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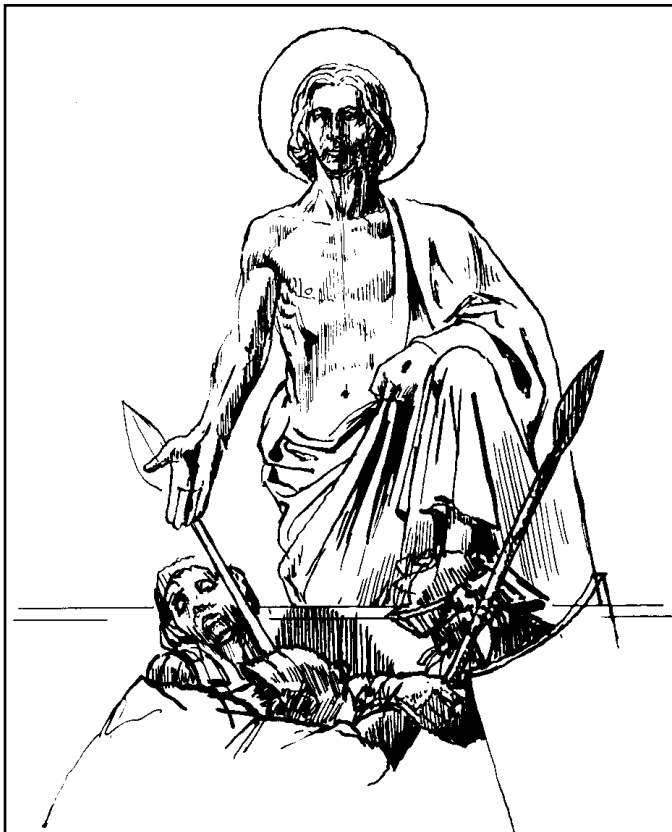
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



A NEW WORLD BEGINS, ALLELUIA!

Death is conquered - on the First Day of the week! The Day according to the Book of Genesis that God began creating the Universe. And God created a Paradise Garden where all was harmony ... UNTIL we sinned, we rebelled from our dignity as Children of God and began to destroy our world.

Now there is a New Garden - a Garden of Transformation - a Garden of Calvary death that becomes a Garden of Easter Resurrection. On the First Day of the Week! A New World has begun.

The Resurrection of Jesus is God's recreative, transformative Work, not just for His Son, the Word made Flesh, but for all the children of the earth, for all creation. Love has overcome hate, forgiveness has healed every wound, transformed humanity has overwhelmed our inhumanity, hope has replaced despair.

And we are Risen with Him - now not just after death. Already we are living the New Creation, touching our world with unconquerable love, bring true justice to the farthest islands, burning with a Light that no darkness can ever overcome!

SUNDAY: **THE GREAT VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** (Sat at 9.00pm)
SOLEMN MASS OF RESURRECTION with child baptisms at 10.00am

MONDAY: *Adoration* at 9.15am *Morning Prayer* at 9.45am **Mass** at 10.00am

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Evening Mass** at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Evening Mass** at 6.00pm (*NB Change of time*)

THURSDAY: **Mass** at 12 noon, *followed by Adoration until 1.30pm*

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FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.30am (with school)

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am *Morning Prayer* at 9.15am **Mass** at 9.30am
Wedding Service for Stephen Wenham & Rachel McKendry at 2.00pm.
(No Sacrament of Reconciliation today)

TODAY: As we celebrate **New Life in Christ**, we congratulate our elected Catechumens who are baptised and confirmed at our Easter Vigil (Beryl, Yasin, Issa and David); we congratulate too our children baptised during the 10.00am Mass and their parents. After the weeks of Lent, and the pain-filled journey through the Passion and Death of the Lord, we arrive at the Victory of Love over Hate, the Victory of Light over Darkness, the victory of Holiness over the Sin, the Victory of Life over Death - the Resurrection of Our Lord and Brother Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] **'Low Sunday'**, the Octave Day of Easter: we celebrate the wonder of this Feast of Feasts throughout the week. In the early Church this was the only other day that Baptism was celebrated - an overflow if there were too many to be baptised during the Vigil itself. So we have the joy of once more celebrating baptism with a number of our children and their families

