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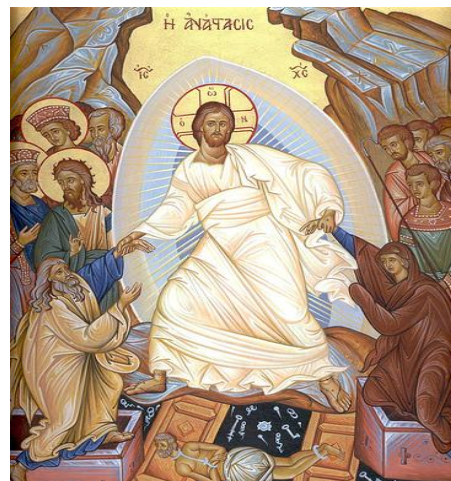
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HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
8.00pm THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL
with Baptisms and First Mass
of Easter (Ch) (*Pro Populo*)
(No 5pm Mass today)

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
20TH APRIL
9am Solemn Mass of the Day (Cor)
(*Pro Populo*)
11am Solemn Mass of the Day (Ch)
(*Private Intention*)

Monday 21st April
Within the Octave of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday 22nd April
Within the Octave of Easter
No Mass

Wednesday 23rd April
Within the Octave of Easter
12pm (Cor) (*Phillip Dawson*)

Thursday 24th April
Within the Octave of Easter
12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Jo Naylor*)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 25th April
Within the Octave of Easter
12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Special Intention*)

Saturday 26th April
Within the Octave of Easter
2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (*Mike Opie*)
9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)
11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*) with
Children's Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (EASTER SUNDAY)

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today the Church is filled with joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We celebrate with renewed faith and hope for eternal life. Jesus' resurrection during Easter, not only renews our faith, but also gives us peace, restores our souls, mends our brokenness and helps us to conquer our struggles, especially when we are overwhelmed. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, culminating in the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) May we radiate the joy of the risen Lord to our families and friends and to everyone we encounter.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' to all who have worked so hard to prepare and celebrate the Easter Triduum: Church cleaners and those who prepare the churches, singers and musicians, servers and sacristans and all our liturgical ministers and many others.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES On Easter Day the Profession of Faith (Creed) is replaced by the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. During the Sprinkling with Baptismal Water the *Vidi aquam* is sung (see special liturgy sheet for Easter Sunday)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Scott, Josh and Philip, baptized at the Easter Vigil and Meg, received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in the love of Christ. We also thank our RCIA catechists who have guided our candidates along the journey of faith.

EASTER COLLECTION This is our traditional collection made for the support of our Parish Priest. Envelopes are available in the Churches. Giving may also be made via the *Dona* machines or online through our website. Thank you.

BLESSING OF EASTER EGGS for the young children at Masses on Easter Sunday.

EASTER PARTY Monday 21st April at St Patrick's Church from 2pm to 5pm with Easter egg hunt, games, fun and food. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCH CLUB Wednesday 23rd April. All are most welcome after the 12noon Mass.

EASTER LILLIES are given in memory of: Edna and George Joel, Jo Naylor, Lucy Jillings, Isabel and Nora Pycroft, Brian Tuersley, Maria Harrington, Mari Corridon, Drusilla Roberts-Clark, Mike Opie. May they share the glory of the Resurrection of the Lord. Thanks to those who have made donations for the Easter flowers.

THE REGINA CAELI (Queen of Heaven) replaces the saying of the Angelus during the Easter season.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL Our next Parish Council meeting takes place in the hall at Corsham on Thursday 1st May at 7pm.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Easter Tuesday 22nd and on Friday 25th April.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY In a series of revelations to St Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St John Paul II at the canonization of St Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed his will with regard to this feast in his very first revelation to St Faustina. "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy." Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St Faustina's revelations, nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter and parallels our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day and is reflected in the Sunday Gospel.

Father Michael wishes you and your families,
a very happy and blessed Easter as we share the life and joy of the risen Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Corsham: Fr Bill Watson, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Anne Martin, Sue Sheehan, Patrick Adams. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Tony Witts, Eddie Porter, Tony Keeper, Sheila Gadsden, Kelly Brock, Frances Elgie, Mary Marshall, Maggie Buchanan.

For Peace: in Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's April Intention: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Thornbury; Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

April – The Month of the Blessed Sacrament & the Holy Spirit



The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection. This month we might commit ourselves to a period of Eucharistic adoration and pray a Holy Spirit prayer every day. There are periods of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. The goal is to be able to gaze lovingly and in awe at the Consecrated Host and share that love with others with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament," J.R.R. Tolkien

Prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

My Lord Jesus Christ, Your Eucharistic presence teaches me how to love as you have loved me. In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood, soul, and divinity in this sacrament of your love. As I pray in your Eucharistic presence, enkindle in me the fire of your gospel. Nourish me with your love and compassion, so that I may be sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit to be your living presence to all I meet. Amen.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (EASTER)

First reading

Acts 10:34a,37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118)

*This is the day the LORD has made
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

or: Alleluia.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
The LORD's right hand is exalted.

The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.