

Diary for the week (15th to 21st May)

Services this week

Tuesday 17th

10.00am Mass with hymns at All Saints' Hightown

6.30pm Low Mass at Parish Church

Wednesday 18th

10.00am Low Mass at St Paul's Glasshoughton

6.30pm Low Mass at St Michael's, Smawthorne

Saturday 21st

9.30am Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary at Parish Church

10.00am Parish Office at Parish Church

Sunday 22nd

9.30 am Mass with hymns at All Saints' Castleford

11.00 am Mass with hymns at St Michael's, Smawthorne

Sunday services are now being streamed live on Facebook.

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

Activities

Tuesdays between 2-4pm: Friendship Group at St Michael's Church Hall. Not only is there a chance for a bite to eat and a chat with friends, but also to participate in some art and crafts activities as well, if you wish! Curious? Then come along and find out and bring friends as well, all welcome

Thursday between 10am and 12 noon: Dementia Cafe at Hightown Church

Queen's Jubilee Weekend: There will be a flower festival at the Parish Church between the Friday and Sunday, concluding with a service of celebration at 3pm on the Sunday afternoon. All welcome!

Advance Notice

Thursday 26th May 6.30pm: Mass for Ascension at Parish Church

Sunday 29th May 10.00 - 11.00 am Joint Benefice Mass at St Michael's

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 15th May 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Collect

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11: 1 - 18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'" But a second time the voice

answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 148

Response: Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind doing his will. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds. **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted; his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! **R**

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus said, "All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day. **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 13: 31 - 35

During the supper, When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you O Christ.