

**Diary for the week
(11th - 17th Apr)**

Services this week

Sunday

9.30am **Solemn Mass** at Castleford

11.00am **Mass** at St Michaels

Tuesday

6.30pm **Low Mass** at Castleford

Wednesday

6.30pm **Low Mass** at St Michael's

Saturday

9.30am **Mass** for the Blessed Virgin Mary at
Castleford

Streaming of Sunday Services

Sunday services are now being streamed live on
Facebook. A copy is put onto our YouTube Channel
later in the day on Sunday.

<https://www.facebook.com/castlefordteamparish>

YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpOFIRpSiN1b9-
xKH0GfdZw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpOFIRpSiN1b9-xKH0GfdZw)

Alternatively search for **Castleford Team Parish** on
Facebook or **YouTube**

Activities

Saturday 10 – 11am Parish Office at Castleford

Morning Prayer

**Morning Prayer to be held Monday to Friday at
09.30am on Zoom.**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231707930?
pwd=eDE3K1kzM2JsTTdNN3VKUThITm9lUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231707930?pwd=eDE3K1kzM2JsTTdNN3VKUThITm9lUT09)

Meeting ID: 882 3170 7930 Passcode: 754647

Phone in on: 0131 460 1196

Advance Notice

Wed 21st April 6.30pm Annual Parochial Church
Meeting on Zoom login

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041436799?
pwd=MmtMeEZva2RCbzFRRO1taVl0Nk44QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041436799?pwd=MmtMeEZva2RCbzFRRO1taVl0Nk44QT09)

Mon 26th April 7.00pm Special meeting of PCC at
Castleford Parish Church.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Rector's Day Off is Monday. In an emergency please
contact Fr Gregory on 01977 529929 Ext 4.

CASTLEFORD TEAM PARISH

Sunday 11th April 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 14: 10 - 31, 15: 20 - 21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Response: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard. Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R**

A reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 4: 32 - 35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **Alleluia., Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 20: 19 - 31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you O Christ.