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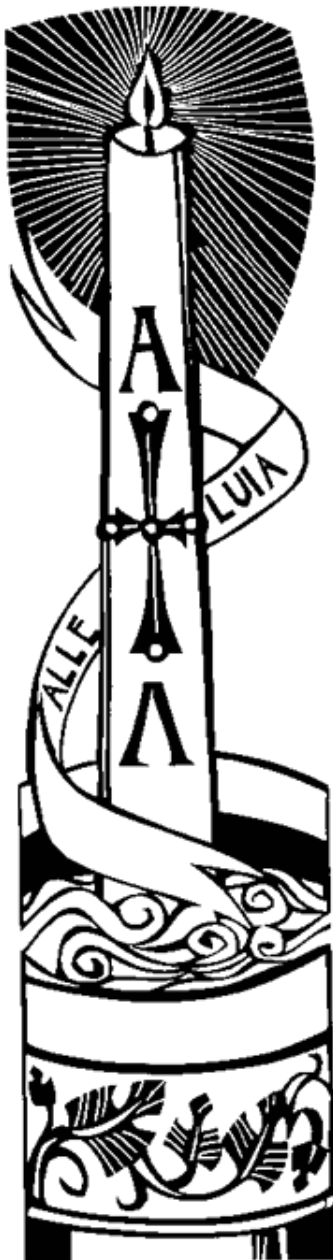
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EASTER SUNDAY
4th April 2021

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Easter Sunday is both the third day of the Triduum and the first day of the season of Easter. The first eight days of the season, the octave of Easter, are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. The Sundays of Easter take precedence over all other solemnities and feasts. The Ascension is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter. The fiftieth and last day is the feast of Pentecost. These fifty days are an unbroken celebration of the victory of the risen Lord; they are celebrated as one feast day, sometimes called 'the great Sunday.'

Throughout this festive season, alleluias are sung and the Easter candle stands in the midst of the assembly. Christ is risen, reigns glorious with the Father, and is present through the gift of the Spirit. This is the Easter mystery that is celebrated in the symbolic period of fifty days.

The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John are at the heart of the Liturgy of the Word throughout the fifty days of Easter. The Gospel according to St John offers the community of faith an opportunity to deepen its understanding of the central place that Christ's dying and rising, the paschal mystery, occupies in its life. The Acts of the Apostles shows how the Church derives its entire life from this mystery and its ultimate fruit, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The special prefaces and the solemn blessings for the season of Easter serve to reinforce the paschal character of the Scripture readings for the season.

The solemn Easter dismissal with its alleluias is used during the octave of Easter and on Pentecost Sunday.

Resurexit Sicut Dixit
He has risen as He said.

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 4th April

- 9.00am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.45am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
11.00am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
6.00pm **Evening Prayer of The Church (Livestream only)**

Monday 5th April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 6th April

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)
12noon Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 7th April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Thursday 8th April

9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

Friday 9th April

9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
7.00pm EMAIL JACQUI TO BOOK WEEKEND MASS (ST ISIDORE'S)

Saturday 10th April

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm **Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sunday 11th April

- 8.30am **Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)**
9.00am **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary Magdalene's)**
10.30am **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)**
12noon **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Isidore's)**
3.00pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet (Livestream only)**
5.00pm **Holy Mass for Divine Sunday (St Mary's)**

To book Sunday Mass in St Mary's please call 01555 662234 or 07936306344 on Thursday or Friday Morning between 9am and 12noon.

To attend Sunday Mass in St Isidore's please email Jacqui (jacqui.dowd@me.com) no later than Friday evening.

From Fr John-Paul

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to our beautiful churches those who are here for the first time post-lockdown. It has been so wonderful and very encouraging to see so many people attend Mass and Services during Holy Week, and now on Easter Sunday. I would like to also thank those who helped prepare, clean and decorate our churches for Easter, making them as beautiful as ever. Our florists and church volunteers have done a wonderful job! It has also been encouraging to see so many people engaging with our parish Facebook pages and to see so many people watch Mass and Services online. We very much look forward to welcoming all these people back to our church when they feel confident enough to join us again in person. I would also like to thank those who handed in Easter Eggs, Easter Cards and gifts, it was so humbling to receive such generosity. I feel very lucky and blessed to be here with you all. As we travel through the holy season of Easter please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. God bless you all!

*Thank
you*

VOLUNTEERS

It has been wonderful to welcome so many people back in to our churches this Easter. This of course would not be possible without the support and dedication of our volunteers. Thank you very much for all those who have volunteered, along with our Covid Coordinators, to have allowed us this opportunity. It has been so inspiring to see the children take on this responsibly and volunteer with the help of their parents and grandparents. It has also been so encouraging to see some of our young people reading at Mass, as we ease out of lockdown and return to 'normality' I am sure we will see many more young people involved. God bless you.

Giftaid Envelopes

As the new financial year begins Giftaid envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who use the weekly offering envelopes. They can be collected before or after Mass. Thank you very much for those who are signed up to the Giftaid Scheme. In previous years our parishes have benefited greatly from this scheme, however, due to lockdown, our claim may not be as high this year. If you pay income tax in the UK, the contributions you make to the parish qualify for Giftaid at no extra cost to you. For every £1 you donate, an extra 25p can be claimed by the church from the government. To do this, there is a short form called a Giftaid Declaration available from the parish office, it can be collected or emailed to you. Please do consider using this means of further supporting our parish. If you would like more information please email the parish. The Giftaid Scheme is handled with discretion and is completely confidential and each user is issued a number.

Candles for St Joseph

To continue the *Year of St Joseph*, Candles of St Joseph and the child Jesus are for sale at the St Joseph's Altar. These candles are priced at £1.50 each, and burn for approximately 17 hours. They can be bought and taken home, or they can be placed on the St Joseph's Altar to burn in the church.



