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**CANON JEREMY WRITES:** Easter is about Jesus risen from the dead.  Every one of us is invited to share in His death and resurrection by dying to ourselves so that we can live in Christ Jesus and so live His way which is doing the Father’s Will.  His followers did not believe at first that He was raised from the dead.  Instead, they had fled from the whole situation and only after a few brave women began to visit the tomb did the word go out:  He is not there!  He is risen! We are invited in this time of Easter to deepen our faith in the risen Christ by renewing again the promises of our Baptism:  to die to self and to live in the Lord.  Words are easy and actions can be costly.  Once we actually understand and believe, however, that Christ is truly risen, then our lives can change.  Only by grace can we believe and proclaim that God Incarnated and died for us (for our sins) and invites us to share in His divine life.  No one else can promise to be with us always. We can ask ourselves:  Can I truly preach forgiveness of sins?  Do I really trust that my own sins are forgiven?  Do I believe in my heart that Christ died and then was raised to life and because of this, our whole world was changed forever? Our answer to these questions needs to be “yes”, not just a lukewarm “yes” but a whole hearted “yes” if we are to truly follow Him and be his disciple.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day when we pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. There will be a second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund which benefits the parishes and the Diocese of Westminster by providing us with new priests.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**: on Sunday 28 April twelve children will make their First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass. Please pray for Mary, Niamh, Mary Kate, Freya, Bakita, Kimoni, Bilen, Afriyie, Asey, Samuel, Tommy and Charlie as they prepare for this great day in their Christian journey.

 **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**: If you are a member of Planned Giving your new envelopes are available to collect after Mass today. If you’re not currently a member but would like a set of envelopes, please ask.

**FCJ SPIRITUALITY CENTRE**: On Thursday 18 and 25 April at 7.15pm, there will be two evenings on Scripture with Sister Ellen FCJ. The topic is ‘Rejoicing in the Resurrection Accounts’. The Drop-in afternoon (2.30-4.00pm) for older adults is on 24 April. You do not have to book to attend these events but it would be helpful if you can let us know by phoning 07710 969915 or by emailing: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk  or you can put a note in the letter box at the Convent. Or just come along. The monthly evening retreat on Zoom is on Friday 19 April. The title is ‘The Apostles gradual journey to profound belief in the Resurrection’. We will reflect on the different ways that Mary Magdalen and Peter become convinced that Jesus is truly risen and how this changes Peter's life in particular. To attend this Zoom retreat, please send an email to fcjcentrelondon@gmail.com We will send you the Zoom link on Thursday 18th April.

**Sunday 14 April 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***Mass Times & Intentions***

**Sunday 14 April 2024**

**6.00pm (Sat)**

Gretta Henry RIP

**10.30am**

Kwame Asubonteng Thanksgiving

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

***Weekdays***

**Monday 15 April 9.30am**

For Vocations

**Tuesday 16 April 9.30am**

Sr Mary Holmes intention

**Wednesday 17 April**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday 18 April 9.30am**

In Thanksgiving

**Friday 19 April 9.30am**

Holy Souls

**This week the Votive Lamp in the Lady Chapel is in prayer for:** Holy Souls

**This week the Sanctuary Lamp by the Blessed Sacrament is in prayer for:**

Holy Souls

**Confessions:**

Saturday 5.30pm (or by appointment)

**Collections Last Week**

Envelopes £ 260.90

Loose £ 222.48

Total £ 483.38

*Thank you*

**Please Pray for:**

Those who are sick. Martin Vasek, Gerry Aquino, Ewa Celejowska.

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time: David Deehan, Susan Thompson, Anne Doyle, Karen Moorehouse McKay, Charles Gillespie, Rolinda Sunio, Francia Mederick, Carol Reilly, Eric Sjolin, Faustino Balallo, Etelka De Souza Goncalves, Elizabeth Griffin, Patrick O’Day, Margery Murphy, Susan Coleman.

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