[2] The Word of God speaks to us of that first Christian Community in Jerusalem that was so close and loving that its life together that 'great signs and wonders were worked among them' and healing flowed from them into their city. They witnessed to the Risen Lord, the source of New Life! They were a community overflowing with healing and life empowering the witness of Peter and the other Apostles. The conversion of St Thomas from his doubt to profound faith came about because he returned to the Community of the Resurrection and discovered Jesus alive in the midst of them! Does this describe our parish, our Church?

[3] We celebrate a special **Easter Mass with our Senior Citizens at 3.00pm - including the Sacrament of Anointing for Healing**. Followed by refreshments - all are welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady of Glastonbury, Glastonbury, and St Michael, Shepton Mallet, served by Fr Bede Rowe, Parish Administrator, Miss Kim Woolmer and both their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR EASTER WEEK LITURGY

Sunday	Acts 10: 34-43 / Psalm 117 / Colossians 3: 1-4/ John 20: 1-9
Monday	Acts 2: 14, 22-32 / Psalm 15 / Matthew 28: 8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2: 36-41 / Psalm 32 / John 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3: 1-10 / Psalm 104 / Luke 24: 13-35
Thursday	Acts 3: 11-26 / Psalm 8 / Luke 13: 35-48
Friday	Acts 4: 1-12 / Psalm 17 / John 21: 1-14
Saturday	Acts 4: 13-21 / Psalm 117 / Mark 16: 9-15

Fr. Richard, Deacon Jack, his wife Joan,
 Mary (Catechist), Hycienth (caretaker) & Andrew
 and our Parish pastoral Council and Parish Office Team
 wish each one of you, our community and our friends,
 the Joy and the Glory of Easter.
 May the Risen Jesus live in your hearts
 and give you His Peace beyond all measure
 ... He is Risen! Alleluia!

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WELCOME! It is a joy to welcome old friends back home for the Easter Celebrations; it is good to make new friends on this day of New Life! All are welcome especially all those who come to celebrate the Baptism of loved ones.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Env: £184.74 + Loose: £374.30 + S/O £90.58 = £649.62 - Thank you

CAFOD Lenten Fast £535 Covenant with the Poor £5.00 - Project 170 £44.00 thanks!

EASTER OFFERINGS: This Easter Collection is your personal contribution to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest, together with the Christmas Offerings. Envelopes are available at the door ... thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th April	HOLY SATURDAY	Great Easter Vigil at 9.00pm
21st April	EASTER SUNDAY	Solemn Mass of Easter at 10.00am
24th April	Eucharist Programme resumes (with Parents meeting) 4pm at Assisi Centre	
24th April	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)	
25th April	Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.00pm	
26th April	Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm	
28th April	Senior Citizens Mass with Sacrament of Anointing at 3.00pm	
4th May	Borderlands Fundraising Organ Concert at Clifton Cathedral at 7.30pm	
10th May	Borderlands Trustees Vision Day	
11th May	A Day of Prayer with Mary, Mother of the Poor 10am to 4pm St Nicks	
18th May	Ethiopian Orthodox Community celebrate Patronal Feastday (in Church)	
19th May	LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm	
25th May	A Retreat Day led by Little Sisters of Jesus on charism of Bl. Charles de Foucauld	
30th May	Feast of the Ascension - Holy Day of Obligation	
6th June	National Meeting of Catholic Migrant Officers (Birmingham)	
8th June	Borderlands Trustees meeting 11am-4pm	
8th June	Vigil Mass of Pentecost at 8.00pm	
9th June	FEAST OF PENTECOST	
11th June	All Bristol Deaneries Meeting	
16th June	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday	
16th June	LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm	
23rd June	Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday	
3rd June	Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm	
28th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart	
30th June	Feast of Ss Peter and Paul	

THANK YOU SO MUCH: Throughout Holy Week and Easter, so many people have given generously of their time and energy, and their prayer, to serve God and our community. I am very grateful to you all:

