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EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 08 Apr HOLY SATURDAY	6.00 pm	St George's	Holy Saturday night liturgy, Ellie & John Lenihan RIP
	6.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Holy Saturday night liturgy, People of the Parish
Sun 09 Apr EASTER SUNDAY	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls and G.F. donor's intention
Mon 10 Apr	6.00 pm	St George's	Roy Colin RIP
	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 11 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 12 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 13 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intentions and Holy Souls
Fri 14 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	For the recent victims of natural disasters
Sat 15 Apr	9.30 pm	St George's	For cancer and Leprosy sufferers
	5.30 pm	St George's	Thomas and Michael O'Reilly RIP
Sun 16 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For those in the parish who are quite poorly

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

On this day 2000 years ago, the entire cosmos held its breath and was rendered silent before the mystery unfolding before it. Christ's death was a real death in that it put an end to his earthly existence. However, his corpse was like no other. For, as St Thomas Aquinas once said, '...divine power preserved Christ's body from corruption.'

Many paradoxes surround the life of Jesus, but, as we contemplate Jesus' body lying in the tomb, the following paradox is an important one for us to bear in mind. In Psalm 16 we read the prophetic words, '... my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let our holy one see corruption' (vv.9, 10 ESV). Jesus went into the tomb just like every person before him and every human being after him. He identified with us to the end, but the tomb couldn't hold him: death had no mastery over him because he is the author of life itself.

Reflecting on this mystery, St Gregory of Nyssa said, '[The Son] did not impede death from separating his soul from his body according to the necessary order of nature, but has reunited them to one another in the Resurrection, so that he himself might be, in his person, the meeting point for death and life, by arresting in himself the decomposition of nature produced by death and so becoming the source of reunion for the separated parts.'

Through baptism we join with Jesus into his descent into the tomb, but the 'good news', the glory and triumph of our faith, is that, just as Christ died, we die and, just as Christ is risen, we too will rise. As Paul put it. 'We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life'. (Rom. 6:4 NIV).

Lord Jesus, for the benefit of everyone you tasted death and went into the tomb, but your body didn't see corruption and you rose again on the third day. You conquered death and therefore we celebrate your victory with great joy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation lessons begin again on Sunday 23rd April after our Easter break. It is good to have the children and families with us on Sunday mornings.

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 HOLIEST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

.....[we] ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Acts 10:41

We often honour our achievements, victories and significant anniversaries by celebrating with family and friends at a dinner. It is a time to reminisce, relax and remember. When Jesus accomplished his earthly years of salvation ministry, he concluded with the notoriously heavy Cross and horrific death. The, from the dark, damp rock-hewn tomb, he emerged triumphantly into the golden glory of victorious resurrected life. Jesus had to celebrate with his Apostles and friends. Peter, the spokesman for the group, ecstatically informs us that they ate and drank with the Lord at the grand post-resurrection dinner. We also need to celebrate Easter as the greatest and holiest Sunday of the year. On this day, we want to give time for meditation, Scripture reading, prayer, singing and especially eating and drinking as we receive the sacrament of the holy Eucharist. Eastertide inspires us to uplift our *Alleluias* and rejoice in God's saving grace.

Fr James McKarns.

AN EASTER GIFT FOR YOU

We have taken advantage of a special offer for **Bible Alive** and therefore, enable each family to have a free copy of this lovely magazine which contains very helpful and incisive reflections on the daily and Sunday Gospels for Eastertide. From Sunday, 9th April to Sunday 28th May there is a helpful page of reflection on the Gospel of the day. **Please take your free copy.**

The **Catholic News** for April is now available.

Please take your free copy.

Features include, picture of Bishop and Confirmation candidates at Ratcliffe College; Cardinal Nichols and King Charles III, report on Loyal Address; St Mary's Academy Ofsted report; picture of events around the diocese; Pope's message to young UK Catholics and pictures from the Flame Congress and Blessed Robert Sutton Academy, "outstanding in all areas" Ofsted.

Easter copies of **'My Day by Day'**. All the bible readings and psalms from Good Friday to 31st May.

Please get your copy and place your donation in the box at church.

Fr Alan, Fr Peter and Fr Jude take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy and Holy Easter full of peace and joy and resurrection hope. The Lord indeed is risen and he has gone before us into Galilee and he has opened the broad highway to Heaven.