

## EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord has truly risen! That's an amazing claim. It's easy to believe that Jesus died. He was just as human as the rest of us, and therefore vulnerable to death. He was brutally executed on the cross. His death was expected to put an end to someone who was seen to be a trouble-maker, a false prophet, who even claimed to be God.

Death is generally thought to reduce us to nothingness. As for Jesus, at best He was considered to have been a tragic failure, a great disappointment for His followers.

But Easter proclaims that death does not have the last word. We believe that Jesus rose from the grave. Far from being destroyed by death, He rose triumphantly from the grave to enjoy the fullness of life. And yet the risen Christ remained the same person as the man who had preached to the crowds, healed the sick and had died on the cross. But when He rose from the dead Jesus didn't simply resume his former mode of existence. Now, in a mysterious way, the risen Christ was glorified.

Certainly this was a personal victory for Jesus. But not only for Him. Like Jesus, each one of us will certainly die. But we believe that we can share in Christ's victory over death. If we believe in Him and follow Him, we will share in the power of his resurrection and rise bodily to a new and glorious life beyond the grave. That will be far more wonderful than anything we could experience in our present lives.

The resurrection is the corner stone of our faith. If Jesus didn't rise from the grave he would have been a misguided tragic failure, defeated by His enemies. And we would have been cruelly deceived into placing our hope in His promise of eternal life. If that were true, it would be far better for us to forget about Jesus and make the best of our present lives.

But the Lord has truly risen! That is our Easter faith. Our Crucified and risen Lord has given us hope, where there was no hope. Instead of expecting the emptiness of death we can look forward to the fullness of life. That hope is a great comfort as we mourn the death of our loved ones, and prepare for our own deaths. Our faith in the resurrection should give a new sense of purpose and direction to our present lives. Everything we do should help us to follow Christ in passing through death to the fullness of eternal life beyond the grave. We should allow nothing to hold us back or deflect us.

Today, above all others, let us rejoice. The Lord has truly risen! And so will we, if we follow Him.

Isidore O.P.

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	<i>Either:</i> I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. <i>Or:</i> The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Acts 10:34a. 37-43
<b>Psalm <math>\text{R}</math>:</b>	<i>At 10.30: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</i> <i>Otherwise: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118)</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Colossians 3:1-4 <i>or</i> 1Corinthians 5:6b-8
<b>Sequence:</b>	Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani... Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise...
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord.
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 20:1-9 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1-8
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> the next session is on <b>12 April</b> ; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.	

Tomorrow, Monday is a bank holiday so there will only be one Mass, at 12.30pm, after which the church will be closed.

### KING RICHARD III

The Book of Hours owned by King Richard III, and which was placed on his coffin at the reinterment ceremony, has gone on display at the New Walk Museum. Made of parchment and beautifully decorated, the Book of Hours was created in London in 1420, with handwritten prayers added for King Richard III around the time of his reign from 1483-85.

The book is a collection of prayers to guide devotion throughout the day. It includes several additional hand-written prayers for Richard's personal use, with his name attached. The date of the king's birthday also appears, which is believed to have been written in by Richard himself. One prayer reads, "Lord Jesus Christ, deign to free me, your servant King Richard, from every tribulation, sorrow and trouble in which I am placed..." As Richard's personal prayer book, it is thought it may have been in his tent at the Battle of Bosworth. It is known to have later belonged to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII, before eventually being passed into the library of the Archbishop of Canterbury during the early 1600s.

The book will be on display at New Walk Museum until Sunday 28 June.

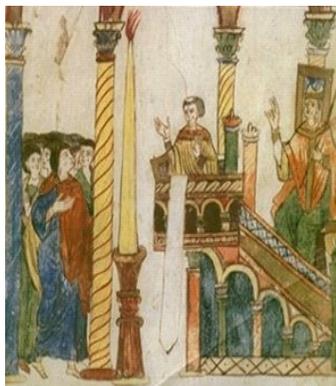
**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1174.96 (of which £364.50 was Gift Aided and £810.46 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; SVP £4.53; Friends of Holy Cross £16.20; Holy Souls £29.27; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The collection for Easter flowers for the church came to £121.22 (of which £18.60 was Gift Aided and £121.22 was not).

