



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

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 to 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(A)

Week commencing Sunday 9th April 2023

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Masses

Sat 8 th April	Mount Carmel	Easter Vigil	Private Intention (JO)
Sun 9 th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 10 th April			
Tues 11 th April			
Wed 12 th April			
Thur 13 th April			
Fri 14 th April			
Sat 15 th April	5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter (A)	Private Intention (JF)
Sun 16 th April	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: .

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, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley.

Information

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee

Our next Coffee Morning following Sunday Mass on 30th April and we look forward to as many of you as possible joining us for coffee cake and biscuits afterwards.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

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