

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	04 Apr	6.00 pm	Easter Vigil. Sp. Intention, Tom Litchfield
Sun	05 Apr	9.30 am	People of the parish
Mon	06 Apr	9.30 am	Gordon Addison RIP
Tues	07 Apr	9.30 am	Parish Benefactors, deceased
Wed	08 Apr	9.30 am	Dave Holby for good health
Thu	09 Apr	9.30 am	Nellie Lenihan RIP, anniversary
Fri	10 Apr	9.30 am	Peter Kavanagh RIP
Sat	11 Apr	9.30 am	In thanksgiving to St Anthony, donor's intention
		5.30 pm	Deceased members of the Fortune family
Sun	12 Mar	9.30 am	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Christ is risen from the dead! Dying he conquered death. To the dead, he has given life (Byzantine Liturgy) The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the crowning truth of our faith. It is the jewel in the crown, the splendour and glory of God. It is the central truth upon which our faith in Christ is founded and by which it is lived out.

Belief in the fact of Jesus' resurrection is fundamental to Christian faith. The truth of the resurrection was handed down to us by the apostles, testified to by the writers of the New Testament and was (and always will be) preached alongside the cross as an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

This truth of our faith which is both a mystery and a real event, is the rock upon which the Christian edifice is built. Indeed, if Christ has not been raised from the dead, then all our preaching teaching and testimony over two thousand years has been in vain (see 1 Cor. 15:14)

But Christ has been raised from the dead! We are a resurrection people! Alleluia is our song! We are children of Jesus' resurrection, the first fruits of it, if you like, and we stand upon its living tradition. As St Paul testified and upon which we rely: 'I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day ... and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve' (1 Cor. 15:3-5). Today of all days is truly a day to celebrate and rejoice!

Death is our enemy: it defeats us all. Jesus was the only One who could conquer it and conquer it he did, opening up for us a wonderful new life beyond the grave. For sure, we live by faith and not sight. For sure, our body will die, but we know that death is not the end and that we will rise body and soul on the last day. Just as the Father raised the Son from the dead, so we too will rise again.

'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive' (1 Cor. 15:20,22)

PARISH PRAYER MEETINGS

Mother's Prayers meets every Monday in church after Mass. All welcome.
On Thursdays from 2.45 pm a prayer group prays the Divine Mercy, the Rosary and prayers for peace. All are welcome.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.***

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For Disarmament and Peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is your Easter offering towards the support of your clergy.

Everything Is New

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day...ACTS 10:30-40

Peter and John's footrace to Jesus' tomb, full of incredulous anticipation, signals that nothing can be the same if death has lost its sting. With the resurrection, everything is as new and fresh as the dawn of Creation. We see this in the Easter Vigil: the light piercing the darkness of the night, our exultant song of praise, the Word announcing our redemption and God's fidelity to his promises, our baptismal vows made new again, the appearance of the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. All of these oft-repeated actions live in the eternal present of God's merciful love.

Benedict XVI liked to say that we are Christians by becoming Christians over and over again. That speaks not so much to our not getting it right as it does to the spring of water that never runs dry, bringing life and freshness to all it touches. On this Easter day, God desires to renew his promises in our very flesh.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

EASTER THANKS

Fr Mark Brentnall and Fr Alan Burbidge, your priests, would like to take this opportunity to thank all their parishioners for their help and support during Lent and Easter. For all the work of looking after the church and centres and for the help and preparation and celebration of the Holy Week and Easter services.

We wish you a Happy and Holy Easter full of the blessings of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 24th May at St George's 9.30 am.

Classes at English Martyrs start Saturday 25th April at 10.30 am.