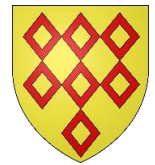


# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 30–31 March 2024 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

“Being raised to life with the king, search for the things that are *above*, where He is!” Col 3.1

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary		
<b>Confessions</b> 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.		
<b>Sat 30</b> 8.00pm R: Joyful	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b> NB Clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am	<i>Fast Day</i>
<b>SUN 31</b> 8am 10am	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Johnson Rebelo (birthday)	R: <i>Glorious</i>
<b>Mon 1</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Lily and Farid Meghji (Wedding Anniversary)	
<b>Tues 2</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Kevin Desouza RIP (50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary)	
<b>Wed 3</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Dr Nidhi Kapadiya (unwell) and Yogi and Rishi Kapadiya	
<b>Thurs 4</b> R: Luminous	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>No Mass day</b> [Gospel: 24.35-48]	
<b>Fri 5</b> 7.00pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Celest Joachim RIP (Birthday Remembrance)	<i>No fasting</i>
<b>Sat 6</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> – for Tony O'Mahony RIP	
<b>SUN 7</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>Second Sunday of Easter – 'Divine Mercy'</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for the De Cruz family (healing) followed by the chaplet of the Divine Mercy for the Holy Land	

◆ **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/](http://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 Mass** **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 **special leaflet**.

◆ **Scripture readings** can be found from **p.255-9** of the *Mass Book*.

◆ **Psalm response**: 'This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.'

◆ **Easter Sequence**:

*Reader* Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

**All The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

**Tell us, Mary: say, what thou didst see upon the way.**

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as He rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: He goes before you into Galilee.

**That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.**

**Victorious King, Thy mercy show! Amen. Alleluia.**

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

Christ, our Passover, have been sacrificed;

Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◆ **Marian Eastertide Antiphon**:

VI  
**R** EGINA caeli \* laetare, allelúia: Qui-a quem meru- isti portare, al-  
lelúia: Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alle- lúia: Ora pro nobis De-um, allelú-ia.

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**

## REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures

This is the day (so Ps 118 tells us) the Lord has made. The Church urges us to rejoice and be glad. It's "the Lord's Day" – today and every Sunday. The first day of the week; the 'eighth day' of creation! Easter Sunday is the high point, but more importantly the *source* of the entire Church year. The seminal Christian feast. It gives birth to all other feasts, and deserves to be celebrated with unalloyed joy. It is true of our liturgical celebrations in church, and of our domestic celebrations at home. There is less to-ing and fro-ing and general fuss than at Christmas, so parents and children have the opportunity for a more intimate and, dare one say it, a more intense celebration. The whole reality of our lives is bathed in the light of Easter.

And yet there is something discreet about the joy we experience at Easter. It is more an inner feeling. When we look at Mary Magdalene in the garden on that first Easter Sunday one has the impression that there is something tentative about the joy she experienced. As if the reality of resurrection were simply too vast to handle, its implications too extensive to comprehend. The Church, in her maternal wisdom, acknowledges the challenges resurrection faith poses. She gives us eight full days, an 'octave', simply to contemplate the mystery of the Lord *alive*, without recrimination or force; and then gives us forty more to allow it to sink in.



## First Reading: Acts 10.34, 37-43

In this great sermon preached by Peter we get the same feeling as when we read the NT letters ascribed to him: we pinch ourselves realising this was the oratory of a simple man! His message about Jesus is very straightforward: he had been anointed by God, he was a good man, he went about preaching, and he healed a lot of sick people and even when he comes again as judge, he will be merciful. We have none of the theology of John nor the intellectual argument of Paul. It is a direct, simple message, yet brim full of conviction and love.

## Second reading: Colossians 3.1-4

The apostle's encouragement to look for, and contemplate, the things of heaven does not mean disregard for daily and mundane realities, much less sorrows and sufferings the like of which Jesus has just endured. It means we living life now, after the resurrection, from a totally new perspective, and out of a hidden energy. Citizens of heaven, and Christ's ambassadors in the world.

**Gospel: John 20.1-9** It is important to remember that the resurrection faith of the early Christians was rooted in two experiences: the empty tomb and the appearances of Jesus. Death has destroyed death; the tomb has given up the living! His totally new but utterly real humanity is our whole agenda – in the Church, in the world, and in our lives

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

♦ **Any hope left in the Holy Land? Bishop Declan Lang**, the retiring Bishop of Clifton, and for many years chair of the Bishops' Holy Land Coordination <https://theholylan.org.uk/>, has appeared on a special Middle East Analysis podcast. It is well worth your time!! You'll find the link here: [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) Let us pray for the dignity, justice, and humanization of all who are locked in traumatic hostilities in the Holy Land.

♦ **Easter Greetings** Fr Jonathan wishes to thank all those who have so kindly and generously, sometimes anonymously, given him an Easter gift. And he and Sarah share your happiness at the feast of the Risen Lord.

♦ **Easter lilies** have been given in thankful memory of Johan Lie Kiang Tjwan, Betty Tjio Loen Eng, Peter Lie Kim Eng, Lim Djet Oi, Johnny Fernandes, Helen Pacheo, Helene Amasanti, Paul Amasanti, Daisy DeBono, Angela DeBono, John and Molly Goodall, Gowri and Ragulan Raviraja, Roque Dias, Tony Dimarco, Nora Balfe, Maria-Luisa Nacqui, Constancio and RoseMarie Fernandes, Jenny Hicks, Joseph Raymond, Mrs Chan, Mrs Wong, Mary and Joe Brightwell, Tim Ball, Ray Kulanthai, Nevill and Janet, Emil, Therese, Anne and Edward Hayden; and the deceased members of the Arthur, Whittaker, O'Neill, Sammreo, Amandini, Wong, Chan, Meghji, De Cruz, and Martins families

♦ **Divine Mercy Sunday** There will be an opportunity to pray together for the Holy Land, after 10.00 Mass next week: when we shall say the chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

♦ **Divine Mercy Retreats** are being held

1 - the day before, **Sat 6 April**, at Aylesford Priory, Kent. Coaches available from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

2 - the Saturday after, **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.

♦ **Masses for the living** May I encourage you to ask for Mass to be offered for the living who need our prayers – your kids, your friends who are struggling, causes and needs for which prayer is needed.

♦ **The Repository** has books to help children follow the Mass, Easter cards are also available and a range of small gifts.

♦ **Planned Giving envelopes 2024-25 start NEXT SUNDAY (7 APRIL)**. Please, collect yours before you leave, from the Narthex *today*, or next Sunday.

♦ **Funeral Notice** Funeral Jimmy Chin Ming Wong here, on Wed **10 April** at 11.30. See the notice in the Narthex.

♦ **Big Wedding anniv this year? LAST CALL! 10 April** deadline for 25 May's **Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony**. Names, date of wedding, full postal address and email (or tel number) to FrJ or Frances

### Readers

30 Mar	8pm	Sarah Goodall, Emma Nwawulor, Georgia Nwawulor, Derrick Pereira
31 Mar	8am	Amalie Direkze
	10am	David Nwawulor, Nnennia Nwawulor, Nikita Pinto
6 Apr	5.30pm	Noretta Reece
7 Apr	8am	Joseph Arthur
	10am	Tim & Mel Goodger, Monika Tabarrok

### Church Cleaning Rota

6 Apr	Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitè
13 Mar	Team C	Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira

### Weekly Almsgiving on 24/03/2024

Loose Plate	£ 464.18
Envelopes	£ 295.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 195.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 954.18</b>

**Votive lights** burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for the Meghji family (special intention)