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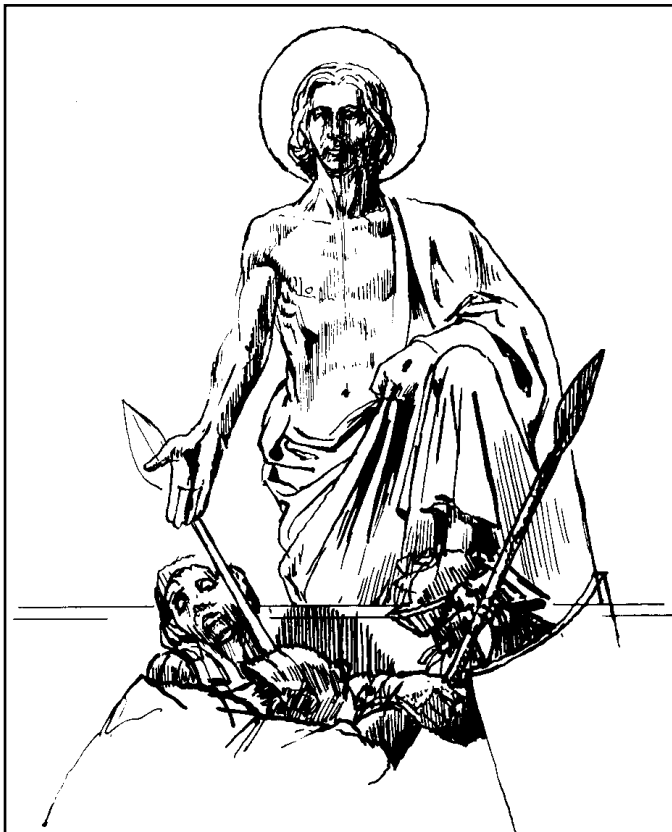
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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 (live-streamed: Parish Website)

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Mass at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12noon**
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm**

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 Alifa, baptised at our Vigil Mass, Deborah, Confirmed in the Holy Spirit at the Vigil, and our children 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.** All are welcome to attend this mass, of course!

WELCOME! It has been a very special joy to welcome many friends (old and new) to our Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Celebrations via the wonder of life streaming on the internet. It is a new ministry and mission that has continued long after the Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted. But it is no substitute for all who are able to come and share the Mass in person and build our community.

Fr. Richard, Mary (voluntary Lay Pastoral Assistant) and
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.
May the Risen Jesus live in your hearts
and give you His Peace beyond all measure
... He is Risen! Alleluia!

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath and St Joseph, Peasedown St John, served by Fr Alex McAllister SDS, Parish Administrator Alice Fouad, and both their communities.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Env: £30.00 + Loose: £267.20 + Card Reader: £73.74 + S/O £165.88 = £536.82 - Thank you Flowers £90.34

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.

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

+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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

8th April	THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL - WELCOMING THE RISEN CHRIST MASS OF THE VIGIL at 9.00pm
9th April	EASTER SUNDAY - THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER with Baptisms at 10.00am
21st April	Confirmation Programme begins for our young people 13 years + at 5.30pm
25th April	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (via Zoom)
27th April	First Eucharist Parents Meeting at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
27th April	Liturgy Planning Group meeting at 6.30-8.00pm (Assisi Centre)
29th April	Joint Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Legacy Group 9.30am-1.30pm (Assisi Centre)
2nd May	Borderland Trustees meeting
11th May	Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council with Bishop Declan at 7.00pm (Assisi Ctr)
13th May	Lay Readers ('Proclaimer of the Word') Training Day 9.30am to 1.00pm
18th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation
4th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
8th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm
11th June	Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday

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COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS RE-INTRODUCED POST-PANDEMIC It is a great joy that we can resume from today receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice ('communion under both kinds') during our Mass. I encourage everyone 'to drink from Cup', but understand if some feel unable to do so (or receive by 'intincture') for health reasons. Do please read the leaflet issued by our bishops as the Cup is restored to us all.

'LIGHT OF TRUTH' - a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith

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| 1. How to talk about God | Apr 20 |
| 2. How to talk about Jesus Christ | Apr 27 |
| 3. How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) | May 4 |
| 4. How to talk about the human person | May 11 |
| 5. How to talk about the Church | May 18 |

To sign up, parishioners need to click on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 30th April - 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!

'PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD' - LAY READERS TRAINING DAY This is a very important Ministry - people of faith and love for the Word of God, called to proclaim the life-giving Word to God's people at Mass. We are seeking to call more people to this Ministry, so if you are interested and have a love of the Scriptures, please let Richard or Reagan know. There will be a Training Day for **ALL LAY READERS ('PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD')** on **Saturday May 13th from 9.30am, concluding with Mass at 12noon**. Please keep this day and time free - thank you!

NEW APPOINTMENTS SERVING THE PARISH MISSION: I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a Food Bank Manager and welcome Mike Conway to serve the Parish's Mission to the disadvantaged - he begins his work after Easter. We have also appointed a Parish Office Co-ordinator, Mrs Astrid Thompson, who will support both the administrative and pastoral work through the parish office. She begins work at the beginning of May. We welcome both Mike and Astrid to the 'Parish Team'. I would like to thank Margaret Ulloa who has voluntarily carried both roles for the past 15 months. We owe her a great debt of gratitude.

MARKING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III This event on Saturday 6th May marks a very significant moment in the history of our nations of the United Kingdom and is of great constitutional importance. I invite suggestions about how we might as a Parish mark the event. Please let me or members of the Parish Pastoral Council know in the two weeks - thank you!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME BEGINS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE It is a great joy for our community that there are 10-12 young people (over 13 years old) who have expressed an interest in being Confirmed in the Holy Spirit to take their place with us in the Mission of the Church and to be gifted to build up the Body of Christ in love and faith. **The first meeting of the Programme is on Friday 21st April at 5.30pm in the Assisi Centre.**

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