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Mass this Sunday: Easter Sunday (B) 31st March 2024

Today's Readings

Acts 10:34.37-43 God does not have favourites: the resurrection is for everyone.

Colossians 3:1-4 Now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

John 20:1-9 Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

Mass This Week

Holy Saturday

Saturday 30th

8:00pm (GMT) Easter Vigil

Intention

Candidates for the Sacraments

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31st

6:30am Sunrise Service, East End of St John's Church

9:00am (BST) Mass of Easter Day Hannah Brownjohn (anniversary)

10:30am Mass of Easter Day For Our Parishioners

Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Hannah Brownjohn (RIP)

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

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Missio Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Missio* Red Boxes. Please pick up an envelope and return it as soon as possible to the sacristy. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th to 26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage is now open <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend the Mass, please give the following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). ***This information is required by 10th April at the latest.***

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for April

For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Easter Offering If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes for your Easter Offering. Thank you.

Lay Ministries For those who carry out lay ministries during Mass (sacristans, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion etc) please be reminded that there is a WhatsApp group available, to make it easier to find a replacement if you become unavailable. If you would like to be added to this group (which covers all three weekend Masses) please contact anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School currently have vacancies for Foundation and Community School Governors.

Their current team of Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational, and form a Governing Body which sees its purpose as one of service to the School community and the wider community.

Remember that the gift you bring is of YOURSELF. This will entail life skills and experience, qualification and business skills, no prior experience of working in education is required.

If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact the clerk to the governors:- Lesley Radcliffe by email on radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk



Today and throughout this entire week the paschal joy of Jesus' Resurrection, the incredible event which we commemorated yesterday, continues in the liturgy and also in life. During the Easter Vigil the words spoken by the Angels beside Jesus' empty tomb resonate. They asked the women who had gone to the sepulchre at the dawn of the first day after the Sabbath: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Lk 24:5-6). Christ's Resurrection is the most unsettling event in the history of mankind, which attests the victory of God's love over sin and over death, and gives a rock solid foundation to our life's hope. What was humanly unthinkable has happened: "Jesus of Nazareth ... God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death" (Acts 2:22-24).

With the ancient liturgical Easter Sequence, in these days we repeat: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". And in Him, we too have risen, passing from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love. Thus, let us allow ourselves to be touched by the consoling message of Easter and embraced by its glorious light, which dispels the darkness of fear and sorrow. The Risen Jesus walks beside us. He reveals himself to those who invoke him and love him. First in prayer, but also in the simple joys lived with faith and gratitude. We can also feel him present in moments of sharing warmth, welcome, friendship, and the contemplation of nature. May this day of celebration, in which it is customary to enjoy some leisure and gratuitousness, help us to experience Jesus' presence.

Pope Francis Angelus Easter Monday, 22 April 2019