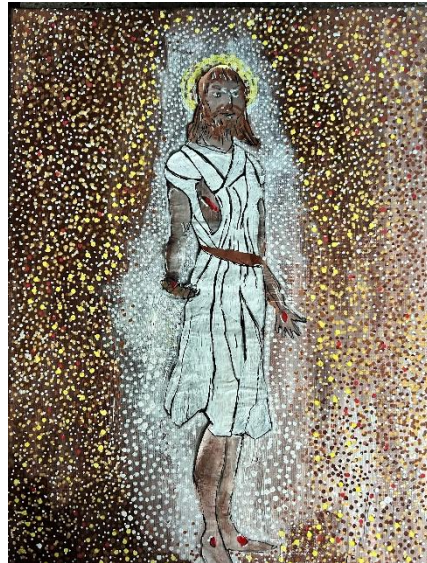


## Parish of St Alban, Martyr & St Mark the Evangelist, Southend

12 April 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter



### Jesus Reveals Himself to Thomas

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,

You spoke the words the others dared not say

And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,

You put your finger on the nub of things

We cannot love some disembodied wraith,

But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,

Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.

Because He loved your awkward counter-point

The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine

The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.” (Malcolm Guite (2024) Sonnet for Encounters with the Risen Christ)

### We pray for the church around the world:

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

**We pray for our world:** All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

### We pray for our local community:

[12: Market Pl, Royal Terrace] [13: Clifton Mews, Clifftown Parade] [14: Forum, Southend Central Station] [15: LGBTQI\* +community, Sam our chaplain, the future of The Cliff] [16: Scratton Rd, Clifftown Rd] [17: Weston Rd, Clarence St] [18: Clarence Rd, Alexandra St] [19: Market Pl, Royal Terrace]

### We pray for all on our long-term list.

**Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need:** Margaret, Mark, Terry, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Diana, Sarah, Gabby, Ann and Terry, Gary, June and Sally Binks, Rosie, Clare, Corbin, Elizabeth

### Recently departed:

**In Memoriam: April.** Austin Read, Mark Patey, Walter Rouse, Hermon Achong, John Glendennan, Fanny Finchette, Kay Robertson, Steve Wilson Carol Golding, Ellen Rankin.

### All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

**Notices:** Monday : Morning Prayer at 9am, Reflective Mass 1pm

Online Rosary for 100 Days of Prayer Mondays at 6pm

Wander & Wonder Ascension Day Walk and Worship 14 May 1000



Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health,

neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.

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