- + those who have given flowers, or contributed to them,
and to those who have arranged them beautifully and lovingly;
- + those who cleaned and prepared church and for all the sacristy work;
- + our altar servers, music ministry and Parish Choir, both now and the whole year round;
- + all our Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, serving us so prayerfully;
- + Margaret who prepared our Paschal Candle and our Easter banners & posters;
- + All who helped with the Sacristy behind the scenes, especially Mary

+AND TO YOU ALL, FOR CELEBRATING SO PRAYERFULLY JESUS' PASSOVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE ... MAY HE ENRICH YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND PEACE, AS YOU ENRICH OUR WORLD WITH FAITH AND NEW CREATION.

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JOURNEY OF FAITH

We meet next on **Friday 26th April at 6.30-7.30pm** at the Assisi Centre. Please support with your prayer. We will share the experience of Holy Week, exploring the meaning of the Cross and Resurrection - all are very welcome.

SPECIAL MASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

All are welcome to this Mass on **Sunday 28th April at 3.00pm**. It will include the Sacrament of Anointing for Healing and will be followed by a tea. **We need help with transport** - volunteers to collect and return home our elderly sisters and brothers, please see Caroline Price this Sunday. Thanks.

MARY: DISCIPLE AND PROPHET

Part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer, we will hold a Day of Prayer and Reflection on Mary, Disciple and Prophet on **Saturday 11th May**. Led by Fr Richard we begin with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, with teaching on the Mary of the Scriptures, the Rosary, Adoration and Midday Mass with Anointing for Healing. Conclude at 4.00pm. Please bring food to share for lunch. Please invite friends to this Day with Mary.

LITTLE SISTERS OF JESUS LEAD PRAYER DAY INSPIRED BY BL CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

Another initiative as part of our Year of Prayer and our 170 Anniversary Year as a parish: on **Saturday 25th May the Little Sisters of Jesus** will lead us in a day of reflection upon the life, charism and witness of Bl little brother Charles de Foucauld. He lived his life among the most abandoned of peoples in the heart of the Sahara Desert, gave his life in love for Christ and the Muslim Toureg people among whom he lived and prayed. He spent hours each day in Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and never closed his door to the needs of the poor around him. His story has long inspired me personally in my life, prayer and ministry. The Day will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 4.00pm and will include a presentation of his life, teaching about his charism, time of Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and Mass - bring food to share for lunch.

MONTHLY DAY OF ADORATION

It is a very special grace for our parish community, empowering our mission, that we can hold these 'Days of Adoration'. Thank you to all who are able to commit themselves 'to watch one hour' with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. We need two people for each hour of Adoration through the day. Of course all are invited to come for the quiet prayer of Adoration any time 10am to 4.00pm - to the silence of God's loving! **Next Day of Adoration is Mon 13th May (first Monday is May Bank Holiday)**

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 12th May - Day of Prayer for Vocations

We are asked to pray for a deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and serve the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace; each of us is called to care for our environment and seek to heal the abuse of our good Earth so that future generations will be able to thrive on this planet. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are necessary to the mission of God's Church. We seek especially to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate, preparing for a future without a resident priest. **Sunday 12th May**. Pray also for new forms of ordained ministry!

BORDERLANDS FUNDRAISING ORGAN CONCERT - Saturday May 4th at 7.30pm

Our Borderlands Charity is holding a spring fundraising concert in Clifton Cathedral. Accomplished Organist Joachim Schwander will be leading us on an exciting journey, with a recital titled 'From the Bachs to the Archers'. This is a fundraising concert to raise money for our projects supporting asylum seekers and refugees. You can find out more about these here: <https://www.borderlands.uk.com/> Entrance is free, however, we will be asking for a donation on the door as this is a fundraising event. The event is free for Borderlands asylum seeker and refugee members. Please use this weblink if you intend to come, to give organisers some idea of numbers - thank you! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/borderlands-fundraising-concert-with-joachim-schwander-tickets-59373001245>

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