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Easter Sunday



20th April 2025



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the Resurrection of Christ we see the triumph of good over evil, and of life over death. This explosion of divine light fills every nook and cranny of the universe, but the place where God desires the light to shine most brightly, is in the hearts of the disciples of Jesus. "You are the light of the world."

It was only in the light of the Resurrection that the apostles and disciples came to a true realisation of who Jesus was, and they now began to understand all the words he had spoken. We might spend a long time studying the 'theory' of music, but until we hear the 'sound' of actual music we cannot guess of the surprise and delight it would bring to us. In the same way, it's only in our own personal encounter with the Risen Lord that we realise what all the 'fuss' has been about him for the last two thousand and more years!

Our faith in Jesus establishes a channel for divine grace to flow into our hearts, and allows the Holy Spirit to recreate us in all kinds of wonderful ways. The Risen Lord confers a peace upon us—a peace that the world cannot give! This peace flows from the absolute security of knowing that we are known and loved by God, and that even in our darkness moments—or maybe especially in our darkest moments—the Lord stands by us. "A mighty hero."

It's in staying close to Jesus: in prayer: through the celebration of the sacraments; in living for others; that the Resurrection of Jesus becomes an evermore compelling reality. May the Risen Lord be our strength, our joy, and our hope as we celebrate his presence in the Church and in our lives this Easter. Wishing you all, every Easter grace and blessing.

Fr Gerard



Recent Payments to CAFOD



Family Fast:		£398.00 (£90 of which was gift-aided)
Teas & Coffees:	C.C.	£140.00
	H.S.	£149.80

A huge thank you to all who came along to support the **Soup Lunch on the Fridays during Lent.**

Your generosity is to be commended! Over the six lunches we raised an amazing

£1,724.58p for C.A.F.O.D. (compared with £1,412.18 last year)

A great result for CAFOD during a time when a lot of overseas aid is being cut by governments.

Thanks to those who contributed in making soups, serving, washing up and tidying up afterwards.

See you in Advent!

The Team.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 21st April

Monday 21st April	Tuesday 22nd April	Wednesday 23rd April	Thursday 24th April	Friday 25th April	Saturday 26th April	Sunday 27th April
Mass C.C 12.00 noon	Mass C.C 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass & Exposition C.C 10.00am	Mass C.C 10.00am	Baptism Micah Hakim 2.00pm H.S	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 20th April	Sarah Ellison	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 27th April	Maggie King	Gerard King

Children's Church: C.C. - Linda & Bridgette

H.S. - Antonio, James, Lorraine

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Dawid Zycinski	Marian Reilly
Joe Gibbons	Lisa Stinchon
Tyrone McLaughlin	Marcin Zycinski
Helen Keating	James Hargreaves
Linda Goddard	Liz Variyam

CHURCH COLLECTION

13th April: £433.80

Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w

Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Jim McArdle
 £10.00 Sheila Hawthornthaite
 £10.00 Venus Ghulam
 £10.00 Carla de Cruz Santos



MASS INTENTIONS

Kathleen Ryan, died recently.
 Brendan McDermott, anniv

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 20th Alice Rushton (1986)
 Louis Purcell (2013)
 April 21st Agnes Bulman (1985)
 Brendan McDermott (2010)
 April 22nd Denis McDermott (2008)
 April 23rd Leonard Quinn (1979)
 James Littlefair (1944)
 April 26th Angelina Shepherd (1993)

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN



Holiday Bible Club

Many thanks to Christvin Edbarg and our Methodist friends who put so much effort into organising and running the Children's Holiday Bible Club. Thirteen Catholic children were welcomed into the Club this time round and they enjoyed lots of fun as they made new friends and learnt more about the Bible stories. We wish every blessing for Christvin and his family as they move on to their placement on the Isle of Man in September.

