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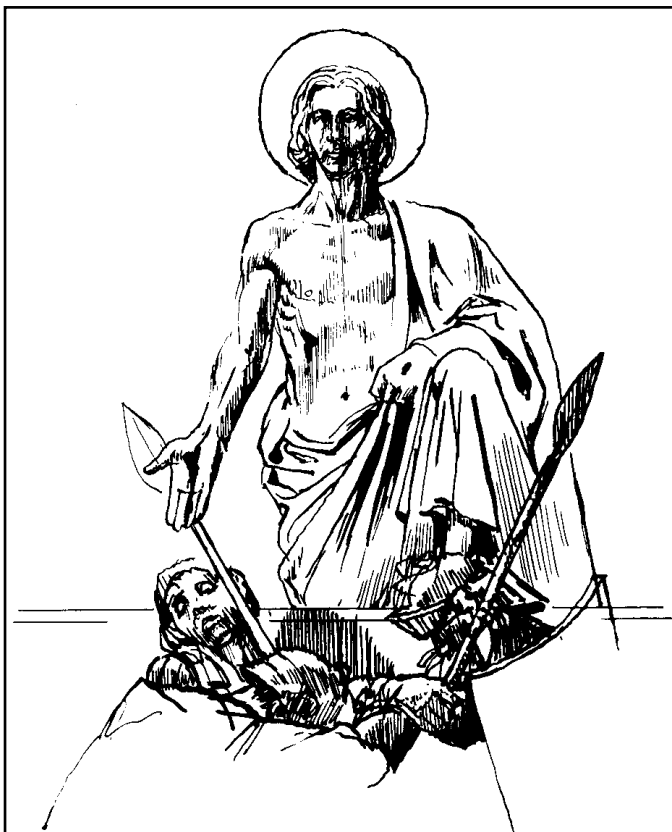
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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 at 10.00am

MONDAY: Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am.

Mass streamed on Facebook at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am.

Mass streamed on Facebook at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: *Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am.*
Mass streamed on Facebook at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: *Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am.*
Mass streamed on Facebook at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: *Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am.*
Mass streamed on Facebook at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: **Mass streamed on Facebook at 12 noon**
Reflection streamed on Facebook at 10.30am
(Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only)

TODAY: As we celebrate **New Life in Christ**, we pray for our catechumens, both adult and children, who were to be baptised today or next Sunday, but because of the Covid-19 restrictions this has had to be postponed. After the weeks of this extraordinary 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. Sadly, we are unable to celebrate Baptism (except in emergency) until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

[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 **the Stations of the Resurrection at 6.00pm, streamed on Facebook.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, St Francis, Nailsea and St Joseph, Portishead, served by Fr Reg Gray OFM, Fr Anthony Collins OFM, Fr Antoine Baya OFM, Fr Tom Dubois, Deacons John Woodcock, Mario Kossmann, Paul Reddington, Ivan Reynolds, Didier Delaplace, and all 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

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Fr. Richard, Deacon Jack, his wife Joan,
 Mary (Catechist), Robert (Parish Administration lead) & 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.
 Despite all the restrictions in force at this time
 May the Risen Jesus live in your hearts
 and give you His Peace beyond all measure
 ... He is Risen! Alleluia!

WELCOME! It has been a very special joy (and surprise) to welcome hundreds of friends (old and new) to our Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Celebrations via the wonder of the internet and Facebook. While our live streaming is not perfect and we have from time to time encountered difficulties with internet and wifi, it is clearly a ministry and mission (so new to me personally!) that needs to continue long after the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Env: £160.00 + Loose: £ + S/O £90.58 = £250.58 - Thank you

Covenant with the Poor £20.00 There have been many other standing orders and donations received to support the parish and especially our Foodbank and Destitution Fund, which have both expanded in provision greatly - thanks to the generosity of so many. **Please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office) - we are supporting many people as unemployment hits so many people at this time. THANK YOU ALL!**

EASTER OFFERINGS: This Easter Collection is your personal contribution to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest, (together with the Christmas Offerings). This year it is more difficult to make your contributions but if you drop them in marked envelopes through either the Presbytery or the Assisi Centre letterbox - or make a bank transfer... thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th March **EASTER VIGIL MASS streamed at 9.00pm**
 12th March **Streamed MASS OF EASTER DAY at 10am**
 19th April **Low Sunday Mass streamed at 10am**
 2nd May Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for all the Vocations of God's people

THANK YOU SO MUCH: Although we cannot celebrate Holy Week as we usually do (with so many people helping), nevertheless so many of you give generously of your time and energy, and your prayer, to serve God and our community throughout the whole year. I and our whole community are very grateful to you all:

- + those who give flowers, or contributed to them,
 and to those who arrange them beautifully and lovingly;
- + those who clean and prepare the church and those doing the sacristy work;
- + our altar servers, music ministry and Parish Choir, 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 help with the Sacristy behind the scenes, especially Mary

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+AND TO YOU ALL, FOR CELEBRATING SO PRAYERFULLY OUR LITURGY WEEK BY WEEK, AND FOR ALL WHO HAE SHARED OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES THROUGH THE WONDER OF THE INTERNET. JESUS' PASSOVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE ENRICH YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND PEACE, AS YOU ENRICH OUR WORLD WITH FAITH AND NEW CREATION.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 3rd 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 3rd May.** Pray also for new expressions of ordained ministry!

CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC - A CALL TO PRAYER AND CARE Please download from our parish website a copy of the prayers issued by our Bishops and use it daily in your own homes - support the sick, all medical staff caring for them, those caring in our nursing and elderly people's homes and countries without our sophisticated health service. Let us all care for the vulnerable in our neighbourhoods, especially all self-isolating? *Prayer and Care.*

FOODBANK - URGENT REQUEST We have had a very significant increase in demand for our Parish Foodbank since the Emergency - we are one of the few Foodbanks still open! We are supplying food to 80-100 people each day, as well as delivering food to some families. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE (VERY GENEROUSLY) TO PROVIDE DONATIONS OF FOOD OR MONEY.** We will still need for some time to come supplies of *EVERYTHING - primarily non-perishable foods and drinks in tins and packets.* What kind of things? Long-life milk and juices, small jars of coffee, tins of meat, fish, vegetables, tinned tomatoes baked beans, soups, custard and fruit; packets of rice, pasta, cereals and biscuits; jars of pasta sauce, ketchup, mayonaise, packet soups; toilet rolls, bars of soap, toothpaste, and other toiletries. *You are helping us to meet a vital need, making practical in these difficult times 'love of our neighbour' and 'God's Option for the Poor'.* *Please be as generous as you can. Thank you in the name of all whom we are serving.*

DAILY MASS AND TIMES OF REFLECTION BROADCAST ON FACEBOOK You can see the times of live-streaming for Mass at the beginning of the Weekly Newsletter. Try to join your community in Spiritual Communion, reflecting on the Scriptures, praising God and interceding for our world in these crisis days. Resources will be posted on our Parish Website: www.tolentino.org.uk and Mass and other prayer and reflections will be broadcast on the parish facebook page: [St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasofTolentinoRCChurchBristol). *We had 650 viewings of last Sunday's broadcast Mass and between 150 and 250 for our weekday Masses!* It is gratifying that we can reach out to so many people during this time of isolation.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES [1] **The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 10am-12noon** so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-9098810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

[2] **The Parish Office and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will co-ordinate care and support** for those who are in isolation or are vulnerable in any way. Volunteers to help from those able to do so are very welcome. We must care for one another as well as pray for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support (telephone no above)

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