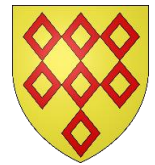


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6-7 April 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

Word for the Week: ‘You believe because you’ve seen me? How wonderful for those who won’t see what you see, and yet believe!’ Jn 20.29

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 6 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – for Tony O'Mahony RIP
SUN 7 8am 10am R: Glorious	Second Sunday of Easter – ‘Divine Mercy’ Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for the De Cruz family (healing) <i>and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Holy Land</i>
Mon 8 9.30am R: Joyful	Annunciation of our Lord to the BVM Mass – for the Shukla family
Tues 9 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Easter 2</i> Mass – for Ray Kulanthai RIP
Wed 10 9.30am 1.00pm R: Glorious	<i>Feria of Easter 2</i> Mass – for Sam Wadood RIP (3 rd Anniv) Funeral Mass for Jimmy Chin Ming Wong
Thurs 11 R: Luminous	<i>St Stanislaus, Memorial</i> No Mass day [Gospel: Matt 7.21-29]
Fri 12 7.00pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Easter 2</i> <i>Friday abstinence</i> Mass – for Janet Texeira RIP
Sat 13 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Pope St Martin I, Memorial</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – for Annie Sorohan RIP (4 th Anniversary)
SUN 14 8am 10am R: Glorious	Third Sunday of Easter Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for John Mascarenhas RIP

◆ **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

◆ **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.

10.00 PARISH MASS

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

◆ **Scripture readings** can be found from **p.259-62** of the *Mass Book*.

◆ **Psalm response:** ‘Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. For His love has no end.’

◆ **All sing:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, ‘You believe because you | see me. Happy are those who have not seen, | and yet– believe.’
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **Marian Eastertide Antiphon:**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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**

◆ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (which if you’ve never prayed it, you’ve missed a blessing!) follows immediately. The Intention is for the Holy Land, Gaza especially. *Please stay if you can (it uses the rosary but is less than half the length). If you can’t, please do not talk until you are outside.*

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures

Human beings are extremely well-researched creatures, and not least our psyche and relationships. Part of such research is of course on the patterns of our grief, how we deal with loss, and how we change to cope with the absence of those whom we love. It is possible that some Christians cope with grief and loss differently to others, especially those who remember Paul's advice to the Thessalonians: "Do not mourn like those who have no hope" (1 Thess 4.13). But there is for all human beings a deep solidarity in remembering those who have shaped, even defined, our lives.

On the evening of Easter Day, the disciples were hiding together for fear of being seen. No doubt it was also a comfort too, to mourn Jesus, despite the disturbing stories from the women. And into this shared space, He came ...

First Reading: Acts 4.32-35 The small Christian communities which quickly emerged all across modern-day Turkey and the Aegean, drew the attention of their neighbours. The early Christian writer Tertullian claimed, sometimes with sarcasm and sometimes with admiration, that they were spoken of as 'those who love one another.' The impression we form may be idealised (which is perhaps an indicator of our own cynicism) but the image is at all times of a community which, as a consequence of celebra-



Westminster's 9ft Christ and St Thomas

Jesus, on Easter day itself, and could not accept second-hand reports. He would trust only his own touch and sight. And for that Jesus rebukes him: happy are others (like you and me!) who haven't seen and yet have believed other people's witness.

ting the Eucharist is filled with the grace of *caritas* – specifically *caritas* – meaning both in Latin charity and love towards others.

Second Reading (NT): 1 John 5.1-6 Jesus had insisted on charity as his disciples' primary obligation to others – always drew attention to the obligation of his disciples to love their neighbours as themselves. John here, as elsewhere, makes it perfectly clear the test of whether we are charitable to others is if we are doing what *God* commands. Not (you notice) the other way round: not our love of others being our proof of our love of God. We cannot recommend ourselves to God by being busy loving others. We can only truly love others out of humble obedience to God.

Gospel: John 20.19-31 Thomas's problem was not that he doubted Jesus – the jury was out on the question of the day. No, his problem was that he doubted the testimony of *others*. He missed out on the first apparitions of

♦ **Easter thanks for Easter mercies ...** Fr Jonathan would like to thank everybody for their generous Easter gifts. They are very much appreciated.

♦ **Please collect** your Planned Giving envelopes in the Narthex after Mass. They start today ...

♦ **After its Easter recess Parliament** will be back on Monday 15 April, and will debate the Criminal Justice Bill again, with two new, untested amendments concerning abortion: 1 decriminalization, and 2 a change in the term for legal abortion. So now is the time to write to our MP. Please see the briefing and model letters on the tables in the Narthex.

♦ **Any hope left in the Holy Land?** See **Bishop Declan Lang**, on <https://theholylan.org.uk/>. It is well worth your time!! You'll also find a link here: www.cbcew.org.uk/ Let us pray for the dignity, justice, and humanity in the Holy Land.

Votive lights burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for Roque Dias RIP (Dad)

Readers

6 Apr	5.30pm	Noretta Reece
7 Apr	8am	Joseph Arthur
	10am	Tim & Mel Goodger, Monika Tabarrok
13 Apr	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
14 Apr	8am	Ignatius & Nikita Pinto
	10am	Pereira family, Nwawulor family

Church Cleaning Rota

13 Apr	Team C	Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
20 Apr	Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

Weekly Almsgiving on 31/03/2024

Loose Plate	£ 612.95
Envelopes	£ 320.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 528.35
TOTAL	£1461.30

♦ **Big Wedding anniv this year? LAST CALL to you all!** This **Thursday** is the deadline for names for 25 May's **Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony**. Names, date of wedding, full postal address and email (or tel number) to FrJ or Frances

Sunday 21 April (FrJ'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. On average it costs about £25,000 per year to educate, prepare and house a seminarian. He, for his part, is preparing 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 Jonathan

♦ **Forward notice** Fr Jonathan will be away from the parish from 13-21 April for a post-Easter break. All Masses (except Friday 19th) will be covered by other priests. Please ensure that they know their ministry and kindness is appreciated.

♦ **Divine Mercy Retreat next week, 13 April**, at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. For either event, call Millie on 07957 594646 for more info.

♦ **Funeral Notice** Funeral Jimmy Chin Ming Wong here, on Wed **10 April** at 1.00. See the notice in the Narthex.

♦ **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 www.stdoms.ac.uk, or contact Jacqueline Brosnan, the college business manager, on JAB@stdoms.ac.uk.

♦ **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.**