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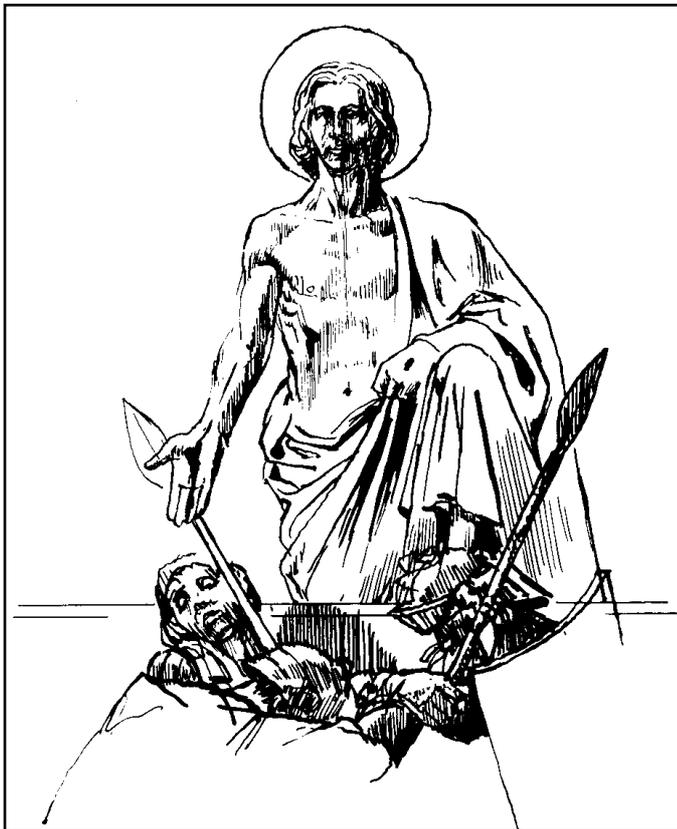
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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



### **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:** Adoration at 9.30am Mass at 10.00am (Bank Holiday)

**TUESDAY:** Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Prayer and Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (live-streamed: Parish Website)

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**THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass at 6.30pm**

**FRIDAY:**      *Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass at 6.30pm**

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30am      **Mass at 9.00am**  
*No Evening Prayer because of a wedding*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass only**

**TODAY:** [1] 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.

[2] We rejoice to share the life of the Risen Christ with Neil, baptised at our Vigil Mass, Joanna, received into Full Communion at the Vigil, and our children, Autumn, Laith and Naomi-Brielle baptised at our 10.00am Mass. Congratulations!

**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. 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?

[2] **Mass with the LBGTO+ community and friends at 3.00pm.** As I am leaving for some holiday Fr Liam (a friend of John Flannery) has kindly agreed to preside at this Mass. All are welcome to attend this mass, of course!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Cross, Bedminster, served by Fr Rupert Allen, and all their community. Please pray for this community as they journey through many changes.

**WORD OF GOD FOR EASTER WEEK LITURGY**

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

Fr. Richard, Mary (Catechist), Andrew (trainee deacon), our  
 Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Office Team  
 all wish each one of you, our community and our friends,  
 the joy and the glory of Easter.

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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. It is clearly a ministry and mission that needs to continue long after the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. But it is no substitute for all who are able to come and share the Mass in person and build our community.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Env: £158.90 + Loose: £179.10 + S/O £111.05 = £449.05 - Thank you Caritas £25.00

*I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish. Every gift and giver is equally valued and these gifts are used to serve the growth of the Kingdom of God. 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 for some of us 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**

16th April	<b>GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS at 9.00pm</b>
17th April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER MORNING at 10am</b>
21st April	Requiem Mass and Funeral of Joe Duffy RIP at 11.30am
22nd April	Ethiopian Orthodox Good Friday
23rd April	Ethiopian Orthodox Easter Vigil
24th April	LBGT+ Ministry and Mass at 3.00pm
28th April	School Easter Service of Word & Communion at 9.30am (Church)
7th May	Ethiopian Orthodox Mass at St Nicks
19th May	Eucharist Programme resumes (with Parents meeting) 4pm at Assisi Centre
20th May	Journey of Faith resumes at 6.00pm (Assisi Centre)
22nd May	Anglican Ordinand (James Manning) begins placement at St Nicks
24th May	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
25th May	Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.30pm
26th May	<b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
29th May	Memorial Mass for Faustina Ogbu at 10.00am
4th June	Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
5th June	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST - 'COME HOLY SPIRIT'</b>

**THANK YOU SO MUCH:** Thank you to all who have enabled us to celebrate Holy Week fully this year - and 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 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES AS WELL AS OUR LITURGY WEEK BY WEEK, AND FOR ALL WHO SHARE WITH US THROUGH THE WONDER OF THE INTERNET. MAY 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 8th 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 to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate (, preparing for a future without a resident priest. Pray also for new expressions of ordained ministry!

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES** [1] **The Parish Office is open from 10am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday** so that our ministry of care and support can continue, especially for those for whom life is particularly hard with devastating price inflation (especially gas and electric) and need our Caritas Fund,. 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 Food Bank (called 'St Nicholas Bread' or 'The Eucharist on the Street')** is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 1.00pm. We are getting between 200 + callers a week and estimate we are providing essential food for some 700 people (including many children) EACH WEEK. Thank you to all who help with this Ministry - those who donate food, those who serve in the foodbank and those who help organise in the background. *You are 'breaking bread on the street!', as followers of Jesus, the 'Bread-Breaker'!*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** [1] To help Carol Strainge with re-opening and running our 'Repository Shop' in the Parish Hall during refreshments after Mass on Sundays. It will involve setting up, ordering items, occasional stock-taking etc. For information please contact Richard and Carol as soon as possible

[2] We are looking to recruit a Parish Treasurer - someone who has accountancy skills, to chair our Finance Committee and oversee the parish accounts, annual Financial Return and help set the annual Budget. Please contact Richard as soon as possible.

**DIGITAL CARD-READER COLLECTION** You can now give your Offertory Collection, Second Collections, Caritas or Cafod donations and other donations on the Digital Card reader in the porch and in the parish Hall. Please see Eustace if you are unsure how to use it. It is very simple. You can also register for all you donations to be Gift Aided (you only do this once with each credit or debit card you use - the system remembers you!). So simple and it means that the Government gives us 25p for every £1 you donate!

**CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!**

**We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes** - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also **a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word** (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. *If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.*

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