



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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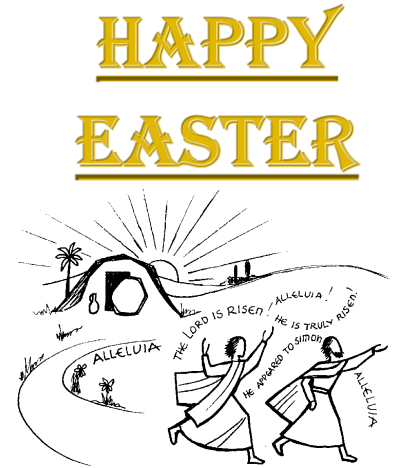


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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022 EASTER SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th Apr	Holy Saturday	8.30pm	Kevin & Jane Goodyear (Int)
Sun 17th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY	10.00am	Rita Pereira (R.I.P)
Mon 18th Apr	Easter Monday	12 noon	Private Intention
Tues 19th Apr	Easter Tuesday	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed 20th Apr	Easter Wednesday	12 noon	Private Intention
Thurs 21st Apr	Easter Thursday	12 noon	Private Intention
Fri 22nd Apr	Easter Friday	*7.15pm	Vespers
		*7.30pm	Private Intention
Sat 23rd Apr	Easter Saturday	10.00am	Private Intention
	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Colin Hancock (R.I.P)
Sun 24th Apr	Second Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Pro Populo



MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

Masses are now open to the public. **Weekend Masses (and Holydays)** will be livestreamed on YouTube (link on parish website) (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3_Ft_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA)

The only Mass that will be livestreamed on the weekend of Easter will be the **Sunday Morning Mass**.

April Anniversaries

Remember in your prayers those deceased members of our parish: Doris Watkins, Sarah Jane Lord, Graham Evans, Ursula Capp, Patrick Breen, Laurence Smith, Stan Letts, Bernard Felton, Reg Welch, William Daniels, Alan Morris, David Taylor, Frank Summers, Ina Jones, Eileen Simpson, Mary Gale, Alfred Shields, Dorothy Price, Vincent Allen, Walter Simpson, Monica Evans, Fr. Peter Heath (former PP)
May they rest in peace.

Lately Dead Please keep in your prayers those who have lately died, Ian Colston & Colin Hancock. May they rest in peace.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Reminder – there are still some Gift Aid boxes for the new tax year waiting to be collected.

For any gift aid queries / updates / changes to your status or you simply would like to join by becoming a standing order or envelope donor, please get in touch with Emma via email:

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Offertory Collections – March 2022

Second Collections	587.39
Standing Orders	1,803.00
Envelope & Loose Plate	749.81
	3,140.20

Are you able to offer lifts to two refugee ladies to come to Sunday Mass or the Halesowen Welcome Group on a Monday please? These ladies are disabled (so whoever gives a lift would need to park just outside the church) If you might be able to help and would like to find out more, please speak to Helen Bryan (0121 602 8715) or call Mike Weaver (telephone 07714 287867). Thank you.

Confessions

There will be an opportunity for Confessions from 10.30 am (after Saturday 10am Mass) until 11am. Confessions are also available by appointment.

Second Collections

On the weekend of 24th April for **our parish maintenance fund**.

Red Box

Normally the red box is up during Lent; we have been using it to collect monies to support the humanitarian relief in Ukraine and those fleeing Ukraine via the work of CAFOD (Which is part of the DEC appeal).

The Red box will continue to be in place as we continue to support the humanitarian aid need because of this awful conflict.

Prayer for Peace

On the solemn Intercessions on Friday, there was an extra one for peace throughout the world.

Let us pray for peoples in Ukraine and throughout the world, afflicted by the terror and violence of war, and driven from their homes into exile; that the merciful and powerful Lord will come to their aid.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty and ever-living God,
who take pity on the poor and suffering,
grant that the Sun of Righteousness will shine in all hearts,
so that walking in your commandments
they may find true peace.

Through Christ our Lord.



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Message from Fr Stefan

The wonder of Easter is upon us, the Paschal Candle has been lit.

The Paschal candle stands as the light of Christ among us, the light that dispels the darkness of the world around us and fill us with the hope of the Risen Lord. The Candle will be kept burning brightly by the Lectern until we reach Pentecost Sunday, as a reminder that the light of the Risen Christ is always upon us.

The Paschal Candle is then kept by our font and is used at every Baptism to show the light of Christ entering the hearts of the faithful at this great sacrament of Initiation. It is also used at every funeral we celebrate lighting our way to the wonders of the Lord's Kingdom.

The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord, which means that each of the Masses of this week are mini Easter Days, which is why all the Masses of the octave have the double alleluia as part of the final dismissal, So if you can please do come to the Masses this week if you can.

On a side note, Saturday 23rd April is not the feast of St George (patron saint of England) this year. The reason is that the date falls within the Octave of Easter so the Solemnity is transferred and as a parish we will be celebrating St George's day on Tuesday 26th April!

Reflection for Easter Sunday Readings

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Psalm 118; John 20:1-9

The empty tomb that greets Magdalene, and then Peter and John, becomes the place where their faith in the resurrection of the Lord is born (Gospel), a faith that becomes the cornerstone and the object of the apostolic preaching (First Reading). As St Paul teaches in both the (alternative) second readings, it is a faith that, must lead the Christian to realize that it is no longer possible to live as before: having risen with Christ, we must all live a qualitatively new life.

He is risen! The liturgy's ancient and beautiful hymn (Sequence) captures to perfection our Easter joy with a lyrical cry placed in the mouth of Mary Magdalene: "Yes, Christ my hope is arisen". Christ who loved us, died for us, is alive! He has overcome death, and sin, for ever. The translation of the Latin hymn does well to say: "He is risen" (present tense), to emphasize that what our faith celebrates with fervour is not only a one-time happening in the past that affects our present condition solely in its roots, as it were, but the continuing presence of the risen Christ by our side at every moment of our day. The entire dynamics of Christian life are obviously understood, and lived, very differently by someone who thinks of Christ, attentive to us no doubt but living in a far-off heaven, and another person who really accepts and refers constantly to the living, personal, "interactive" presence of Christ in every one of his human activities, encounters and challenges.

Easter turns life on its head. It was still dark when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb that morning. This is typical Johannine symbolism. Before Christ, without him, or failing his victory over death, we are all sunk in the deepest darkness of sin, death, meaningless and despair. When Christ rises –and existentially, for us, when we know he has risen- the sun rises on a new day that will never have an evening. Today has to be a day of real celebration for all of us. It is "the day that the Lord has made". Have you planned something for the rest of the day that will underline its "specialness"?

The empty tomb represents the normal condition in which each believer has to encounter Christ after his resurrection. To know him as Mary Magdalene did after Peter and John departed is exceptional; Jesus even tells her not to cling to that kind of perception of his presence just yet. For John, "the other disciple (the one Jesus loved)" it was very different. John always refers to himself this way, so that we can see ourselves in him too: his experience is intended to be paradigmatic for Christ's followers. He saw –the empty tomb, the disposition of the burial cloths (undisturbed, apparently, as if the body of Jesus had simply been "subtracted" from within them) – and for him this was enough. He believed.

Shalom,

Fr Stefan

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes
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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia;

therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread

of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Dismissal

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

