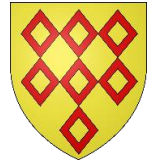


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13-14 April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Word for the Week: “Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? See, here ...” Lk 24.38

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
Sat 13 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Pope St Martin I, Memorial</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – Annie Sorohan RIP
SUN 14 8am 10am R: Glorious	Third Sunday of Easter Mass – People of the Parish Parish Mass – John Mascarenhas RIP
Mon 15 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> Mass – Bruna and Alfredo Rastelli RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 16 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> Mass – Maisie and Doug Dennis RIP
Wed 17 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> Mass – Maria Shukla, in thanksgiving
Thurs 18 R: Luminous	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> No Mass day [Gospel: John 6.44-51]
Fri 19 R: Sorrowful	<i>St Alphege, Memorial</i> Friday abstinence No Mass day [Gospel: John 10.11-16]
Sat 20 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – Jennifer and Daniel Bourke (for health and well-being)
SUN 21 R: Glorious	'Good Shepherd' Sunday (Easter 4) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> <i>Priest Training Fund second collection</i>
8am 10am	Mass – People of the Parish Parish Mass – Margaret Robinson RIP

♦ **Ascension Day** – a Day of Obligation – falls on Thursday 9 May. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 7pm that day.

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan

♦ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director

♦ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish.
Please take this newsletter home.

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at *the back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ Eastertide Greeting

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

♦ A Prayer to be said before all Masses

ALMIGHTY God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

The **ORDER of Mass** can be found on the **pew card**.

Scripture readings can be found from **p.262-5** of the *Mass Book*.

Psalm response: 'Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.'

All sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures | to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as, | you talk- to us."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

♦ Marian Eastertide Antiphon (sung or said) after all Masses

JOY to thee, O Queen of heaven: alleluia.

He whom thou wast blessed to bear, alleluia.

As He promised, hath arisen! alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer. alleluia.

Tune: Laudate 267

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All **For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

Together, let us pray:

O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk
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pick up an envelope as you leave

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures

The profound loss and personal shame of Good Friday, the despondency that followed the death and burial of Jesus, the disillusionment with the Israel's God who had promised so much and delivered little was unalterably changed on the *third day*. New energy, fresh vitality and deep-seated joy radiated from the Apostles as they tried to find ways to give reasons for the hope they now had (1 Peter 3.15). We, too, in the very different world of today, and in a society which asks more and more searching questions than those put to the first generation of Christians, must have the courage to explain why it is we have *hope*. Pope John Paul II said of Christians: *We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*

First Reading (NT): Acts 3.12–15, 17–19 Peter, fully aware that He was addressing fellow Jews, was keen to emphasise *continuity* between God's saving actions in the course of Hebrew history, and the radically changed reality that had begun with the death and resurrection of Jesus. What had been promises were now fulfilled. The God whom Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had worshipped, was the one who now raised Jesus from the dead. Peter urged the people to see and understand, turn from old ways, embrace the Good News, and live as children of the new

covenant—the new relationship—that became possible after God unilaterally forgave sin!

Second Reading (NT): 1 John 2.1–5 The author of this letter establishes an immediate link between the resurrection and the saving power of Christ's death. He died for our sins (1 Cor. 15.3), the Just One died on behalf of the unjust so that He could lead us back to God (1 Peter 3.18). The author had these convictions in mind as he wrote to his audience. Do not forget *why* Christ suffered, *why* did He freely embrace it, *why* did He die. Through His cross He forgave sin; by His resurrection He gave life. Through the ministry of the Church, that is what He desires to do today.



Gospel: Luke 24, 35 – 48: The central question in this episode from the afternoon of Easter Sunday is 'Why are doubts rising in your hearts?' The same question is addressed to us today – a generation infected with the desire to prove everything we believe from experience as well as reason and science. Jesus was speaking to disciples who, during his years with them, were continually not listening, hesitant and misunderstanding. Again, like us today. We are challenged to surrender our will to the truth of resurrection, and to ask what, in our lives, becomes possible, as a result?

♦ **Pastoral cover** Fr Jonathan is away until 21st. The first Mass on his return will Monday 22 April. Masses will be covered by **Fr Mike** Guthrie, **Fr Ako** Anywanwu, **Fr Eugene** Curran, **Fr Tony** Sammarco, and **Fr Guy** Sawyer. They all deserve our warmest welcome and thanks – certainly mine. *Fr J*

♦ **If you haven't** collected your Planned Giving envelopes please do after Mass (or you may get a visit from the parish priest!)

♦ **Next weekend** (Fr J's final day of leave) is Good Shepherd Sunday, Easter 4, and the annual **second collection for the Priest Training Fund**. Trainee priests are a priority for us, as the future teachers and pastors of the Church. At present, for this Diocese, we have 14 men across 6 years of formation, and 2 more preparing for seminary. On average it costs about £25,000 per year to educate, prepare and house one seminarian. He, for his part, is preparing all the while to

give his whole future to the Lord and to you. Your future parish priests must come from somewhere! Please be generous; show our seminarians they are loved, wanted and supported; and show God you want the church's future to be resilient, led by good and self-less clergy. And pray for more of them! *Fr J*

♦ **After its Easter recess** Parliament will be back on this week, and will debate the Criminal Justice Bill, with two new, untested amendments concerning abortion: 1 de-criminalization, and 2 a change in the term for legal abortion. Now is the time to **pray for your MP**, whom some of us have lobbied.

♦ **The Flower Team** would like to thank all those who gave in memory of friends and family last week for Easter lilies. A wonderful £225 was donated. And we all benefitted!

♦ **Fr Jonathan** is very grateful to all those of you who picked up that it was his birthday last Sunday, and especially for the party in the Hall. In his turn he encourages you all to remember the date of your eternal birthday (ie, your *baptism*) and have a bigger party on that day! (His is 8 May.)

♦ **Diocese to Lourdes 19–26 July** Registration via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or via the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Plane, train or coach travel options available. **All applications by Tuesday 30 April please.**

♦ **Speaking of Lourdes**, Emma Nwawulor, having had such a wonderful time **supporting sick pilgrims** last year, wants to do the same again this year. That means she needs sponsorship. There are envelopes at the back for any help you can give (she needs to collect £1000) and a QR code on the noticeboard if you prefer to help by contactless donation.

Good Shepherd Sunday 21 April 2024



Thank you for supporting the formation of our future priests

Readers

13 Apr	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
14 Apr	8am	Ignatius & Nikita Pinto
	10am	Pereira family, Nwawulor family
20 Apr	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
21 Apr	8am	Freda Adzinku
	10am	Carol-Anne Chandler, Anna Acuti

Church Cleaning Rota

20 Apr	Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
27 Apr	Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaité

♦ **St Dominic's Sixth Form College** (HA1 3HX, Harrow on the Hill) has vacancies for Science Laboratory Technicians (Chemistry – Full Time; Physics – Part Time) For further information please download an application from the website, or contact Jacqueline Brosnan, the college business manager, on JAB@stdoms.ac.uk.