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EASTER SUNDAY



31st March, 2024



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The resurrection of Jesus is what it's all about! After the ordeal of Jesus' suffering and death at the hands of merciless human beings, Jesus is raised to new life at the hands of his merciful Father!

Jesus shows, once and for all, that truth is more powerful than lies, faithfulness wins out over betrayal, light drives away darkness, love heals the wounds of sin and division, and human nature, weak and broken as it is, has the possibility of being transformed by grace into something magnificent!

The narrow road, which is the one less-chosen, is proven to be the road that leads to glory! The perseverance in faith, the commitment to doing what is right, the continuous acceptance of the call to self-sacrifice, have all paid off in the experience of the resurrection of Jesus!

The door marked with a Cross is the door through which we must enter if we are going to experience, with Jesus, the new life which is on offer to us. No wonder we feel a great hesitancy about passing through that door—it truly is the end of life as we know it!

However, unlike worldly leaders who direct others from on high, Jesus leads by showing us the way... "I'm going first" he says, and then, and only then, he says, "Follow me!"

Jesus had taught his disciples that the seed must be planted in the soil where it dies in order to produce new life. The fruit of the death and resurrection of Jesus was not just his own rising from the dead, but the establishment of a supernatural bond of love between himself and his disciples.

This bond of love, created by the Holy Spirit, enables us to be everything that God desires for us, and enables us to surrender to every demand that God may make on our lives. The Christian life goes beyond simply being socialized as good and responsible persons, but divinises us in such a way that our whole life becomes an expression of our newfound relationship with God.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for coming among us as a human person so that by your life, death, and resurrection you may set us free to live as your brothers and sisters, children in the kingdom of God!
Alleluia!

With every prayer and Easter blessing to you and your families!

Fr Gerard

Don't forget to put you clocks forward one hour this weekend—otherwise you'll be late for Mass!



Mass and Service schedule for week beginning Monday 1st April, 2024

Monday 1st April	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April	Saturday 6th April	SUNDAY 7th April
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	FUNERAL SERVICE H.S. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Monica & Mary H.S. - Monica, Lorraine, Irene

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 31st March	Margaret Borman	Joan Penny-Heys
Next Sunday: 7th April	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed



C.A.F.O.D



A very big thank you to the team who prepared, served and cleared up for our Lenten Soup Kitchen - brilliant soups as usual. Also a massive thank you to all who came along to support this very worthwhile event and to the children from our three schools, again giving them a glimpse of Parish life!

The amount raised over the six Fridays, together with a couple of generous donations came to:

£1,412.18

A RECORD AMOUNT!

Again showing a great outpouring of love from the Parish to those in need. THANKS AGAIN.

CHURCH COLLECTION

24th March: £375.20
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
Thank you!

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Francis Ryan
£10.00 Frances Howarth
£10.00 Brenda Hustler
£10.00 Venus Ghulam
£89.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



Methodists and Catholics PRAYING TOGETHER

Do come and join us at Christ Church from 11.30am until 12.00 noon on the first Wednesday of each month—next meeting this coming week 3rd April

Friday's funeral service is for Minto Miah, aged 52. May he rest in peace.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



April 1st Mary McCarthy (1976)
April 2nd Veronica Cowgill (2022)
Patrick Browne (2012)
April 3rd Marie Jackson (2022)
Roger E Rycroft (2012)
April 4th John Richardson (1966)
Lillian Baldwin (2007)
April 5th Rev Thos Dillon (1928)
Bob Spillane (2021)

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

MASS INTENTIONS

Ken Hare, died recently.
Patricia Carr, died recently
For the intentions of a friend
Mary Turner, Edward and Beatrice Stephenson
Safe trip to Lourdes for HCPT

