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Many of us are familiar with the Stations of the Cross - a popular private and communal devotion during Lent and on Fridays, which has us accompany Jesus in the final events before his death on the Cross. Less familiar are the Stations of the Resurrection which commemorate events of the Resurrection.

Stations of the Resurrection

At the heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Too often we focus on the Passion and Death and neglect the last. But without the rising of the Lord from the death and without his engagement with the disciples in the Resurrection we would not have our faith and the hope it gives us.

We have much to learn from the moments commemorated in the Stations of the Resurrection. To help us keep the season in our daily lives one of the Stations of the Resurrection will be posted on the parish blog each Monday and Thursday during the season of Easter. Follow the blog and get an email alert each time or follow the parish Facebook page and you'll get the Station posted on your Facebook page. Share the page with your friends - and do a little simple evangelisation in celebration of Easter!



Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10:34,37-43

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.'

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Masses First Week of Easter

Su	1	Easter Day <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	0900 1100 1630	Margaret Healy Ints (Sterling) For the Parish <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer</i>
M	2		1000*	Brigid Barron and Barron/De Lappe families (B)
T	3		1000*	Delores Redmond - Health (Redmond)
W	4		1000*	Michael Hanley RIP (Brennan)
Th	5			
F	6		1100 1900*	<i>Exposition and anointing of the sick</i> General Chapter of Sisters of Providence (Drozd)
S	7	2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Thanksgiving for Divine Mercy
Su	8		0900 1100 1800	Ints of Sr Nirmala Perera (Drozd) Thomas Swift Ints <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses as indicated above*

Exposition & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm

Rosary and Benediction Mondays at 3pm (**NB resumes 9th April**)

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Margaret Stroud, Philip Redmond, Jude Turner, Margaret O'Gorman, Peter & Olwen Foster, Mary Gavin, Frank Kemp, Josie Newman, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for all who have died** including Fr Stephen Fawcett's mother, Sheila who died recently, and Richard Mooney, Marie Fulford, Marie Phan Thi Minh, Domenico Macerola, June Furlley, Attilio Bisso and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

**A blessed
Easter
to you,
and to
your family,
and friends!**



Parish

Do you drive to church on Sunday morning? If so - unless you are disabled - please use the school car park, accessible at the end of Wakefield Close, the next turning on the right, away from Boldmere Road . This means that the church car park is kept relatively free for those

who most need to use it. They will be most grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Monthly service with anointing of those who are sick. This Friday , 6th April, at 11am - followed by refreshments.

Refreshments in Benedict Room after Sunday 9 and 10am Masses. All welcome.

Monday Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group does not meet tomorrow, 2nd April, but reconvenes next Monday, 9th April at 3pm. Come to pray the Rosary and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The intention of our prayer is always for vocations in the Church - priestly and religious vocations, but also for the vocations of parents and grandparents, and of people's work in public services and all sorts of other work too. Do come and join us.

Travelling Solo Next lunch meeting is after 11am Mass on 8 April (nb *not* April 1). All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme begins Saturday 14th April from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

Parish Scripture Study Group. The next meeting is on Weds 25 April at 7pm to look at the Book of Psalms. The Psalms are a key element of the Church's daily prayer and feature in our every celebration of Mass. Where do they come from? How do we pray them? Can we pray them? All are welcome. *For a sheet of psalms to read in preparation for the meeting, please see Fr Allen*

Parish Book Club. The next meeting looks at C.S. Lewis's *Surprised by Joy*. Mon 30th April at 8pm in the parish house. All welcome.

Diocese

Serving the local community Local schools, including Catholic schools, are regularly in need of new governors. The role of Governor has changed significantly over recent years. What is especially needed is people with knowledge and experience in business, finance, HR or with a legal background. But there are other qualities that would be beneficial to a school. Training is provided to help individuals carry out the role. More detail at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/governors

Other

Catholic People's Weeks: Holidays that make a difference and seek to revitalise the heart, mind and spirit of Catholics today. Leaflets for 2018 Weeks are available in the porch, and also full details can be found at www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk

Leonard Cheshire Disability are looking for individual who can drive and are happy to learn to drive a Minibus to help a disabled person socialise, go shopping and pursue their interests. Ring Cassie on 01213547753 for more information.

Mass Texts

During Lent/Easter we use the Apostles Creed at Sunday Mass - *Laudate* p205.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for April is that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>



Next Week: 2nd Sunday of Easter *Scripture readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:32 - 35 / Ps 118:2 - 4, 13 - 15, 22 - 24 / 1 John 5:1 - 6 / John 20:19 - 31*

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

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

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.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."' "