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2nd Sunday of Easter



7th April 2024



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The whole Church celebrates the Feast of Easter for a full seven weeks! In God's plan of salvation, the death and resurrection of Jesus is God's most glorious work, and therefore central to our liturgical year. The sacrificial love of Christ, expressed by his freely chosen death on the cross, now bursts forth into the world as a freely-given gift. Life is proved to be more powerful than death, and we are called to live transformed lives in the knowledge and experience of God's love for us.

During our Easter season, we reflect on the effects of the resurrection of Jesus by turning to the Acts of the Apostles. We see how the ministry of Jesus continues in the life of the early Church: preaching, teaching, praying, community building. And all this activity accompanied by the miracles that characterised the ministry of Jesus.

"So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the Apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past... all of them were cured" (Acts 5:15).

However, our celebrations cannot be confined to a focus on events that took place 2000 years ago. Our faith, though founded on historical events, is a living faith which puts us into contact with the living God. It's in our lived relationship with the Risen Lord that we find the power to really turn our lives around and to bring about that conversion of life which is the Lord's desire for us.

During our time of Lent we had reflected on the 'roots' of our lives, and how through prayer, fasting and good works, our souls might be nourished and healed. During Eastertide, we reflect on the 'fruits' of our faith which include a new peace in our hearts and a renewed power to love God and to love one another.

During our Easter season, as the Catholic community in Nelson, we earnestly desire that our parish is touched and marked by the Resurrection of Jesus in such a way that there are tangible effects... effects we can experience, identify and speak about! Maybe you have already noticed a new enthusiasm for the things of God, either in your own lives or by seeing a fresh commitment in the lives of others! Blessed are those who have ears to hear and eyes to see!

May the blessings of the Risen Christ touch our hearts, fill our lives, and flow out into our parish community.

Fr Gerard

Mass and Service schedule for week beginning Monday 8th April, 2024

Monday 8th April	Tuesday 9th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April	Saturday 13th April	SUNDAY 14th April
NO MASS	NO MASS	Eucharistic Service H.S. 7.00pm	Eucharistic Service & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	Eucharistic Service C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Siobhan & Barbara H H.S. - Monica, Irene, Catherine

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
Next Sunday: 7th April	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed
Next Sunday: 14th April	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski

Communion under both kinds

One of the deprivations brought about by the Covid pandemic was that we were no longer able to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice.

Although restrictions have been lifted, we now have maybe more caution about transmission of germs than we once did.

However, I think that we can begin to re-introduce Communion from the chalice and restore what was a normative practice. My proposal would be that we begin on weekday Masses when numbers are smaller and more manageable. This would give us an idea of how many people are happy to receive from the chalice.

I think that we should be entitled to receive from the chalice if we so wish, as the drinking of the Precious Blood completes the sacramental sign. However, individual responsibility and choice must be respected.

Just to note, the practice of 'intinction' which is that of dipping the host into the Precious Blood is not a practice approved by the Church.



C.A.F.O.D



Alongside the amazing total (£1,412.18) raised by the CAFOD soup lunches, we can also announce that the Family Fast collection raised a further £504.00 (of which £116.00 was gift-aided). Since the beginning of February, tea and coffee donations paid into CAFOD are £200.00 from Christ Church and £226.70 from Holy Saviour's. A further £25.00 was collected from the CAFOD box at Christ Church. Thank you so much for your generosity.

CHURCH COLLECTION

31st March: £584.50
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
Thank you!

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Barbara Quinn
£10.00 Charlotte Hancox
£10.00 Brian Clay
£10.00 Laura Durham
£100.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 9th Catherine Burrows (1979)
Mary Holden (1996)
April 10th Betty Hirst (2011)
April 11th Irene Burnett (2001)
April 12th Olive Hadfield (2001)
Pat Croton (2018)
April 13th Mario Pomponi (1986)



MASS INTENTIONS

Veronica Cowgill, anniv.
John & Peggy Condon, anniv.
Anna Holden, anniv, 8th April

BRIDGET QUIRKE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Quirke who died on Easter Sunday. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 16th April at Christ Church at 10.00am. May she be received into the full blessing of the Resurrection of Jesus.

