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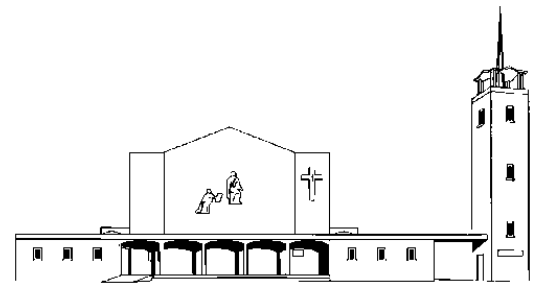
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EASTER SUNDAY

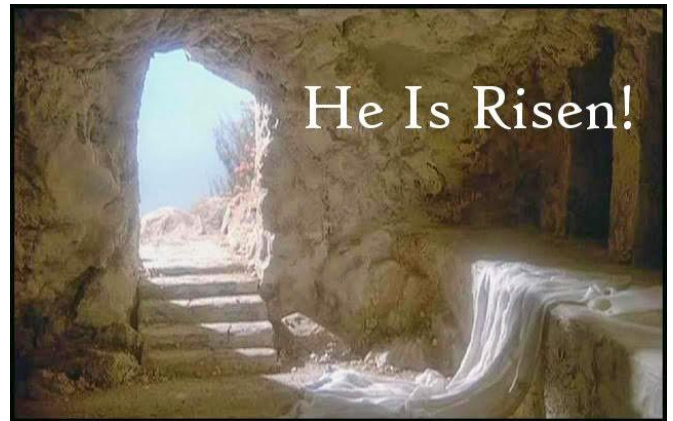
17TH APRIL 2022

Gospel: *John 20: 1-9*

He must rise from the dead.

Our words cannot effectively describe the Resurrection. A common analogy is of the sunrise, but this is wholly inadequate considering that what we are talking about has no sunset. So how do the witnesses describe it. They describe not the actual moment itself but the event in terms of its effects on them... of encountering the stone rolled away, the empty tomb, the angelic visitors and the Risen Lord. This is because they were not present at the actual moment and also because for them unsurprisingly the most important

thing was that the Lord whom they loved and seen die was now alive. The Resurrection is all about Jesus, who publicly declared himself, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Given that Jesus made that statement before he went to his death, does that mean that we can believe in Jesus and forget about the actual resurrection? Certainly not for the nature of Jesus' risen body is all important. He was raised a spiritual body and not just spiritually, and the wounds that he carried are seen upon his body. The Resurrection then points to the Cross and validates his saving work upon it and fulfilled the prophecies about him. The Resurrection had to take place because it reveals Jesus' true identity. From eternity he is the Resurrection and the Life, but there came a time in history when these divine credentials were most manifest in his actual human death and resurrection. It was God's eternal plan that his Son who willingly went to his death for us and was buried for us, would three days later rise from the dead. In a similar way the Book of Revelations describes Jesus as the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world, regardless of when he was crucified. It's all about God' essential nature which Jesus has revealed as greater than death and the grave. Because of this, and because we are made in the image of this essential nature, God's plan for human beings is life not death. This is why no human death is the final statement. Indeed, all will be raised from the dead though not all to eternal life. What then determines the nature of our resurrection life and where we shall spend eternity? Jesus' response to Martha's statement that she believed in the resurrection on the last day was to ask her whether she believed in Him as the dispenser of life NOW.... '*whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?*' The response to this question for all of us could not be more important. How about this Easter smashing a few eggs of unbelief. **Christ has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!**



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

MARIA RANDAZZO of Kingsfield, died recently aged 88. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 25th April at 11.30am.**

May she rest in peace.

EXPOSITION will only take place on Monday & Friday evening at 8pm.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a 'Come & See' Morning on **Saturday 23rd April, 10am - 12noon** at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster SW1P 1QN. For further information see <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 15th May at 5pm.** More details to follow in due course.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be running a Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing on **the 1st & 29th May & 12th & 26th June.** Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be from **22nd-29th July.** It is a requirement that pilgrims who wish to travel must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. There are limited spaces this year and booking forms from Tangney Tours can be found by the newsletters.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 24th September.** More details to follow in due course.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

PLANNED GIVING: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are available from the back of the church from this weekend. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms will be available beside the boxes. Gift Aid forms will also be available. **If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.**

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with accounting experience. It would involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some remuneration. Training and support would be available. To receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Maria Randazzo & Julia Parker and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antony Willis, Mary Perllman, John Dempsey, Eileen Willing, Giuseppe Conti, Joan Molloy, Maura Hudson and Concetta Lercara. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If

you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 25th April at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents and candidates will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023: The register for parents to sign has now begun and is on the blue board at the back of church.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 14th May at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL currently have places in Reception, Year 4 & 5 classes. If you are interested, please contact the school on 467309 or email admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL There is limited availability for 30-hour Nursery places and, some places available in our afternoon Nursery session. Please contact the School Office for more information on 01992 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE

CAFOD: Can we stop UK companies causing harm around the world? So far this year, over 500 MPs have been contacted by nearly 2,000 CAFOD supporters to call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. Right now, workers are being exploited, rivers are being polluted and communities are being forced from their lands around the world because of activities in the supply chains of UK companies. But those companies aren't held responsible. We need a new law so that companies are held to account for their failure to prevent human rights and environmental abuses - and so that communities can take companies to court. With every email or letter to an MP, the case for a new Act gets stronger. If you haven't already, please email your MP at cafod.org.uk/newlaw.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CATHOLIC LISTENERS: A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month.

Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com We are here to listen 0800 448 0704.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is now free for a digital 4-week trial. You can order by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

taken from the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever.
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you.
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave You gave away your Son.
O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 16th April HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 10-11am Confessions 7.00pm Italian Easter Vigil* 9pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's int's</p> <p>Sun 17th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Muriel Irechukwu</i></p>	<p>Page 258 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p>Ps 117— <i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1-9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-6 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20: 19-31</p>
<p>Mon 18th April MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>John & Johanna Doyle RIP</i> 8pm Exposition</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>Tues 19th April TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Esther Carr</i> NO Exposition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>
<p>Wed 20th April WED WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen Murphy RIP - followed by coffee in the crypt</i> NO Exposition</p>	<p>Tues 19th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>
<p>Thurs 21st April THURS WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i> NO Exposition</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. MOVING HOME? Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. PARROCCHIANI: <i>Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.</i></p>
<p>Fri 22nd April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Tony & Marie McPeake</i> 8pm Exposition</p>	
<p>Sat 23rd April SAT WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Margery Davies</i></p>	
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>Giovannina & Antonio Minichiello RIP & Laura Cacciatore RIP</i></p>	
<p>Sun 24th April DIVINE MERCY 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella RIP</i></p>	