

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
- 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came running to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Jesus Christ is Risen today!

No one saw the resurrection because there was nothing to see. The crucifixion is an historical event; the resurrection is a faith event. Easter is more than a feeling moment. It is a faith moment.

We can know little Easters all year round and if we develop a recognition of and a taste for them, they will deepen our faith in the Resurrection even when we do not feel the joy at the time of its celebration.

Our little Easters are those moments when we feel hope press against our spirit. Our little Easters are those moments when something that has died in us is raised to life again. They provide quiet reassurance that God keeps raising dead parts of our spirit to life.

We live the Resurrection when we try to live in the present moment, when we allow the Resurrection to change us now.



Let us rejoice and be glad!

Easter

21st April 2019

Missal: p318 & 362

Euch. Prayer: 1

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 20th April 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Agnes Dunnagan	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Mollie Walmsley Bernard Moore	<i>EASTER DAY</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Reg Brian	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Stacey	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	In thanksgiving	
Thur <u>10.45am</u>	<u><i>St. Anthony</i></u>	FUNERAL: Catherine Winstanley	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Rawcliffe family	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Helen Duffy	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Peter Hothersall Fr. Peter Dolan	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £802.86. Attendance: 247 (6.00pm: 111, 9.30am 136)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Vera Swan, Red Brian, Fr. Peter Dolan.

Please pray for the following: Joan Anderton, Francis Parkinson, Bill Embery, Judith Holman, Chris Goldsmith, Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Frances & Les Farrer, Michael Wilson, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Frank & Norah Stanton and Lawrence Dunnagan;

... for those who have died recently: Mgr. Michael Tully, Catherine Winstanley;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Winifred Marchant, Ellen Mason, Gerald Walsh, Christina Gleeson, Sarah Jane Knowles, Vincent Machin, Anthony Proctor, Gabrielle Mills, Ronnie King, Carole Nash and Leo McGinty.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

Thanks — Holy Week Liturgies

The Holy Week liturgies come thick and fast but each ceremony requires a good deal of preparation. Thanks to all those who have worked so hard on the liturgy Sacristan and servers, musicians and singers, cleaners and flower arrangers, readers and eucharistic ministers; those who took part in the 'Mandatum' on Maundy Thursday at Holy Family, and many, many more who helped us to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies with dignity and joy. And thanks to all our parishioners for coming together to celebrate the ceremonies.

Music at 9.30am Mass—correction

We are blessed to have Angie play the organ most Sundays at 9.30am Mass. However Angie will be away on the Sundays on 9th, 16th and 23rd JUNE (not May). Can any of the musicians in our parish stand in on one or more of those days? Many thanks.

Mass followed by an Easter Party

Organised by our SVP Group for Senior Citizens of our parish, next Sat. 27th April, 12 noon. If you are able to donate raffle/bingo prizes please place at the back of church. If you know of anyone who requires transport please contact Mr Mark Ibison on 01772 712130 or Mrs Kelly on 01772 723963 Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Parish Leadership Group

Next meeting is this Wednesday, at which the responses to the questionnaire will be considered.

Offertory Envelopes

New sets of Offertory envelopes are in the porch. Please let us know if you have changed address during the past year, or if you don't currently have envelopes and would like some: put your name and address in the Offertory basket. If you want to start giving by Standing Order please pick up details from the porch. Thank you.

Another Chocolate Bouquet Raffle

Congratulations to Denise King on winning the Raffle. Thanks again to Michelle for donating this wonderful prize. The proceeds of £116 will be divided between CAFOD and the Building Fund.

Concert at the Playhouse at 7.30 on 26th April.

Angie announces a Concert to raise money for the Playhouse and a dementia singing group at Xaverian Mission Centre. Lost and Found will be one of the acts. Tickets are £10 from 07738915848.

Pro-Life Chain

SPUC's annual pro-life chain, kerbside, silent vigil on London Road, next Saturday (27th) 11am-1pm. Meet just north of Ribble bridge. Info, tel: 723094.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm. Any young people in Year 7 and above may apply. Young people in Our Lady's High school will be contacted direct around Easter.