

Sunday 9th April 2023

EASTER SUNDAY



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  
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Easter Week!

Divine Office  
EasterWeek

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 9 April</b> 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Milo Pinto RIP Martin Hession Ints. Gerard Burton RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 10 April</b> 9.30am	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> Leo & Olga Barco RIP
<b>Tues 11 April</b> 9.30am	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b> Paul Brennan & Family Ints.
<b>Weds 12 April</b> 9.30am	<b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b> Leo & Olga Barco RIP
<b>Thurs 13 April</b> 9.30am	<b>EASTER THURSDAY</b> Kaithampillai Santhapillai RIP
<b>Fri 14 April</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>EASTER FRIDAY</b> Teresa Canavan RIP <b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Owen Corcoran RIP
<b>Sat 15 April</b> 9.30am	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b> Esther Johnson RIP
<b>Sun 16 April</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Sadie Logan RIP & Willie Logan RIP John Walsh RIP Watts & Ledo Family Ints. Mary Kiernan RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## 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, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert.*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Olivia Grace Brooker*

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** *Sarah Evans & Joe Anderson*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *John 'Maxie' Issacs, Teresa Anne O'Sullivan, Owen Corcoran, Anthony Burgess*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** *Leo & Olga Barco, Gerard Burton, Xavier Coastantini,*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR April 2023

**For a culture of peace and non-violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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 disciples 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



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off or to silent

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

## HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped make our Holy Week so special and prayerful. Our servers, Readers, welcomers, stewards, cleaners, flower arrangers - just to mention a few.

**THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously last weekend to our **Easter Flowers** (You'll agree the church looks beautiful this weekend) and who gave to the **Holy Places** on Good Friday.



**EASATER EGG HUNT** for our children after the 9.45am Mass.

**BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS** today at 9.15am in the Parish Centre.

**FUNERAL MASS of Owen Corcoran** on Friday 14th April at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium.

**FUNERAL MASS of Anthony Burgess** on Wednesday 26th April at 11.45am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.  
May he rest in peace.

**THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** available from the back of the church contribute, in special way at this time. This does not go to the clergy. If you wish to give them a gift you have to do this privately in card or envelope addressed to them personally.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all throughout the church who are preparing for baptism and the Sacraments of initiation this Easter and beyond.

**COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES** - Thank you to all who have using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for the **Passage**. Thanks also to those who have returned theirs already. Please bring your filled collection boxes to Mass and we can count up what we have collected so far.

**CHILDREN 4-9 YEARS OLD** please take one of our new sheets called "LOOK" to help you understand the Gospel message of the day.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - On **Tuesday 18th April**, we will be having a **Practicalties**

**Session for the Parents/Carers** of the children making their First Holy Communion after Easter. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7pm**. If you are away for Mass during the Easter holiday, please remember to let us know by email.

**CONFIRMATION 2023** - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 17th April**, Westminster Youth Ministry will be helping us reflect on 'Receiving God's Mercy' as the Candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), once again, before their Confirmation in May. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm**. Thank you, Parents/Carers, for letting us know by email if your son/daughter is going to be away for Mass during the Easter holiday.

**THE ROWAN FAMILY** would like to thank you for all the Mass cards and condolences following their sad loss of Frank. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**OVER 60'S GROUP** now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 18th April at 1pm in the parish centre. Please note earlier date.

**CAN YOU SING?** We really need you to help with our music at the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses on Sunday. Please do think about this carefully. St Augustine reminds us that *the one who sings prays twice!* Please don't leave this important ministry to others...

**CORONATION OF KING CHARLES—A PARISH CELEBRATION.** We are planning a grand lunch and/or tea on the Sunday 6th May (the day after the coronation). So we plan to have a meeting on Friday of Easter week, **14th April at 7.00pm** in the parish Centre. Do come along and let's see what ideas we have!

**ROSARY AT HOME** If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA** next meeting Wednesday 12th April at 8pm

**SVP** next meeting Wednesday 12th April at 8pm

**ST GEORGE'S SVP** is running a Bingo Night on Saturday 22nd April in the Parish Centre. The fun will kick off at 7.30pm and all are welcome - whether you are an experienced player or you have never played before! It is £10 per person to play and there will be cash prizes for the winners. There will also be a raffle and some light refreshments. Tickets will be avail-

able on the door. Any money we raise will go towards the good work that the St Vincent De Paul Group do supporting people in need in our Parish.

**CHURCH LAMPS:** If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

**PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2023/2024 ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.** Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order and those who are using our card machine. This saves us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use planned giving envelopes for the first time
- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order (ie direct through your bank).
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You are a standard tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution - this can increase your donations by 25p in the £ at no extra cost to yourself..
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
- You have a Gift Aid in place 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.
- Please address all queries to:  
[sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk)  
or 020 8904 2552 (option 2).

**IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR A SET OF GIVING ENVELOPES THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THIS WEEKEND.**

**A VERY RESPONSIBLE** Catholic adult male is looking for accommodation. Any chance you could help? Contact Fr Jeremy for more information.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 JULY:** Bookings are not open yet, but 'Expressions of Interest' are sought from all who intend to participate in the Pilgrimage, whether as Praying Pilgrims, Clergy etc. An expression of interest can be made at the **w e b s i t e :**  
<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 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.

## Collect

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.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## 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.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23*

*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.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Paschal Sequence

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended:  
combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain,  
yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us, Mary:  
say what thou didst see  
upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen  
from the dead we know.*

*Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

## Gospel Acclamation: *1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed:  
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.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness,  
O Lord, we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *1 Cor 5: 7-8*

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

## Prayer after Communion

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