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Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy (C) 24th April 2022

Today's Readings

Acts 5:12-16 Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.

Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19 John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

John 20:19-31 The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

Mass This Week

Saturday 23rd 6:30pm

Sunday 24th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 26th 7:30pm

Wednesday 27th 9:15am

Thursday 28th 9:15am

Friday 29th 9:15am

St George

Easter Feria

Easter Feria

St Catherine of Siena

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Joan Williams (anniversary)

Patrick Quigley (RIP)

For The Church & People of England

For Europe

For Peace

Fina Tamburello (20 year anniv)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Thank YOU Thank you so much to those who contributed to make Holy Week so special this year. After a couple of low key years it was very good to be back to something like normal and to celebrate the extraordinary love of God for us and our new life in the risen Jesus.

Missio Red Boxes It is time for red box holders to empty their box. Envelopes are available in the Sacristy and at the back of church. Please take one, empty your box and return to the Sacristy. Thank you for your continued support and prayer

CWL Easter Raffle Many thanks for all your support for our Easter raffle. A total of £159 was made on the sale of raffle tickets, Easter chicks and rabbits, which will all go to charitable causes. All winners have now been notified.

Coffee Morning The CWL will be serving refreshments after the Sunday morning Masses **this weekend** in the Parish Hall. There will also be a gift stall and cake stall. Please come and support us

Churches Together in Royston and District – Ukrainian Refugee Support- April 2022

The Working Group has met by Zoom to discuss how practically the churches can demonstrate the love of Jesus in the current terrible situation in Ukraine. We felt that these are the things we can do, but only with your support.

We have contacts with a church in Poland and one in Romania. They are trying to place refugees with families in Europe and are willing to provide details of refugees wishing to come to the UK.

If you or someone you know wants to host a refugee family, please get in touch and we will see if an appropriate link can be made.

There are also government supported websites for making links. Families hosting through these websites will also be supported by the planned support network.

We appreciate that the visa system is very difficult and frustrating, but we hope that it will improve. We will try to provide help in negotiating the visa application system.

When Ukrainian families arrive, (there is already one in Buntingford), it would be good to have in place a register of people willing to offer their time and talents, in support of both hosts and refugees.

This is something that we can all be involved in, with the talents that God has given us. This support will include provision of material goods, befriending, spiritual support, help with language skills, form filling and support with access to schools, health service, benefits etc.

There will be a great variety of needs and therefore opportunities for all to contribute. Please get in touch to register your willingness to be involved. No one will be asked to do anything that they are uncomfortable with. Please do pray about how God is calling you to be involved and please continue to pray for the whole situation.

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If I am not able to reply when you ring, please leave a message.

On behalf of *Churches Together in Royston and District Ukrainian Refugee Support*

Easter

Gerard Manley Hopkins

remains one of my (Fr Philip's) favourite poets.

I love the exuberance of his writing, especially in this Easter poem.

After all the difficulties we have seen let us exuberantly rejoice in the new spring of God's love which revivifies us each Easter.

There are seasons to mourn, seasons to lament, seasons of penance and seasons of hard work.

Let our Easter be a season of joy and hope and celebration.

Break the box and shed the nard;
Stop not now to count the cost;
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;
Reck not what the poor have lost;
Upon Christ throw all away:
Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build His church and deck His shrine,
Empty though it be on earth;
Ye have kept your choicest wine—
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;
Take a lesson from the ground;
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes
And a Spring-time joy have found;
Earth throws Winter's robes away,
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.