

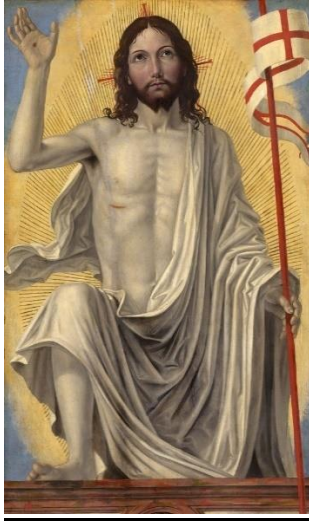


# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



### **Allowing the Resurrection of Jesus to Strengthen Our Faith.**

*They did not yet understand the Scripture that  
he had to rise from the dead.*

What a humble statement! Here is John, the beloved apostle, admitting that he hadn't yet grasped the truth that Jesus would rise from the dead. And not only John, but Peter and the other apostles doubted that possibility. Even Mary Magdalene, who saw the empty tomb, supposed that someone had stolen Jesus' body. Now, Jesus had told his apostles that this would happen. They saw him raise other people from death. They trusted him. They even confessed him as the Son of God. But as you might imagine, the idea of a resurrection is not the easiest thing to believe! All that changed, however, when they found themselves face-to-face with the risen Lord. Actually seeing Jesus alive convinced them. It filled them with faith and gave them the boldness they needed to build the church. So here we are celebrating Easter two thousand years later. Unlike the apostles, most of us have not seen Jesus. We have to trust in him based on the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, the proclamation of the church, and the teachings that we find in Scripture. But we do have one thing that the apostles didn't have: the witness of their lives! We have the stories of how fully they devoted themselves to Jesus. We have the accounts of their sacrifices for the church, the persecutions they endured, and even the martyrdom that many of

them suffered. Would they really go through all of this just to keep a "myth" alive? Not likely! Today, as we celebrate Easter, let's listen to the witness of the apostles. They met Jesus, and they found new boldness and courage to believe. Surely, if it happened for them, it can happen for us! "All praise to you, Lord Jesus, for your resurrection! Help me to believe in you more each day."

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday 7th April Holy Hour and confessions at 3pm**

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, was extended to the entire Catholic Church by St. John Paul II in 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. There will be a holy hour in honour of divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 8th April at 3pm. There is a novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. **Priests will be available to hear confessions during holy hour.**

### **You are the Resurrection**



How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back  
You suffered death but conquered it  
You laid in the tomb but on the third day  
You rose again.  
O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned  
You are the resurrection, our hope and our life  
O glorious and victorious Redeemer  
Help us not to be afraid of death,  
For we must pass through it to see you face to  
face And on the last day we will rise again  
For you said so Let us rejoice and praise you  
Our Blessed and triumphant Lord On this happy,  
joyful feast. Amen. [Diana Ng-Sutherland/CAFOD](#)

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**RC HOSPITAL**

**CHAPLAIN:** John O' Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

**FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES**

**CONTACT:** Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

**CHURCH HALL HIRE:** Please contact parish office 01462 893127

**BAPTISM**

**PREPARATION:** For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

**RCIA COURSE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more, please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478

The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

**NEWSLETTER**

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address ([baldock@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:baldock@rcdow.org.uk)) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you.

**Baldock Catholic Scout Group**

For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. Contact: [enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk)

**Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy [Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) [Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP -**

Our next meeting will be on 13 April at 8.30am in the Parish Room. We are currently following a short series of very informative YouTube talks by Bishop Robert Barron on the Mass. We finish promptly at 10.30am.

**CALLING FOR HELP**

Spring is here and the small but perfectly formed Gardening Group needs more help with keeping our church grounds neat and tidy. Just an hour or two a month would make all the difference. Contact Charlie on 07941 327050 if you would like to help in any way.

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

is having an evening of celebration for the North Herts District, we will be honoured to have the Stevenage Mayor, Myla Arceno joining us. This is an opportunity to hear more about the valuable outreach work of the SVP. You are warmly invited to join us at St Joseph's Church Hall, Stevenage SG1 1NJ on **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm.** Please

contact Rachel Spartan on 07941 965675 for more information on the SVP in our area.

**PLANNED GIVING**

**ENVELOPE BOXES**

For anyone using the planned giving envelopes, a new set is available for the new financial year. They are on the table at the back of the church, labelled by name and envelope number. Please collect your set from there. Also, if you have signed up for Gift Aid but your

tax circumstances have since changed, please let us know by sending an email to the [Baldock@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:baldock@rcdow.org.uk) address, which you will find on the newsletter.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Peter Robinson, Mary Callaghan and Barry Evans, Catherine the Princess of Wales and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Sylvia Kelly; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Agnes Wilson; Marguerite Wilson; John Campbell; Doris Bartram; Sean Duggan; Vera Holmes-Walker; Francesca Walsh; Geoff Rota; Brian Sutton; Fr Robert Holmes Walker; and Theresa Mahoney.

**MISSIO RED BOX SCHEME**

Please could Red Box Holders bring in your Red Boxes for counting. Many thanks.

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Hannah Brown John RIP
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Michael Kennelly RIP
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.** For more information, please go to the Parish website. The Wednesday Word is available via: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

**THANKSGIVING** - Easter is a time of thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of the resurrection. It is also an opportunity to thank all those parishioners who do so much to support the work of our Church, those people who clean and maintain the building and grounds, the musicians and choir, the organists, the admin team, the newsletter team, the Bidding prayers team. The Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Catechists, social and fundraising, flower arranging, readers and any of those generous people we haven't mentioned.