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FR. SANTOSH CELEBRATES DAILY MASS at 7.30pm in the presbytery in Moorends. This is available online courtesy of Jesus Youth. You can join in using an application called Zoom, which is widely used for meetings. Just load Zoom for free and use your email address, create a password and you’re good to go. Click ’Join meeting’ and use the number 679499992.

THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE who attended the Good Friday Services - around 80 homes participated in the Zoom Video Share from Moorends Presbytery. The Easter Vigil Mass is celebrated at 7pm on Easter Saturday and you are invited to have a lighted candle ready.

DAILY MASS will be streamed from St Maries in Sheffield at 8am on Weekdays and Saturdays and 11am on Sundays Please see web site for Holy Week Services: https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-and-services/mass-livestream/

JIM GIBSON’S FUNERAL is this Tuesday, 14th April. Due to the current circumstances, a private burial will be held in Askern. Please hold in prayer Jim’s wife Sally and daughters Laura and Fiona and their families. They intend to celebrate Jim's life at a special Memorial Mass and Reception to be held next year. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER Tilly Cunliffe, who celebrated her centenary on January 25th and went home to God exactly three months later, on March 25th. She died peacefully at home with family with her and her funeral was last Tuesday. It is hoped to hold a Memorial Mass in the future to fittingly celebrate Tilly’s long and full life. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

REMEMBER ALSO MRS MARIE JACQUES of Field Road, Stainforth who died recently, just a few days before her 93rd birthday. Marie will be remembered as a regular parishioner at Our Lady of the Assumption for many years. Thanks also to Sue Finch for regularly visiting Marie and taking her Holy Communion.

AS PART OF THE YEAR OF THE WORD, Greg Ryan was due to give one of the Holy Week talks at St Marie’s this week, on "Matthew and his Gospel". For obvious reasons that was cancelled, but the talk has been recorded and is available to view on YouTube.

Thank you to Greg for setting up chapter markers and making them available on YouTube. The talk is quite long (around 50 minutes) but breaks into three main parts which can be watched at different times - Greg has set up chapter markers in YouTube - just click on "SHOW MORE" beneath the video. Greg will hopefully be putting more material up after Easter.

The You Tube link is https://youtu.be/POXGGo_uBEc or simply click on the link in the E-Bulletin Email.
HALLAM NEWS you can read Hallam News on line by visiting: www.hallamnews.com Take a good look as Our Lady’s is in it again ☺. Let us know if you want a printed copy and Lil will drop one off for you.

FOOD BANK - 28 families were helped this week. A huge thanks to Deacon Chris Kime who delivered ?? Bags of much needed food for distribution at St Mary’s Food Bank. As Stainfroth is one of a very few Food Banks open in the current Covid-19 pandemic, the donation of such a quantity of food is a tremendous help. Thanks to Deacon Chris and the people of St Pauls Parish in Cantley for their generosity.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: Contact is Carol Flanagan. Many thanks Carol. A very important ministry.

E-BULLETIN: This week – John. If you or family / friends would like to receive this weekly bulletin by email then please email john at jm02roe@hotmail.com or call and leave the email address clearly. If you have any items for next week’s bulletin please call Rose on 01302 844605 or John on 01302 842962 or call the Parish Phone on 07714 793120 and leave a voice message.

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Reflection on the Readings

Easter Sunday of the Ressurection of the Lord

Please see Red Mass Sheet which is attached with the E-Bulletin

A Mystery Beyond Words

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. Only in St John’s account are the apostles directly involved in finding that the tomb was empty, though neither Jesus nor an angel gave them any guidance about what it meant. The Beloved Disciple was beside Peter to see the discarded burial-cloths within the tomb, and he at once realised what this meant: that Jesus was risen from the dead!

I remember my emotion on seeing the Grand Canyon in Arizona; my innards were thrilled by the awesomeness of it all. I used my camera, trying to capture the sight, the emotions and the wonder of it. Later I realised the futility of such photos when I came home and tried to explain to friends what the experience was like. They would need to see it for themselves to appreciate its grandeur. As the saying goes, “For those who don’t know, no words are possible, and for those who understand, no words are necessary.” We sense something like this when reading the resurrection story. It tells of a deeply mysterious fact, but we can’t quite capture what its impact was in the hearts of the disciples, that first Easter day.

The Easter message, this truly great news, is timelessly true, and so it is still a message for here and now. We can identify with each person in the story told by Saint John today. Do we, like Mary Magdalene, share with others the news of the resurrection? Do we run eagerly to the tomb, like Peter and John, to find out how and whether Jesus can still feature in our lives? Only rarely do we experience the Easter mystery – but we can catch some hint of the wonder of it from the Gospel stories. The message is that God does not forget or forsake us, and the darkest hour is just before the dawn.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away. Are our hearts like a tomb awaiting new life? Is anything holding us back from renewal of spirit? Is there any hint of addiction, any dark secret never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets. But as pope Francis says, We are called to be people of joyful hope, not prophets of doom. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we get an infusion of hope and joy, and an invitation to share them by our way of living.

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