

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance antiphon Cf. Psalm 138:18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial psalm: 117

R./ *This day was made by the Lord; - we rejoice and are glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end." R./

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R./

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R./

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed and he is your life you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises. A lamb the sheep redeemed: Christ, who alone is sinless, reconciled sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the Prince of life who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw wayfaring: "The tomb of Christ who is living, the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is risen: to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining: Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning. Amen. Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed for us; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Renewal of baptismal promises

Cel: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. Also, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Cel: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? **All:** I do.

Cel: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? **All:** I do.

Cel: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? **All:** I do.

Cel: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **All:** I do.

Cel: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **All:** I do.

Cel: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? **All:** I do.

Cel: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **All:** Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously born and renourished.

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion prayer

Lord upon your Church, O God, with unailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 17th April 2022

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle Readings Year C

Weekday Readings Octave of Easter

Divine Office Octave of Easter

For children, download a weekly sheet: <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

THIS WEEK

Sun 17 April
8.00pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY
Kevin Dowd RIP
John & Catherine Calnan RIP
Kay Leathers RIP
Betty Treacy RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 18 April
9.30am

Easter Monday
Special intention

Tues 19 April
9.30am

Easter Tuesday
Deceased Members of the Hogan Family

Weds 20 April
9.30am

Easter Wednesday
Leo & Olga Barco RIP

Thurs 21 April
9.30am

Easter Thursday
John & Catherine Calnan RIP

Fri 22 April
9.30am
11.00am

Easter Friday
Dorothy 7 Family Intentions
FUNERAL MASS
Noel Samuel Laybourne RIP

Sat 23 April
9.30am

Easter Saturday
Kay Leathers RIP

Sun 24 April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Low Sunday & Divine Mercy Sunday
Special Intention
Kevin Dowd RIP
Peter De Souza RIP
Neil Cummins RIP (1st Anniv)
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

TODAY'S MASS



Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). Our Easter faith is based on the disciples witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song."

Pope Saint John Paul II

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Bridget Gonzales, Noel Samuel Laybourne, Kathleen O'Brien.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *John Calnan, Thamas Maguire (38th anniv.)*

SANCTUARY LAMP

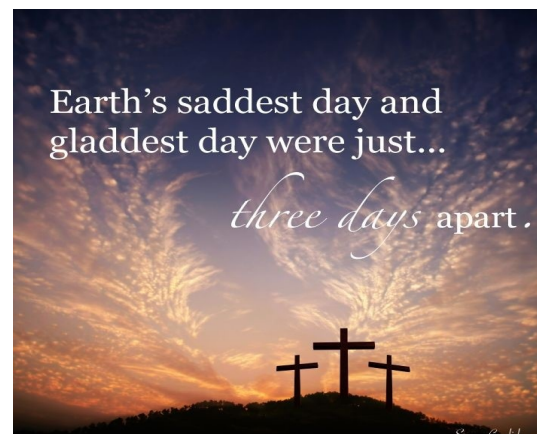
Intentions of Kathryn Deveza

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Thanksgiving

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death it is a "proof" of his divinity.

Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.

The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One.

The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciple who loves Jesus is one who sees – and believes with all his or her heart in a Risen Lord. Let us this Easter join them in faith and praise of our Risen Lord.



NEWS UPDATE

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

POSTERS for HOLY WEEK (Thanks to the Knights of St Columba) are available today. Remember to turn up the bottom part which says 'He is risen' and bring it down on Sunday.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER—Thank you to all who have contributed so generously and to all those who have spent huge energy and time arranging them and making our church look beautiful.

THIS SUNDAY – there will be an Easter egg hunt for all the children after the 9.45am Mass.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12. Please try to

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - On Tuesday 26th April at 7pm there will be a brief **Practicalities Session in the Hall**, for Parents/Carers ONLY, to run through some of the practicalities relating to the children's First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded of the need to arrange **childcare well in advance of this session**. Parents/Carers are encouraged to continue practice receiving communion at home with their children during the Easter break whilst being reminded of the importance of **attending Mass each week** as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

CONFIRMATION - A huge 'thank you' to our Confirmation Candidates and all those who helped them raise **over £2000 for Mary's Meals** through their Sponsored Walk. Candidates are reminded of their commitment to attend at least one of the **Easter Triduum Liturgies** & the importance of continuing to attend Holy Mass each week. At the next Confirmation Session, on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be reflecting on **Receiving God's Mercy** as they prepare, anew, to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive promptly for the start of each session.

CALLING NEW READERS - Might you consider reading at one of the **Sunday Masses**? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping with our **First Holy Communion Programme**?

This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

ST LUKE'S COLOUR RUN at Kenton Recreation Ground on Saturday 23/4/22 at 11am. Book now at www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun or telephone 020 8382 8000.

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend. As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time
- If you think you should have a box this year and your box is missing.
- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order.
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
- You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax. It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform the parish office **if they are no longer paying tax**

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing

to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - Regular meetings have now resumed and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th April 2022 at 8pm in the parish centre.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES thank you to all who have returned these. If you have not done so please try and bring it ASAP so we can count what we've received.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm, with a banner procession from 2pm. A poster is enclosed, all are welcome.

WANTED: Walking aid with a seat and space for shopping for elderly gentleman. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests They are not a personal gift (nor is anything in the Easter Collection anymore) to the priest. They are however, much appreciated.

