



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 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**

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

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9



Dear Parishioners

**THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED**  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

If the Resurrection were just a happy ending, it would be no more than a reversal: an undoing of an evil that had occurred. But we can't reverse things. The Resurrection is not simply Christ coming back to life. Resurrection is not resuscitation. Easter Sunday doesn't pretend Good Friday never happened, because the Risen Christ still bears the wounds of his crucifixion!

It is because life is so good that death is so terrible. And only by taking death seriously can we take the Resurrection seriously. The Resurrection does not pretend our lives were nothing; it doesn't pretend that the body is accidental to who and what we are. The Risen Christ bears His wounds, and they are no longer marks of weakness or pain, but of the glory of God.

The Resurrection is not a *turning back* of time; it is a *stepping out* of time. It is the complete triumph over death. Because of the Resurrection we can mourn our dead, but with hope, for God will wipe away every tear. "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." We often imagine ourselves pursuing an elusive God, trying to find him as the treasure in the field. The message of the Resurrection is that he finds us. The seekers at the tomb could not find him until he found them. Redemption is allowing oneself to be found by God.

**I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.**

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Easter Sunday Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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### Masses

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Alcester/Mount Carmel	<b>Vigil</b>	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	People of the Parish
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> April			
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> April			
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> April			
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> April			
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> April			
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	5.00pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Agnes McIlravey RIP
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Stanley & Hannah Williams RIP

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards, Deacon Peter.

**Those who have recently died:**

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 Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy.

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**Information**

We are still respectfully requesting that people wear a face covering in church if they can and that people please use the hand sanitizer on entry into the church.  
**Could I also please ask for more volunteers to be readers and ministers of communion for both Saturday and Sunday.**