

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: *Ps 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 re-nourished.

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 unfailing 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 31st March 2024

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 B

Weekday Mass Readings
Easter 1

Divine Office
Easter 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 31 March 8.30am
EASTER SUNDAY
Teresa Isaacs RIP & Florence Ferdinand RIP
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Michael O'Connell RIP (10th)
Yvonne Fernando RIP

Mon 1 April 9.30am
EASTER MONDAY
Stanley family Ints..

Tues 2 April 9.30am
EASTER TUESDAY
Remedana Fernandes & Rosalin Fernandes (Good health)

Weds 3 April 9.30am
EASTER WEDNESDAY
Mr S. Manuepillai RIP

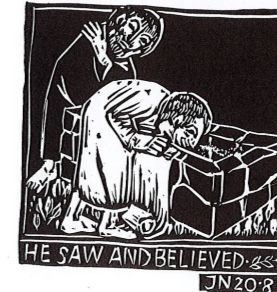
Thurs 4 April 9.30am
EASTER THURSDAY
The Holy Souls

Fri 5 April 9.30am
EASTER FRIDAY
Micky Power RIP

Sat 6 April 9.30am
EASTERSATURDAY
Jose A Fernandes & Santan Fernandes RIP

Sun 7 April 6.15pm Vigil
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
EASTER II (Low Sunday)
Anne Healy RIP
Mary & Michael Hughes RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mary Kiernan RIP
Pompeyo DeVeza RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Christ died to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him we will rise with him and our lives will be witnesses to the resurrection.

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

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.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!"
St. Francis of Assisi

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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, Aaran Thayaparan, John, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Chris Sweeney, Marjorie Hoareau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill, Dan O'Connor, Ciara I, Hugh Singarayer*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Jesse Francis Masterson*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Fr. Michael Daley*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Lionel Stonehouse (4th), Mickey Power, Anna Carbery.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

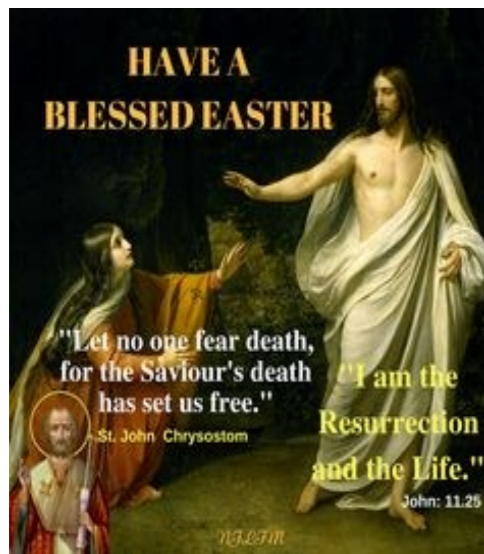
In memory of Michael O'Connell RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Gerard Mannion RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for April 2024

"that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."



The climax of the Easter gospel and the essence of its implications for us lie in the statement "he saw and believed." Coming to believe in the Risen Lord is the purpose and the point of the entire gospel: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (John 20: 30-31). John wants us to identify with the two disciples of John the Baptist who ask Jesus, "Where are you staying?" He also wants us to identify with the "beloved disciple" who runs to see where Jesus is so that we, like him, will see and come to believe.

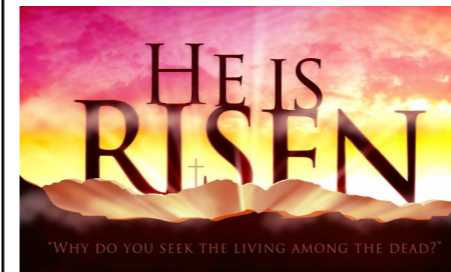
The end of John's gospel begins our encounter with the Risen Lord. The "sign" that leads the beloved disciple to believe is the cloth that had covered the head of Jesus. John is the only evangelist who mentions this cloth so we know it is significant in his narrative. The disciple upon seeing it very likely connects its meaning with the head cloth that Moses put aside when he ascended to speak face to face with God (Exodus 34: 33-35). Now the beloved disciple realizes with an intuitive leap of faith that Jesus, one greater than Moses, has ascended to be face to face with God in glory. Jesus no longer dwells in a tomb; he is alive and has gone to dwell with the Father as he had promised. In the following episodes John then relates how the community of disciples comes to believe that Jesus has also kept his promise to return to be with them through the Spirit (John 14: 3-18). It is now possible through faith to dwell where Jesus dwells, in God.

Was the head cloth that the beloved disciple saw proof that Jesus rose from the dead and had ascended to the Father in glory? Of course not. However, for him it was a sign like the other signs of the gospel that could lead to belief. A sign that leads to faith or to a deeper faith in the Risen Lord is unique for each of us: the head cloth led the beloved disciple to believe, but not Peter. For one of us, it may be hearing the gospel or homily on Easter Sunday. For another it may be the experience of seeing a spring flower or listening to Mahler's "Resurrection Symphony." What is needed on our part is unconditional commitment and openness in seeking truth: "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light..." (John 3: 21).

Each of us is called to believe and to become a beloved disciple. Each of us is called to dwell where Jesus dwells and to have life in his name. For this gift of God's love we are grateful, and in this faith we can celebrate Easter with hope and joy.



NEWS UPDATE



HAPPY EASTER to everyone!

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? It always helps us to get to know you and also your family if you register with us. We can then send you information about the parish and opportunities. Registration forms can be found at the back of Church (underneath the picture of Pope Francis).

EASTER EGG HUNT today after the 9.45am Mass.

THANK YOU to all those who made our Holy Week celebrations so special. Singers, servers, flower arrangers- (the flowers look wonderful), welcomers, cleaners, those behind the scenes who just get on with it, and of course, to all of you who came.

READERS ROTA- THANK YOU to all at this time who have been in touch with one another to make sure everything happens as many are away for the Easter period!

THE REPOSITORY has lots of Easter gifts and cards—its never too late!!

GOOD NEWS Through a gracious donation we are able to get the floor of the church sanded. It looks dark brown but that is only because it has had endless layers of polish. Its actually light wood - Pine - (the colour of the pews) so we hope this will be done in a couple of months or so but it will cause a disturbance if you come to daily Mass as they move around and so will have to we!

ALSO GOOD NEWS we have all but had (eventually) the go-ahead for our new confessional. It will ease up the children's room but give more privacy and anonymity. It will have features to sit or kneel and for the hard of hearing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 9** of **Part 2** of the FHC Programme, on **Tuesday 16th April**, the children will be reflecting in their Small Catechist Groups about how 'Jesus is the Bread of Life'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at your child's unique Catechist Small Group entry/exit point at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - We are delighted that at **Session 6**, on **Monday 22nd April**, **Bishop John Sherrington** will be joining the Confirmation Candidates to help us reflect on the 'Role of the Bishop at Confirmation'. Candidates are welcome to start drafting their **Letter to the Bishop** over the Easter holidays &

should be ready to speak to the Bishop about their **Confirmation Name**. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session in the **Parish Centre** at **7.30pm**.

CONFIRMATION SPONSORED WALK - Thank you to everyone who helped the Confirmation Candidates this year so far raise **over £1500 for Aid to the Church in Need**. If you haven't yet had the chance & still wish to give, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sponsoredwalkforaidtothechurchinneed/>.

CHILDREN READING AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS - If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are **welcome to read at the 9.45 Family Mass**. If your child might be interested in reading, or your family might like to take responsibility for the readings once a month, please contact our 9.45am Family Mass Readers Coordinator, **Roann Etan**, at roann.etan@gmail.com.

OVER 60'S GROUP: Next meeting will be after Easter on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 1pm. There will also be an exercise class that day at 1pm. ALL are welcome.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS : We are preparing to distribute boxes of envelopes for the next year to those who regularly use them to make their weekly offering to God. It will be a week late. Sorry for that but the company was extremely slow in getting them to us. Thank you to parishioners who have switched over to a standing order. This saves us printing costs.

ADVANCE WARNING: Social Dance is coming to St George's again on **Friday 26th April**. 8.00pm till late. Tickets on the door. A date for your diary.

SADLY we had a break-in to the church recently. Our insurance claim etc is going through as we get quotes for the repair of the stained glass...all takes time!

MINIBUS TO MASS - The Parish is hoping to set up a **new Minibus service** in the coming year to safely accompany vulnerable adults, living in the Parish, to Mass at St. George's. Might you consider helping as a **Driver or Escort?** Those generously offering to help will be required to complete a **DBS for Vulnerable Adults** with the Parish and a little online training supporting them in this new ministry with vulnerable adults. We are hugely grateful to **Stefan Sciclinski** who has generously offered to coordinate this new initiative. If you might consider helping, please contact **Stefan** at stefansciclinski@gmail.com.

SVP ACTIVITIES—looking ahead:

Collection of food for local food banks - Collection 27/28th April. Any cash donated would be used to buy food for our beneficiaries.

Bingo fundraiser. May 11th, after the Saturday vigil.
Bacon butty morning fundraiser. Sunday 23rd June. Dates for your diary.

REFERENCES - If you require a formal reference, for a job or voluntary work, or a passport signed from one of the Parish Team please ensure you contact them

personally **before** providing their contact details to those requesting the reference.

SUPPORTING YOU WHILST IN HOSPITAL - If you, or a loved one, are heading to hospital and would like a little pastoral & sacramental support whilst you are there, please let us know so we can ensure this is provided. There is a Catholic Chaplain resident at Northwick Park Hospital.

CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider **helping with our Confirmation Preparation Programme in 2025?** This ministry offers an opportunity to serve the young people of the Parish, in Year 10 and above, as they prepare for this important moment in their life of faith. For those wishing to receive it, this also offers invaluable teaching experience. You would be helping to facilitate a Small Group with experienced Catechists. If you might consider helping next year please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING: If you are a standard tax payer and do not already have a gift aid in place, **PLEASE** consider completing a gift aid declaration. By gift aiding your donation, which must be made by planned giving envelope, bankers' order or cheque, you are increasing your donation by 25%. That means every £1 donated become £1.25. At the end of the financial year we can claim this 25% tax back from the Inland Revenue. This does not cost you anything extra because as a standard tax payer you have already paid this tax. 'Gift Aid/Standing Order forms are available at the back of the church or please apply to the parish office'.

MUSIC at the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am . Could you help with the singing or even playing a musical instrument at 9.45am We need your help...don't sit or stand on the side-lines in 2024!

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

WE ARE STILL ON THE LOOKOUT for anyone who might be a good counter of money. Each week our collection needs counting and bagging up. It takes time and a good deal of attention to make sure there are no discrepancies. Could you help? Let us know. The best way to do this is to drop us an email with all your details and which days you might be free. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY OFFERED THEIR TIME ETC.**

FOR RENT: One double bedroom available with access to all amenities, including transport and this church. Please telephone 07717124517.

DRIVING OUT OF THE CAR PARK. It would seem some people are cutting the corner on right (where once there was a tree, but no longer) over the verge which has now become a muddy mess. Please try to keep on the road!