



LITURGY

First reading: Apostles 10:34, 37-43

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

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence is read

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

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Dear Parishioners

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, his followers have contributed to many ideas of our civilisation: the principle of personal moral responsibility, for example, and the rule of tolerance, the rationale for the brotherhood of all members of the human race, the basis for the exaltation of womankind, the standard of mercy, the principle of enthusiasm, the element of optimism and new concepts of peace. In our lives we can continue to contribute such other areas as are defined by the life and example of Jesus: the guarantee of justice, esteem for human life, regard for the law, the expressions of democratic ideals, reverence for the rights of minorities.

Always bring four things into any situation when dealing with others, and always look for these four things when others are dealing with you: Dignity, Dialogue, Justice and Love.

Our Christian life should be joyful. It may be, perhaps, compared to the egg. The Easter egg is a symbol of the resurrection, insofar as from the egg a new life may spring. This feast of Easter, more than any other of the year, is a day filled with a new life of enthusiasm, praise and rejoicing. Some people feel that they have little experience of the risen Christ. Perhaps the problem may be more one of recognition. Today we should pause to recognise that 'heaven' is not a special place apart from the universe. 'Heaven' is the universe, recognised as being in God. Let us resolve to lead a 'heavenly' life on earth, witnessing God's power and love. And I wish you all a very Happy Easter and great joy in the knowledge that God loves us all very much!

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Easter Sunday Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 4th April 2021

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Masses

Sat 3 rd April	Mount Carmel	Vigil	
Sun 4 th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday	Pamela Young RIP
Mon 5 th April			
Tue 6 th April			
Wed 7 th April			Dom Bernard Wassall RIP
Thur 8 th April			
Fri 9 th April			
Sat 10 th April	5pm	2nd Sunday of Easter(B)	People of the Parish
Sun 11 th April		2nd Sunday of Easter(B)	Private Intention

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Robinson Family.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant

Information

A recent Health and Safety review advised that we should have a tree safety survey completed. This we have done and you will notice over the next few weeks that quite radical work will have been undergone. Also, we were reminded that **glass of any description, particularly vases** should **NOT** be placed in the graveyard as they very easily smash and when the groundsmen are working they could cut themselves.



PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat. We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered and can be found on our website & include it with your donation. Thank you!

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers