

**THE RIBBLE VALLEY PARISHES OF
ST WILFRID, LONGRIDGE: ST MARY, CHIPPING:
ST PETER AND ST PAUL, RIBCHESTER.**

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sunday 19th April 2026



*He was known to them in the
breaking of bread*

<u>Day</u>	<u>St Wilfrid</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>Ss. Peter & Paul</u>
Monday 20th April	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off
Tuesday 21st April	Mass 10.00am		
Wednesday 22nd April			Mass 10.00am
Thursday 23rd April			
Friday 24th April			
Saturday 25th April	Mass 5.30pm		
Sunday 26th April		Mass 9.30am	Mass 11.00am

Parish of St Peter and St Paul Ribchester

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Parish Notices

Mission Boxes

Could these please be brought into church during April – many thanks.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for the faithful departed and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again.

We remember especially: Peter Jackson, Thomas Conway, Kitty Walmsley, John Holden and Winifrede Gornall.

May they be granted a share in the Lord's resurrection.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 12th April: £164.00

Thank you.

Longridge Food Bank

Any food donations for Longridge Food Bank would be greatly appreciated, especially tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tomato ketchup, toilet rolls and laundry pods/tablets. The most convenient place to leave donations is Sainsbury's or Booth's in Longridge.

Thank you.

Offertory Envelopes

There are still a number of offertory envelopes available for collection at the back of church. If you wish to continue using them, then there is no need to do anything. Many thanks to those who have used them over the past 12 months. If your details have changed or if you wish to change your gift aid status, then please speak with either Fr Tony or Paul. If you currently do not use the gift aid envelope scheme but would like to do so, this can also be arranged.

Many thanks.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Christopher Hartnett into the family of the Church. He was received into the Faith at the Vigil Mass for the second Sunday of Easter. May the gift of faith be kept burning brightly and make him a faithful follower and a witness to the Gospel.

Baptism

Sofia Ashworth was duly baptised in this church on Sunday 12th April. May the lives of her parents and godparents be examples of faith to inspire her that she may be led by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for the faithful departed and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again.

We remember especially:

Mary Agnes Jones, Stephen Joseph Greenall, Francis Eccles, Edwin Stanley Nichols, Kevin Robert Heaney, Sascha Peter Welch, Lillian Rafferty, John Holden and Michael Richard Worden.

May they have the reward of their earthly goodness in heaven.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again and for those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time.

We remember especially: Herbert Timbrell.

May they have the reward of their earthly goodness in heaven.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 12th April:

£131.00

Thank you.

Red Mission Boxes

Kindly note that the promoters at St Mary's Church will be emptying the Red Mission Boxes in the next two weeks. Many thanks.

A thought on the Gospel

The disciples on the way to Emmaus were evidently disappointed that Jesus had not fulfilled the hopes he raised in them, 'to set Israel free'. The message of the women who went to the tomb does not seem to have given them any encouragement; perhaps they cannot bring themselves to believe it, perhaps they are too afraid to believe it. After all, they might have gone like some of the others to take a look themselves. Instead, they decided just to get out of Jerusalem.

When finally, they do recognise Jesus, in the breaking of bread – the sign of a restored fellowship – they say, 'Did not our hearts burn within us?', as if they too should have been smitten to the heart. They should have repented of their own unbelief as the Scriptures were opened to them. They should have recognised the man that walked with them on the way.

Repentance in all these cases goes hand in hand with faith. As we let go sin from our clutches, we open our hands in prayer to the Father; as we turn our thoughts from the dejection and disappointment of this world, they light on the Crucified Lord. And repentance, like faith, is, in the first place, a movement of the mind. The Greek word for repentance means changing your mind about something: *metanoein* means 'mind-change' just like *metamorphosis* means 'shape-change'. Once we have changed our mind, we will change how we act. This is why, as the Romans advised the Corinthians, repentance must assume a definite form. It's not just a matter of giving something up or stopping something bad. We have to ask, what shall we do instead?

Christ died, and he has been raised. The disciples first, and after them the crowds repented, and they received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The 'useless way of life your ancestors handed down', St Peter says, is replaced by 'faith and hope in God'. Repenting, for us, means rethinking the world with the measure of Christ's love. 'Greater love has no man than this, that he should die for his friends', yet this is the love that died for us while we were still enemies. It is the love that forgives us at entirely its own cost.