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He is Risen! Alleluia!

Dear friends in Christ

So, my friends, we come to the greatest feast in the entire calendar of the Church, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! The season of Lent is over and we now celebrate our Risen Lord. In celebrating this great feast, we remember also that if we stay close to Jesus in this life then we hope to share in his risen glory for ever. Death is conquered by the Risen Christ and we hope to share in that victory. The certainty of death has the power to terrify us, but when we celebrate Easter, we know that in Christ Jesus we share the hope of conquering death. I quote from Saint John Paul the second:

“The glory of God is that man lives. Behold, man lives in Christ. Here is the moment in which what he, Christ, said is accomplished: ‘I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live’ (John 11:25).” — St. John Paul II, 1990

“Yes, Christ is truly risen, and we are witnesses of this. We proclaim this witness to the world, so that the joy which is ours will reach countless other hearts, kindling in them the light of the hope which does not disappoint.” — St. John Paul II, 2000

“If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: ‘I am with you always, to the close of the age’ (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity.” — St. John Paul II, 2004

“Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week." The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him [Catechism of the Catholic Church 1169].

God Bless you all Fr Eamonn

Liturgical Timetable

Holy Saturday

Saturday 30th March

8:00pm Holy Mass: Mary & John Freeman (RIP)

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 31st March

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Margaret Simmons (RIP)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Monday 1st April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Chinnon Family (Ints)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday 2nd April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Steve Caulfield (Ints)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday 3rd April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Saint Vincent De Paul (Thks)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday 4th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Margaret & Harry Skeets (RIP)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Friday 5th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Mair Brown (RIP)

Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers for Healing

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday 6th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: John McCarthy (RIP)

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Rosary 5:30pm Mass 6:00pm: Pro populo

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 7th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Janett Spinks (RIP)

Adoration, rosary, silence, confessions & healing 1:30pm

Divine Mercy Novena & Prayers for Healing 3:00pm

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Janeen Dunn R.I.P*



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Divine Mercy Sunday

The 2nd Sunday of Eastertide is now designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. We will celebrate it here in Canvey starting at 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary, silence and time for Confessions. At 3.00pm we will pray the divine Mercy chaplet followed by prayers for healing. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy novena will be prayed after Mass on Sunday and after every Mass up to and including Saturday.

Regina Caeli after weekday Masses

The Angelus is not prayed during Eastertide. Instead, we will sing the Regina Caeli after every weekday Mass.

The Annunciation

The feast of the Annunciation, normally celebrated on the 25th of March, has now, because the early Easter, been transferred to the 8th of April.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday 9th April February from midday in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come along & have a cup of tea/coffee with some very friendly people. For more information, please contact Chris on 07983 355412 or Liz on 07914 401307.

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk



Liturgical Timetable continued.....

The Annunciation of The Lord

Monday 8th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: John Mooney (RIP) (Aniv)

Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter

Tuesday 9th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Fr Eamonn Power (Thks)

Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter

Wednesday 10th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Robert Rees (RIP)

St Stanislaus, Bp, M

Thursday 11th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Janeen Dunn (RIP)

Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter

Friday 12th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Terry Family (Ints)

Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers for Healing

Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday 13th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Jacob Family (Ints)

Rosary 5:30pm Mass 6:00pm: Pro Populo

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th April

Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am: Doreen Coombs (RIP)

Questions on the Catholic Faith

What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then "appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time" (1 *Corinthians* 15:5-6) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence?

While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

What is the condition of the risen body of Jesus?

The Resurrection of Christ was not a return to earthly life. His risen body is that which was crucified and bears the marks of his passion. However it also participates in the divine life, with the characteristics of a glorified body. Because of this the risen Jesus was utterly free to appear to his disciples how and where he wished and under various aspects.

How is the Resurrection the work of the Most Holy Trinity?

The Resurrection of Christ is a transcendent work of God. The three Persons act together according to what is proper to them: the Father manifests his power; the Son "takes again" the life which he freely offered (*John* 10:17), reuniting his soul and his body which the Spirit bring to life and glorifies.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND - Carol Tebbitt, Maria Redgrove, Stanley Williams, Joan Dettke, Peggy Fearne, Kit Kilford, Joseph Sullivan, Maureen Pring, June Fen, Fr. Jean-Laurent Marie, Clare Ashford, Joseph Pisani, Edward Horton, Patrick O'Brien, Joan Flegg, Lorraine Ballin, Marie McDonagh, Maureen Preshaw, Valerie Ham, Lena Williams, Miliana Bridie Mayamba



Headteacher vacancy at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island

Headteacher vacancy at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island, required for September 2024 – The Assisi Catholic Trust are looking to appoint an inspirational, ambitious and innovative Headteacher for this rewarding leadership role who will drive rapid school improvement and ensure a broad curriculum is provided that is rooted in Gospel values. Further information and application documents can be found on the following websites – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - A Good Catholic School - Vacancies (stjosephscanvey.net) and www.assisicatholictrust.com.

Goodwill Club

On Fridays in the Parish hall we have a group called the Goodwill Club who meet every week socially to listen to music, dance, play bingo & have a general get together where you bring your own drinks & nibbles. All are welcome & your first visit is FREE & is just £3 pay as you go after that. The club starts at 7pm & finishes at 10pm & there is no need to book just turn up.

(Repeated) Aylesford Pilgrimage

So far, we only have 14 people on the list at the back of the Church so the final number needs to be confirmed next week in order to get a smaller vehicle for our needs. If you intend to go on the Pilgrimage, please place your name on the list as it will be removed next Thursday. The Pilgrimage is planned for Saturday 13th July. Many thanks & all welcome!

Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night & table top sale on **Saturday 6th April** in the Parish Hall to raise funds for the Church renovations as the tower is now complete, we carry on raising funds for the next phase. More details to follow.



Gospel reflection, FR Adrian Graffy

Each one of our four canonical gospels ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at Mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles'. It is she who discovers the empty tomb and passes on the news. Why is it empty? She will know why when Jesus appears to her later in the chapter.

The disciple whom Jesus loves, thought to be the author of the account, is convinced of the resurrection without even seeing the risen Jesus. It is sufficient for him to see that the body of Jesus no longer lies in the tomb. The later appearance of Jesus to the eleven disciples will confirm what he already knows.

Christian faith proclaims: 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' Without the resurrection, the real rising of Jesus to new life in a transformed and glorified body, there would be no good news to proclaim. The God of love is more powerful than death and sin, and God has shown this in raising Jesus, who became a victim of sin, to the life of the resurrection. The world is in dire need of news that is true, amid so many messages which are false, undermining and deceptive. True hope lies in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Do I appreciate the fundamental significance of the resurrection of Jesus?

Do I have the vision to see the wonders God works in each human life?

We pray for those baptised and those received into the Catholic Church this Easter.

We pray for Christians for whom the cross is a daily and painful reality, that they will know that the risen Christ is at their side



Trust in The Lord mugs for sale to raise funds

We have beautiful "Trust in The Lord" mugs for sale at £5 each & all funds go towards the Parish renovations. Inside the mug is written "The Lord is with me" with a cross & they come boxed with a card. Please Cliff to purchase these & make sure you get in quick as we have limited stock.