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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions Saturday 11.00-12.00 in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year C)

16/17 April 2022

Saturday 16th April
Holy Saturday

20.00 Vigil Mass

Sunday 17th April
Solemnity of the
Resurrection of the Lord

8.00 Mass For the intentions of
Pope Francis this Easter

10.00 Mass People of the Parish

Easter Monday 18th April

10.00 Mass Peace in Ukraine

Easter Tuesday 19th April

9.30 Mass Deceased members
of O'Neill & Whittaker family

Easter Wednesday 20th April

9.30 Mass For the church in need

Easter Thursday 21st April

No Mass

Easter Friday 22nd April

19.00 Mass
For peace in our world

Easter Saturday 23rd April

No Mass

Sunday 24th April
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

8.00 Mass People of the Parish

10.00 Parish Mass
Abby Driscoll RIP
(Tricia Annessa)

EASTER SUNDAY (Year C – St Luke)

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in the *Parish Mass Book*: pp.258—61. (The readings for Easter Sunday are the same each year.)

Easter is what makes us Christians. *"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song"*, preached St Augustine in the very uncertain days of the 5th century when the western Roman Empire was collapsing all around. He added – and we, in our day, can add – *"Let us sing here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries! So that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety."* The life of Jesus is not put before us merely as a good example of someone who was true to his beliefs. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And it is Easter that demonstrates these truths. In Jesus, God has taken on our life, and transformed it *from within*. Through Baptism we share in the life of the crucified and risen Christ, and by that sharing we are made new persons. It may be that at times we are like St Peter, who on reaching the tomb just peers in and wonders. But there comes a point when we are asked to take the risk of faith – of seeing and believing that God could indeed love and liberate us to the extent of giving us Christ's life and love with which to live our own.

First Reading (NT): Acts 10, 34. 37 – 43 | Luke wrote the book of the *Acts of the Apostles* as a companion volume to his gospel and it has close links to the major themes found there. Just as the gospel story brought us from Galilee to Jerusalem, so *Acts* will carry us from Jerusalem to Rome and the wider world, thus showing the growth of the infant Church and the acceptance of Jesus by those *not* belonging to the chosen people of the old covenant. In today's reading we find St Peter speaking to a group of Gentiles (the household of the centurion Cornelius) and in his speech he is offering his eyewitness account of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. These verses highlight for us the central role played by the apostles and early disciples in the spread of the good news. St Luke himself only came to faith in Jesus through the witness of others, and so in the new testament there is a strong emphasis on how the first disciples experienced the risen Lord present with them. This *preaching of the resurrection* is the foundation stone on which all Christianity rests, and Peter, the frightened man who denied three times even knowing Jesus, is now proclaiming to anyone who will listen that the risen Lord is the source of forgiveness for all who believe.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 3, 1 – 4 | Colossae was a city in the Roman province of Asia and the letter was addressed by St Paul to the Christian community there. It emphasises the consequences of the resurrection of Christ for the whole world and especially for those who have been baptised. Going down into the water (of Baptism) is going into the tomb. It represents our death with Jesus. Arising from the water meant entering into another person's life, the life of the risen Christ. It is this contrast that today's reading is describing. In contrasting 'earthly' and 'heavenly' realities St Paul is not asking us to ignore or despise our life on earth. He stresses that this world can only make sense viewed from a 'heavenly' perspective, i.e. the risen life.

Gospel: St John 20.1—9 | When the beloved disciple entered the tomb we are told his appropriate response to what he experienced: 'he saw, and he believed'. The beloved disciple is unnamed. But in St John's gospel he is present and close to Jesus at all the key moments: the last supper, Calvary and now the tomb. In a sense he symbolises where all true believers should be, for each of us is called to be a beloved disciple closely accompanying Jesus on his way: 'Where I am there also my servant will be' (Jn 12.26)

Face Masks

Throughout the past two years the Parish has observed both Government regulations and Diocesan guidelines in relation to the Covid measures employed, including the wearing of face masks. It is now up to Parishioners, like all members of the general public, as to where they wear face masks - including in Church. As is now the practice in Westminster Cathedral for the distribution of Holy Communion, Parishioners are asked to remove face masks before reaching the Celebrant to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and to replace them as they return to their pews.

Easter Bank Holiday Monday Mass – 10am

The Easter Bank Holiday Monday Mass will be at 10am, not as shown on the external notice board.

A Day with Mary

On the notice board in the church narthex you will see details of **A Day with Mary** at Our Lady and St George, London Road Enfield EN2 6DS on **Saturday 23 April**, 9.30 to 3.30. It is a day of instruction, devotion and intercession—led by Fr Daniel Humphreys and Fr Serafino Lanzetta, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, a part of which gave rise to the Holy Father's recent decision to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I encourage you to consider attending. See the board for details.

Sunday 8 May at 3pm

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX

Preacher: The Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK, who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection-Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine. Bakerloo Line & Tube, Willesden Junction Station (Old Oak Lane exit), Buses 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 487.

Readers Rota

17 April 8am Freda Adzinku

17 April 10am Readings Robert Chandler & Patrick Arthur, Bidding prayers Ray Kulanthai

24 April 8am Daphne Byron 24 April 10am Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Derrick & family

Counters Rota

17 April Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

24 April Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

Church Cleaning Rota

23 April Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza

30 April Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah