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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.'

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.'

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The Stations of the Resurrection, over recent years, have become a popular devotion. Their focus is even more important this year, as we look for hope, and are reminded of our ultimate reason for hope.

One of these Stations will be posted on the parish blog/Facebook each weekday afternoon during the Easter season (on repeat from the 13th Station onwards.)

Why not share the link with family and friends and encourage them to pray and engage with the fullest meaning of Easter.

**The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity,
alleluia, alleluia.**

**A blessed - if very different -
Easter to you, to your family,
and to your friends!**



MASSSES: EASTER WEEK Mass is celebrated 'privately' at 0830 each day. A number of parishioners like to spend time at this same time the Mass.

A brief reflection on one of the readings of the day is posted on our parish blog. One way of joining yourself with the daily parish Mass is to follow the following pattern: make a penitential act (eg, the I Confess or the Lord /Christ have mercy); reading the scripture reading and reflection, and making a spiritual communion

If there are people you would like prayed for at daily Mass, please email or phone them to Fr Allen, or simply add them to the lead post on the parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasboldmere

Sa	11	Easter Vigil 7pm	Mass intention: For the parish
Su	12	Easter Sunday <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	Mass intention: Maria and Jan Szambir RIP (Szambir)
M	13	Easter Monday	Mass intention: Audrey Gregory RIP Anniv (Gregory)
T	14	Easter Tuesday	Mass intention: Ann Fahy Ints (Maher)
W	15	Easter Wednesday	Mass intention: Ints Mrs D. Egan (Perks)
Th	16	Easter Thursday	Mass intention: The People of Syria
F	17	Easter Friday	Mass intention: Anne Gallagher RIP (Evans)
Sa	18	Easter Saturday	Mass intention: Michael Reardon RIP (Devlin)
Su	19	2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	Mass intention: Simon Howlett RIP (Platt)

Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, suspended until further notice

Nourishing prayer at home: *Living Eucharist:* <https://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/> Also universalis.com or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Please pray for sick parishioners including Jenifer Cummings, Betty Barker, Gerry Coyle; Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher and for all who are self-isolating at this time. **Please pray for those in the health and care services. Please pray also** for those who have died recently, especially for Mary Gilnagh, Hazel Kemp, Kathleen Passey and Margaret O'Gorman. please pray also for those whose anniversaries of death are at this time, including Anne Murphy, Audrey Gregory, May Kerrins, Bernard Murphy Patrick Muldoon, Anne Palgrave, Betty Lordan, Kathleen Callaghan, Dom Tomlinson. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Funeral arrangements during the present health crisis

These are difficult times in many ways.

They are especially difficult for those whose loved ones become sick and die of the Covid-19 virus. It may well be that you have not been able to spend time with your loved ones in their final hours and days, because of quarantine regulations. Even when our head understands and approves of the regulation, our hearts can break for love's sake.

There are also restrictions on the way that funerals are conducted during the present crisis.

Our Catholic churches and chapels are closed at present, and so it is not possible for loved ones to be brought into church the night before their funeral service.

It may also be impossible for you to visit the chapel of ease at the funeral directors – either because you yourself are quarantined – because you have symptoms of being infected by the virus; or because of restrictions around access to the coffin of your loved one.

Consequently it is also not possible at this time for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated, however those who have died are remembered daily at the (private) parish Mass celebrated at St Nicholas.

Once the present health crisis is over, and the Archbishop has authorised churches to open once more, it will be possible to arrange a Memorial Mass for those who have died – should families wish. This will give the opportunity for families and parish to come together again in prayer to pray for the deceased, and to be nourished by the Liturgy, especially by the word of God and by the Sacrament of the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, offered to us in form of bread and wine.

There are at present only two options with regard to the funeral service itself.

- A liturgy at the graveside – when someone's mortal remains is being buried
- A liturgy in a crematorium chapel – when someone's mortal remains are to be cremated.

For more details including the texts to be used at these services, and offered to assist families in their prayer at home please go to the parish website: <https://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/funerals-and-praying-for-the-dead.html>



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.

Colossians 3:1-4

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'