



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



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 5th April 2026



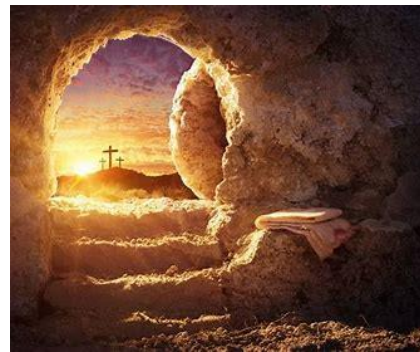
Allowing the Resurrection of Jesus to Strengthen Our Faith.

*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."



*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who
believes in me will live, even though they die."*

John 11:25

Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, in your rising from the dead, you have conquered sin and brought eternal life to the world. Help us to live as Easter people—full of joy, hope, and courage.

May your victory be alive in us each day, and may we be signs of your light in the world.

Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 12th April Holy Hour and Confessions at 2.45pm - 4.00pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter). There will be a holy hour in honour of Divine Mercy here in the church on the Sunday. 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.**

Congratulations

A warm welcome and congratulations to our RCIA Candidates for Baptism and Confirmation: Dan, Sharon, Emily, Leanne, Emma and Darren who were received into the Church this Easter.

Parish Mass Book Readings

Easter Vigil: p216 and Easter Sunday: p251

Baptism Course: We are holding a Baptism Course on the following Saturdays at 11am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms-the dates are as follows: 30th May, 6th June & 13th June. If you are thinking of having your child Baptised please do have a word with Fr. Denis after mass.

RCIA Course: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme consists of regular weekly meetings, starting on Wednesday 6th May at 7.30 in the Parish Rooms; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr Denis.

Planned Giving Envelopes: The Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Sunday Tea & Coffee: Help is needed to serve tea and coffee after 10.30 Mass each week. We are a small team and would like extra people on board. If you are able to offer any help please either pop in to speak to one of us after the Mass or speak to Fr. Denis.

2026 Parish Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th May - First Holy Communion Mass: 11.00am.

Sunday 31st May - Confirmation Mass: Bishop Paul McAleenan will confirm the candidates at the 10.30am Mass.

Sunday 5th July - Open Air Mass: 10.30am in the church grounds. *This is the only Mass that weekend.*

We will have some helpers to set up, for the mass in the gardens and some help with the barbeque after mass.

Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially **Fr. Philip Law, Tony Galvin, Mairead Kirk, Liz McCaul** and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially **Elizabeth (Betty) Lenthall** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Fr Robert Holmes Walker, Theresa Mahoney, Robert Grey, Josuah Corby, John Albone, Lisa Gratte, Norah O'Leary, James Harkin, Mary Piper, Margaret Delaney, Teresa Casey, Patrick Bowen, Robert Darling, Margaret Lee, Nuala Darling.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 4th	8.30pm	
Sun 5th	8.30am 10.30am	<i>Martin Gratte -RIP Victoria Vincent</i>
Mon 6th	10.00am	
Tue 7th	10.00am	
Wed 8th	10.00am	
Thu 9th	10.00am	
Fri 10th	No Mass	

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

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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