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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (EASTER DAY)

HOLY SATURDAY 8TH April
8pm THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL
(Ch) *(Pro Populo)*

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
9TH April

9am Solemn Mass of the Day (Cor)

(Pro Populo)

11am Solemn Mass of the Day (Ch)

(In Thanksgiving)

Monday 10TH April No Mass

Octave of Easter

Tuesday 11TH April (Ch)

Octave of Easter 12.10pm Liturgy
of the Word and Adoration

Wednesday 12TH April (Cor)

Octave of Easter 12noon Mass

Thursday 13TH April (Ch)

Octave of Easter 12.10pm Mass

Friday 14TH April

Octave of Easter No Mass

Saturday 15TH April (Ch)

4.20pm-4.50pm (Sat) Confessions

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration

4.50pm Benediction

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass *(Canon D. Millett)*

9am (Cor) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

11am (Ch) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

with Holy Baptism

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.

SINGING THE MASS We have resumed singing hymns at our Sung Masses by everyone. The most important parts of the Mass, the Kyries, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei together with the Psalm and the Acclamations will continue to be sung by all. We ask that you continue to wear a mask for the present as our Churches are very full and there is presently a rise in Covid numbers. We still have clinically extremely vulnerable people in our Church family. Thank you for your understanding.

TRADITIONAL BLESSING EASTER EGGS will take place at the masses on Easter Sunday for the children.

THE REGINA CAELI (Queen of Heaven, Rejoice) replaces the Angelus at midweek masses for the duration of Eastertide.

EASTER OFFERING envelopes are available in Church this weekend. This offering traditionally goes to your Parish Priest. Your Easter offerings can also be made electronically through our website on the St Patrick's/St Mary's button. Your generosity is always very much appreciated. Thank you.

FLOWER ARRANGERS Our flower arrangers do a wonderful job of decorating our churches and St Mary's is looking for more people to join their team. Please get in touch with Teresa Gosling if you can offer your help.

OUR JOINT PARISH EVENINGS will continue after Easter on **Thurs 20th April** in St Patrick's Hall at 7pm with **Finding True Freedom**. Do come and join us for the last two sessions during Eastertide.

EASTERTIDE FAMILY MOVIE & EGG HUNT Do join us on Sunday 16th April at 3pm in St Patrick's Parish Hall for a matinee showing of 'Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol' on the big screen. Inspired by Dickens' Christmas classic, this film explains why millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter past, present and future. It runs for about 50mins and will be followed by an Easter egg hunt in the grounds. All ages are welcome, bring the whole family along! Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

GOVERNERS FOR ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL St Patrick's School has been supporting parents in raising their children in the Catholic faith, since 1964. The school serves the parishes St Patrick's and St Anthony of Padua, Melksham and is an integral part of our Catholic mission. The school's governing body has vacancies for Foundation Governors. This provides the opportunity for new people to join the school's governing body, to help lead the school for future generations of Catholic, and other, children. Now is the time to step forward and apply to be a Foundation Governor. Please complete a nomination form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like more details, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT for married couples this coming May. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/> especially for couples who have married in recent years or are approaching a first significant anniversary. We also still have places left on the upcoming weekend marriage preparation course: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK If you are sick/housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion (or the Sacrament of the Sick) at home, please call or ask a member of your family to call Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling our Administrator and we will be very happy to arrange this.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Coleen Milne, Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Anne Marie Naylor, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn, Eoin O Mahony, Alan Houghton, Elena Alberti. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Fr Daniel O'Sullivan (Peru)

RIP Anniversaries: Myra Alford, Sean Hughes, Michael Phipps, Sheila Knighton, Tony Ordano, Margaret Harvey, Robbie Pfister.

The Holy Father's Prayer April Intention: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath with St Jospeh, Peasedown St John

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.

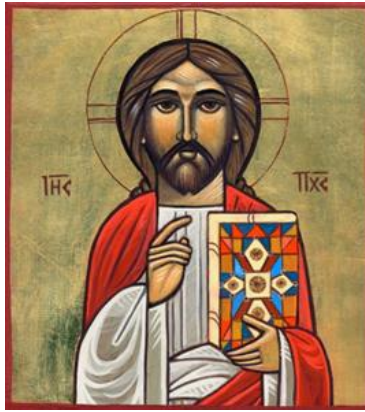
A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION A



First reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

*This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.*

or

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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 Acclamation

1Cor5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.