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Easter Sunday ~ 21 April and Second Sunday of Easter 28 April 2019

We Welcome...

*People of All Faiths and Cultures
Divorced or Separated Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Families with Children
Those in Loving Relationships
Those in Difficulty
Those in Difficulty
Married Couples
Single Persons
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travellers from Far and Travellers from Far and Near
Widows and Widowers
Visitors*

We Seek...

*To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

We Celebrate...

*Diversity
A spirit of hospitality
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Providing a spiritual oasis
Honouring an understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them*

PARISH DIARY – REGULAR EVENTS

Lectio Divina – Tuesdays during term time

(Email kjaubert@btinternet.com for details)

Mother's Prayers – Wednesdays in the STM Room 10am

SVP Meetings – 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm

SVP Outreach – 4th Thursday of the month 8pm

Good Friends Café - 2nd Saturday of the month 10.30am



"My song is love unknown," is one of the most beautiful hymns that we sing together during Passiontide. Its' verses recall, in the most vivid way, the story of Jesus' betrayal and death. But then we come to the final lines of the last verse. "This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend."

I don't think that it is too trite to say that over the days of Holy Week we encounter the depth of love and friendship that God has for each one of us. A love and friendship which shows itself through endurance, pain and sacrifice. But also a love which will not be bound even by the greatest enemy - death.

On Easter Sunday, the whole world sings the praises of God. From Rome to Rotherham, from Washington to Wensleydale, from Constantinople to Cardiff, indeed all over our beautiful planet, the message is the same. Christ is risen, life and hope are ours.

So on Easter day which feels so fresh and vibrant, when the church looks beautiful and when we gather to sing God's praise for all he has done for us, let us put aside, if just for a moment, the anxieties, worries and pressures which are part of our daily life. Let's raise our eyes to heaven and not be afraid to sing with joy the Alleluias which speak of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation. Even in Paris, which has suffered so much in recent days, and where the embers still burn in Notre Dame, there will be hope. Hope because of Jesus, who continues to live in the heart of that great Cathedral.

It is resurrection hope, the promise of life and freedom that stands at the heart of the Christian gospel. The God of compassion who makes himself known through Jesus of Nazareth, beckons each one of us to step forward in love and to open our hearts. God wants us to receive the gift of his dynamic presence through which we can face any challenge, knowing that ultimately, 'all will be well.'

Celebrating Easter is always a great privilege for a priest. Being able to recall the mysteries of Holy Week in such a vivid way certainly enlivens my faith. But there is always a host of practical work to be done. So I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to ensure that our liturgies could be celebrated with reverence and wonder.

May God bless you and all your families this Easter, and may you be assured of the love and friendship that God has for you.

Christus Resurrexit Vere ~ Alleluia!

Fr Shaun

Easter Sunday

Holy Saturday 20th April (Pg 223)

09.30am Morning Prayer

8pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 21st April (Pg 258)

Mass at 10am and 11.30am

There is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Mon 22 Apr **10.30** People of the Parish
Easter Octave (at St Mary's)
Tues 23 Apr **12.00** Pierre Monvoisin RIP Anniv.
Easter Octave
Weds 24 Apr *Church open for private prayer*
Easter Octave
Thurs 25 Apr **12.00** Michael Hawksley RIP
Easter Octave
Fri 26 Apr **12.00** Andrew Wheeler - birthday
Easter Octave

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Pg.262 Acts 5: 12-16; Ap 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31

Sat 27 Apr **18.30** Private intention
Sun 28 Apr **10.00** Monica Day RIP
11.30 Mr & Mrs Keane and family
18.30 Violet Stokes RIP
Mon 29 Apr **10.30** Ruby's intentions
St Catherine of Siena (at the Royal Hospital)
Tues 30 Apr **12.00** Thanks giving - Maria
St George, Patron of England
Weds 1 May *Church open for private prayer*
Easter Feria
Thurs 2 May **12.00** Peter Hall RIP
St Athanasius
Fri 3 May **12.00** Thanks giving - Ruby
Ss Philip & James

Third Sunday of Easter

Pg.265 Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Ap 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

Sat 4 May **18.30** Michael Hawksley RIP
Sun 5 May **10.00** John Corbally RIP Anniv.
11.30 Rosa Rodrigues
18.30 Virgie Molina RIP

We pray for the sick of our Parish, those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Supporting Our Priest: Attached to the newsletter is an Easter Offering Envelope. At Christmas and Easter we take up a collection to support the ministry of the Parish Priest. Your offering gives Fr Shaun his income and he would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity at this time.

First Holy Communion Flowers: If you can come along to help our flower team volunteers to prepare the church for our First Holy Communion Ceremonies please contact the office and your details will be passed on to Maria Puleio who will liaise with you concerning timings and what is required. Thank you.

Fundraising Event - 1863 Club Support Group: Andrew Bernardi and the Stradivarius Trio will perform a concert in the church on the evening of Friday 10 May, to raise money to encourage state school boys to take part in competitive rowing on the Thames. Please take a flyer or follow the link below to book your ticket. Admission is free for under 18s.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/andrew-bernardi-the-stradivarius-piano-trio-tickets-52973720825>

Catechetical programmes: Teenage Confirmation resumes at 11am on Saturday 11 May in the St John Southworth Drama Studio. First Holy Communion rehearsals are on Friday 10 May - Group 1 at 4.30pm and Group 2 at 5.30pm.

Volunteering Opportunity - Caritas Reps:

Are you interested in social outreach? Caritas Westminster, the Diocesan social action agency, is looking for Caritas Representatives to help record local poverty and social exclusion projects across different areas of the Diocese. They would also work closely with the Caritas development workers to help respond to those in need in the local area. If you are interested, please contact Caritas Westminster at caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest.

Bank Holiday Monday 22 April: Please note that on Monday Mass will be celebrated in the church at 10.30am and not at the Royal Hospital.

SVP Outreach: St Mary's SVP Group will meet in the Rectory on Thursday 25 April before going out to the homeless in the Parish and surrounding area at about 7.30pm. If you would like to assist them in their ministry please send your name, telephone number and email address to the Parish Office. Your details will be forwarded to Morgan Lye who will get in touch with you.

Ruby Laurent: Some of you will know by now that after eight years dedicated service our Parish Administrator, Ruby, will be leaving us for pastures new. We thank her for all that she has done whilst she has been at St Mary's and we wish her well for the future.

Ruby's job is being re-structured and we hope to appoint a person who will take on a combined role of Administrator and Catechist from September. In the meantime we are very thankful to Mrs Teresa Arrigo who will offer part time administrative support just to keep things ticking over. Teresa will begin her time with us in early May and she will depart in late July. The Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 09.30-13.30. We would ask for your patience and forbearance in this time of transition.

The Children's Liturgy dates are:

28/04/2019
05/05/2019
12/05/2019
19/05/2019

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