's a rock garden, constructed in the 1920s. The fern collection is one of the best in the country.

Now in the care of the National Trust, Sizergh is probably best enjoyed during spring and early summer when the woodland walks are spectacular, with views to Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District, which even around Easter are often still dusted with snow.

For more information or to plan a visit, see www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk/place/sizergh-castle

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

PSALM Psalm 117

RESPONSE **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Or **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love has no end."
Let those who fear the Lord say:
"His love has no end." **R.**
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48



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SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH

A ROYAL DAY OUT

Four miles to the south of Kendal, Sizergh Castle is not in fact a castle at all – though it's certainly an impressive house, and it does boast some battlements. Set in flowing, landscaped gardens, its design was based on a fourteenth-century tower that was redeveloped during the sixteenth century to create a handsome residence.

The house is particularly renowned for its elaborate Elizabethan oak panelling. One room, the inlaid chamber, is possibly the finest example of a panelled room in Britain. It was sold to the Victoria and Albert Museum in the 1890s and displayed there for many years – but in 1999 it was returned, and can now be viewed in the location for which it was designed. The chamber was created between 1573 and 1582 and is a jewel of Elizabethan workmanship, remarkable in its survival.

Like all the best grand houses that are open to visitors, Sizergh is spiced with the stories of the family that has been connected with it, in this case for more than eight hundred years – the Stricklands. They were Catholics, and their story is tied up with the story of the Catholic faith in England through the turbulent centuries after the foundation of the Anglican Church.

A century after Henry VIII had decided to break the ties with Rome, the fallout had lost little of its impact and was still being played out in English political, social and economic life. In the 1640s, during the English Civil War, the Stricklands backed the Stuart monarchy – King Charles I was a high church Anglican married to a Catholic, whom many Protestants regarded with extreme suspicion. Thomas Strickland fought against the Parliamentarians in the Battle of Edgehill in 1642 and was captured and imprisoned two years later. Five years after that came the crushing end: Charles I was found guilty of high treason and executed.

The Stricklands held on to Sizergh, but were pulled further into the conflict a few decades later when James II inherited the throne from Charles II. James was suspected of being a secret Catholic and was often at odds with Parliament; he attempted to create religious freedoms for Catholics, and the Stricklands were among his closest allies.

Catholic heritage in Britain



Joanna Moorhead visits Sizergh Castle in Cumbria.



11 APRIL 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK II

you're on your tour, don't miss the unusual anticlockwise spiral staircase leading to one of the turrets. But the most exciting item inside the hall, for most visitors, is the priest's hiding hole – and unlike most hiding holes, visitors are allowed to try it out. Be warned, though: at eight feet by eight feet by four feet it's a real squeeze – proof, presumably, that the priests who travelled around recusant families saying illegal Masses, and who would pay with their lives if they were discovered, were agile and no Friar Tucks.

Like the house itself, the Bedingfeld ancestry boasts some interesting stories: Sir Henry Bedingfeld, for example, was constable of the Tower of London in the mid sixteenth century, which meant he was jailor to Queen Elizabeth I when, while still a princess, she was imprisoned there in 1554 during the reign of her Catholic sister, Queen Mary.

RECENT TIMES

In the nineteenth century the house was extensively renovated in a fusion of Tudor, neo-classical and Victorian styles; and in the BBC series *How We Built Britain*, presented by David Dimbleby in 2007, the house was chosen as one of the buildings that defines the nation. (It was also, in a slightly more quirky footnote from its history, the location for some of the settings in the BBC comedy series *Dad's Army*.)

The house fell into serious disrepair in the first half of the twentieth century, and, believing there was no alternative, the owners sold it to an insurance company. But another member of the clan, Lady Sybil Bedingfeld, bought it back – and so it returned to the family's hands. She then handed it over to the National Trust, with a proviso that the family would retain an apartment there on into the future.

For more information or to plan a visit, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/oxburgh-hall

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

FIRST READING Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

PSALM Psalm 4

RESPONSE **Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.**

Or **Alleluia!**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy
and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

3. "What can bring us happiness?" many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18



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SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH

FAMILY FORTUNES IN NORFOLK

On first sight Oxburgh Hall, a handsome manor house near King's Lynn in Norfolk, is imposing, surrounded as it is by a broad moat and extensive gardens. But step inside, and you realise that this house – like Sandringham, the royal home not far away – is much more a family abode than an elaborate showcase.

What's remarkable about the family at the centre of it, the Bedingfelds, is that they've been there such an incredibly long time – since 1482, to be precise. Equally remarkable is that they've also been Catholic through that period, eschewing the Protestant Church after the Reformation and choosing instead to hold on to the faith of their ancestors, and of Rome.

Oxburgh – which got its name, apparently, from the fact that oxen once grazed in the grounds – has, like most houses with illustrious connections, had its seat on the front row of history, and that's reflected in many of the treasures on display on a tour of the place today. The most significant gems are the tapestries worked on by Mary, Queen of Scots, while she was a prisoner, and Bess of Hardwick. Earlier in its history King Henry VII and his wife Elizabeth of York stayed here, and you can see the bedroom that was theirs complete with recreated tapestries. The originals, which had been lost, were either early sixteenth-century Netherlandish scenes of kings and queens, or slightly later images of game parks. They have been digitally recreated and printed onto linen, which has the same weighting and weave and looks exactly as the tapestries would have looked in Tudor times.

Other items on display include a late medieval, intricately carved tabernacle which was used to display the communion host during Benediction, and a letter sent to the family informing them of the death of Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII, whose divorce from her triggered the Reformation in England – and while

Catholic heritage in Britain



Joanna Moorhead visits Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk.



18 APRIL 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK III