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Week of the Psalter 1

4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY year B

We all remember the letter of Francis Evangelii Gaudium where the Pope laments on “Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.” What is the joy of the resurrection? Why should we be joyful in Eastertide, besides the springtime and the possible end of the pandemic?

Each Easter, the song of the Exsultet that we sing at the beginning of the Vigil mass gives me the same impression. I experience both a difficulty to understand, and the certainty that “this is it, here is the key of the joy of the resurrection,” every time I hear these words in the liturgy:

“Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!”

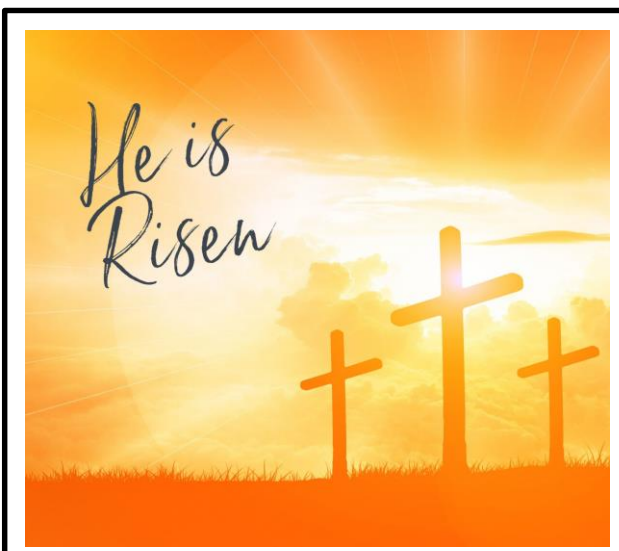
Christian theology says that if mankind had not been sinful, there still would have been the Incarnation of the Son, in order to fulfil God’s design to dwell in the midst his creatures and make them participants of his divine glory. But the truth is that we have sinned. Because of our sin, the coming of Jesus was not only an extraordinary gift of God coming to us, but it was also an incredible proof of the immensity of God’s love for us.

As Paul states:

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ... For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:32-38)

This is the mystery we celebrate at Easter, and this is the source of our joy. Because of the cross, because of the resurrection, we know that our sin becomes the place where God can manifest his glory. For this reason, we are not afraid to say “happy fault that earned so great a Redeemer!”

Fr Jean-Sébastien Laurent



BIBLE STUDY FOR EASTERTIDE

A new Bible study series based on the readings for Sunday Mass will begin April 22 and continue for 5 weeks until Pentecost - i.e. Thursday evenings, until May 20 at 8 pm. Meetings will be on Zoom so you can participate from your own home. The series will be led by Deacon Ted Wood. To register and receive a Zoom link for meetings, please contact the parish office leaving your e-mail address.



BAPTISM

Jess-Rae will be baptised on Monday 5th April at 11.00am Mass. We are delighted to welcome her into the family of God.



FUNERAL

ANN MCGINN
Wednesday 7th April at 2.00pm
Please pray for her soul



BT CLUB BITE SIZE

Dear Parishioners there is still time to register for the Zoom “**Oldies but Goodies**” **Sing a Long** with **Jo Collins** on **Sunday 11th April at 3pm**. All welcome! Please contact the parish office cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk and you will be sent a link. Please send in your requests as well! Looking forward to seeing you there.



PRAYER GROUP ZOOM

We continue on Zoom while it is difficult to worship and lay hands on people in healing prayer. The speaker at **2.30 pm on Saturday 3rd April** will be Peter Kraushar, one of our members. A highlight will be the following Saturday when we have the young actress, Charis King, acting The Resurrection. **NOT TO BE MISSED!** We will always remember how she acted The Nativity on Zoom last Christmas! A link from peterkrau@aol.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Boxes of PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for 2021 - 2022 will be available for collection in the entrance hall at all Masses this weekend. If you would like to sign-up for Planned Giving and make your offering using the Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes or Monthly Standing Order, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish office. Thank you.



WISDOM FROM THE DESERT

Audrey Hamilton – 17th April 9.30am – 1pm

Join us for a morning ‘in the wilderness’ as we explore what the wisdom of desert spirituality can say to us in our current situation. We shall draw on the treasures of some of the Desert Fathers and Mothers and learn how a rhythm of silence and prayer can be woven into our daily lives. Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAsceGupzooGN2nwEt8hCF9NhOU4PJWv8v8>

OPENING OF THE CHURCH TIMETABLE

Mass at 11am (except Tuesday)

Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2pm

Saturday – 10.30am – 1pm **5.30pm Mass**

Sunday – **9am Mass & 11am Mass**
Confession & Adoration 6-7pm



- Please wear a face mask, this should cover your mouth and nose.
- For communion, there will be only one line. Then people will separate for the two communion stations at the front. Keeping a safe distance.
- In order to lessen the congestion at the exits, people should start to leave the church during the closing song after the priests have left.
- Please do not mingle inside or outside the church.
- Library will be locked for the time being.
- Please don't attend church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

CAFOD - WORKSHOP ONLINE EVENT SATURDAY 10 APRIL from 11am to 12.30pm.

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. **Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - 11th April

Please see the link below :


<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cockfosters/events/divine-mercy-novena/>

The Novena prayer is available from the parish office.

NO ADORATION

There will be no Adoration from 1st – 9th April.

NET FOR GOD PRAYER GROUP will return on Tuesday 13th April.

Sunday 4 April 	EASTER SUNDAY year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 10:34. 37-43. Ps. 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. Col. 3:1-4. Jn. 20:1-9.	Thursday 8 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 3:11-26. Ps. 8:2. 5-9. Lk. 24:35-48.
Monday 5 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 2:14. 22-33. Ps. 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. Mt. 28:8-15.	Friday 9 April	FRIDAY within the Octave of Easter Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117:1-2. 4. 22-27. Jn. 21:1-14.
Tuesday 6 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter NO MASS Readings: Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. Jn. 20:11-18.	Saturday 10 April	EASTER SATURDAY Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Acts 4:13-21. Ps. 117:1. 14-21. Mk.16:9-15.
Wednesday 7 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 3:1-10. Ps. 104:1-4. 6-9. Lk. 24:13-35.	Sunday 11 April	SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 4:32-35. Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. 1 Jn. 5:1-6. Jn. 20:19-31.