Gold Altar Frontal

Thank you very much to the parishioner who kindly donated money to buy the gold altar frontal which we will use at Christmas and Easter. Fr John-Paul has ordered the frontal in the remaining 4 liturgical colours. If you would like to donate towards a frontal in memory of a loved one, or your family, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

St Mary's Parish Finances for March

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to the parishes financially by handing in envelopes with your offerings and also to the many who now contribute regularly through the banking system. St Mary's Offertory Collections and Donations for the month of March amount to an incredible **£8,251.91**

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

St Marys Mission RCDM
80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's
83-16-11 00235026

St Mary's Plaques

Plaques displaying the donors names and their intentions have now been erected under the Stations of the Cross in the church. The plaques have been designed to blend in with the interior of our building and are in keeping with the architecture of St Mary's. We hope you find these plaques a fitting tribute.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your generosity last weekend to the Clydesdale Foodbank. We collected £330 and 36 bags of groceries. What a great contribution, and at very short notice!! It was also interesting to find out that the Foodbank sends 50% of all donations to families in Lanark who are in need.

Welcome back

Welcome back to our safe churches for Holy Week and Easter. With the recent substantial increase in cases of Covid-19 and the apparent virulence of the 'new' strain, it may be appropriate to remind ourselves of the following:



Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from Church



Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)



Maintain social distance
of 2 metres

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - John Scott; Alys Scott; Ian Girvan; Mario Porcelli; John Fisher (Shotts) Andrew Townsley (Carfin); David Barnes.

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Father Joseph Brannigan; Jim McShane; The Monteith Family; Patrick Boyle; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Frank Keenan Jnr (Cleland); Agnes Brown Foley.

Easter Remembrances - Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Valentie Family; Joseph & Betty McLeish; Hugh McLeish; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Peter Skeely; Grace McGregor; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Ron Meldrum; Jimmy & Jean Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Henry & Margaret Kergan; Mary-Anne & Patrick Woods; Joseph Woods; James Kergan; Roisin Deeley; Margaret & Jack Davis; Josephine & Harry Freel; Cecelia Cloonan; Thomas Cloonan; James Callaghan; Bill & Mary Dowds; Noone Family; Farrell Family; Dowds Family; Keenan Family; O'Connell Family; Scott Family; Todd Family; Henry (Guy) McKenzie; Cathy Travers; Jimmy Travers; Michael & Vittoria Bonanno; Tommy, Brigid, Sean & Seamus Flafferty; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomason; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Madge Reilly; Annie & Bill Gebbie; Mr & Mrs F Brady; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Reana & Jimmy Travers; John Christie Jnr; Rosemary Sherry; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Kathleen Grieve; Frank Hilland; James McCardie; James & Clare O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; William, Elaine, Paul & Brian Wilson; Hugh, Mary & Tommy Starrs; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Allan & Beverley Milliken; John & Annie McConnell; Liam McConnell; John Doolan; Tom & Sadie Palmer; Rona Palmer; Karen Murray; Foley Family; Jackson Family; McGuinness Family; McKendrick Family; Morton Family; Chrissy & Hugh Martin; Skye Martin; Helen & Donald Young; James & Mary Tait; Joseph & Annie McCrossan; Josephine McCrossan Hoey; James Hoey; Matthew Kelly; Jim, James & Kate McAvo; Patrick, Edith, John & Stuart O'Neill; Ellen & Tom Small; Agnes & Ted Hamilton; John & Kate Higgins; Thomas & Brian Higgins; Delia Drummond; Maureen Gibson; Mary McFadyen; Emilio Coia & Family; Carmen Coia & Family; Ungaretti Family; Catherine O'Leary; Kathleen & Ben O'Leary; Mary & Robert Lochrie; Johnston Sage; Agnes Brown Foley (nee McKendrick); Sheila Jackson (nee Foley); Agnes Foley (nee McGuinness); Joseph Foley; Elizabeth McGuinness; Jim Snow; Thomas Snow; Agnes Snow; Paul Halloran; Helen & Robert Dennis; May Quin; Maggie Halloran; Pat & Mary McTaggart; Margaret McAllister; McAllister Family; Teresa McTaggart; Lisa Geddes; Robert Geddes Snr; Christopher Campbell; Major Cameron Quinn; Grant Family; Quinn Family; Bancewicz Family; Lynas Family; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Mary Murray; Michael McLaughlan; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Theresa Casagrandar; Bert & Betty Sinton; John Renton; Mathew Crawford; Jerry & Josephine O'Leary; Nora Docherty; George & Annie Smith; Joseph & Margaret Moynagh; William & Mary Nowrie; Jim & Mary O'Conner; Gererd McGeeney; McGeeney Family; Veronica Elliott; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Bridget Donnelly; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Graham Munro; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; John Donnelly; Owen & Margaret Dempsey; John Dempsey; John Kerr; Peter Foley; John & Agnes McIlvaney; Bobby Dykes; James Wilson; Bessy Wilson; May Muir (Wilson); Mary Jane & Jim Brennan; Agnes, Jenny & Willie Jack; John & Agnes Kennedy; James Jnr & Evelyn Brennan; Joseph McGuire; Bobby Elder; Robbie Nicholson; Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas & Christina McNulty; Phil & Anne Kinsella; bill & Kathleen Grieve; Frank Hilland; Martin Hilland; Joe & Frances Jackson; William & Florence Kennedy & Family; Wilma & Robert Jeffrey; Elizabeth Campbell; Jessie & Lawrence Hynds; Jenny & Robert Clarkson; Laura & Michael Treanor; Vera Hynds; Mae & James Graham; Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; John Dean.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."