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EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 30 Mar	6.00 pm	St George's	The Doolan Family
EASTER VIGIL			
Sun 31 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	John & Nellie Lenihan RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	In thanksgiving to St Joseph for a favour received and for holy souls.
Mon 01 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Trevor Litchfield for good health
Tue 02 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 03 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	For Heather RIP (Anne Eadie's daughter)
Thu 04 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	The McAleavey Family and Holy Souls
Fri 05 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Private Intention
Sat 06 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased priests
	5.30 pm	St George's	(Fr. Mark to celebrate) Hilary Crosbie for good health
Sun 07 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	For Doreen Sedat
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus' resurrection was a real event, historically verified by the New Testament writers. It is the crowning truth, the cornerstone and the living tradition handed down from the apostles: 'I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve' (1 Cor. 15:3-4). John holds out the empty tomb as the sign of the resurrection. An empty tomb in and of itself is not direct proof – the absence of the body could be otherwise explained.

The empty tomb is a sign inviting us to enter into the mystery of the risen Lord. When John discovered the linen cloths lying there, he saw and believed (v.9). We too are invited to see and believe that through Jesus' resurrection a new humanity is possible, radiating and resplendent with the glory, power and beauty of God.

The basis of Easter rejoicing and joy is that through the grace of our baptism we have some share in the resurrection: we are immersed into Jesus' death and resurrection and become partakers in his divine life, the life of the resurrection.

The life in the Spirit isn't about gritting our teeth and trying harder: rather it's about letting go and letting God work in us. The resurrection life is a life of grace and grace is supernatural: we can't manufacture it or strive for it because it is the gift of God. The key is a humble faith which acknowledges our need for this new life, our need for grace and the wisdom to be unashamed, bold and confident in asking: I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

'Jesus Christ is risen today' Alleluia! Alleluia! He has turned all our sunsets into dawns. He has conquered death: death has been vanquished, its sting removed. He is the alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. His is the Lord of Life and he will live forever.'

Copies of Living Faith available at Church, for April, May, June.

Fr Alan would like to wish all parishioners of St George's and Holy Spirit a Happy and Holy Easter full of the joys of the resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

THE SECOND COLLECTION at the Masses this weekend is the traditional Easter offering towards the support of your priest.

Our Unshakable Confidence

....**you too will appear with him in glory.** Colossians 3:4
There are many troubling trends today in America and around our world. And yet, I am profoundly optimistic. I do not expect things to turn around right away, maybe never. But my optimism does not come from a human source or from any positive expectations regarding politics or social change. Rather today, on Easter Sunday, everything changed. Satan's kingdom was smashed. Evil was definitively defeated. The power of God's love triumphed in Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Followers of Christ are now filled with an unshakable confidence. In a deep spiritual insight, the mystic Julian of Norwich famously said, "All shall be well.". Nothing can extinguish our inner confidence.

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE led by Bishop Patrick McKinney.

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 to being a Year of Prayer. Pilgrimage is a very particular form of prayer, a time when we don't only speak words to God, but act with our bodies to come to a particular place. Lourdes has been a place of special prayer for over 160 years, since Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858. One of the messages Our Lady spoke was 'tell the priests to build a chapel and that people should come here to procession.' Not only Saint Bernadette, but each one of us responds to this invitation when we come in pilgrimage to Lourdes, and give glory to God through the prayer of our presence. Of course, we'll also say many prayers in Lourdes, light candles, bring intentions to the Grotto, and spend time with Our Lord in Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament. But never forget that at the heart of our pilgrimage is a form of prayer when we desire to become physically closer to God through coming to this holy place, this Shrine of Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes.

May this year's pilgrimage be a timer of blessings for each one of us, and may we bring before the Lord our prayers and our presence, as his Blessed Mother continues to invite us to do.

+ Patrick, Bishop of Nottingham

Pilgrimage Options:	Hotels	Air	SRS*
	Beau Site	£819	£120
	Padua	£829	£140

The Pilgrimage price includes:

Charter flight from East Midlands to Lourdes

Airport check in and checked luggage

Airport transfers in Lourdes

Full board accommodation

All known taxes and charges

Full spiritual programme

Full support throughout of Tangney Tours staff

Child discounts available on request

*SRS is an additional single room supplement

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Please note that Assisted Pilgrims applying to stay in a Hotel must be accompanied by either a family member or carer.

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