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**News from the Parish Shop:**

- ◆ There is a good supply of the CTS's *Simple Prayer Book*. This has the Order of Mass, numerous prayers and devotions, and a section on Catholic teaching. All this for £1.95.
- ◆ April's edition of *Catholic News*, the diocesan newspaper, is available for 20p.
- ◆ We have a stock of "A Short History of the Dominicans in Leicester: Commemorating the 750th Anniversary of the Foundation of St Clement's Priory in 1247", written by Fr Isidore. Available at its 1996 price of £2.

*The shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.*



**Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven.**

**Lunchtime Organ Recitals at Leicester Cathedral.** On Monday 4 May, Carl Bahoshy will give a recital in aid of the UK registered charity 'Iraqi Christians in Need'. Recitals are at 1pm.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Please note that the dates have changed to 8-12 June. From Stansted, staying at the Agena Hotel. £425 per person sharing. Please contact Fr David.

**Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.** Refugees and Asylum Seekers remain in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester. The full list of items needed to support these destitute and vulnerable people is:

- ◆ Tinned goods: tomatoes/ kidney beans/ chick peas/ tuna/ mackerel/ corned beef/ tinned fruit/ tinned vegetables/ baked beans/ soup;
- ◆ Dried foods: rice/ maize meal/ lentils/ cous cous/ dried fruit/ noodles/ sugar/ porridge/ flour/ pasta;
- ◆ Long life goods: cooking oil/ cereal bars/ nuts/ cereal/ crisps/ indian savoury mix/ chocolate/ biscuits;
- ◆ Drinks: fruit juice/ tea/ coffee/ drinking chocolate/ dried milk/ long-life milk/ squash/ water;
- ◆ Toiletries: toothpaste/ toothbrushes/ soap/ toilet paper/ shampoo/ sanitary towels/ face and body creams/ shaving equipment;
- ◆ Baby items: nappies/ baby wipes/ oil/ baby milk/ baby food jars/ baby bath liquid;
- ◆ Also: tin openers/ cutlery/ crockery/ pans/ towels/ sleeping bags/ t-shirts/ supermarket and other shopping vouchers/ mobile telephone top-up vouchers/ writing paper/ envelopes/ stamps.

**Please leave these items in the sacristy after any Mass. Thank you.**

*Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.*

Year /	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
Easter Vigil	20.00 <i>Pro populo</i> 8.00 Bunten family Sung 10.30 Maria Fernandes	
OP Rite	12.30 ✕ Quigley family 19.00 ✕ Kizito Pedersen	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY.</b> <i>The church will be closed after the 12.30 Mass.</i>	
OP Rite	8.00 <i>No Mass at this time today</i> 12.30 ✕ Reginald Eyre 18.10 <i>No Mass at this time today</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Bernadette Meares 12.30 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers 18.10 ✕ Sam & Colette Walker	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice Litchfield - spiritual & temporal welfare 12.30 Fr Neil Ferguson 18.10 Rosin Mullan's intentions	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EASTER THURSDAY</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice Litchfield - in honour of our Holy Guardian Angels 12.30 Catherine Neill (sick) 18.10 Anna Gardner (surgery)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>EASTER FRIDAY</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice Litchfield - for the Holy Souls in Purgatory 12.30 ✕ Roy Jones 18.10 ✕ Holy Souls	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Special intention 12.30 Karolina (intentions) 18.10 ✕ Marcin Augustinian	
<b>Next Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY).</b>		
<b>Readings:</b>		
Acts 4:32-35	1 John 5:1-6	John 20:19-31

The 2015 March for Life is taking place on Saturday 16th May, starting at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, led by Archbishop Bernard Longley, from 12 noon onwards. We hope that many people from churches all around will join us on the march. The march is across Birmingham city centre and less than a mile long. We aim to arrange a coach from Leicester (aiming for fare of £8-£13 per person depending on numbers) and now we need you to tell us that you would like to come! Can you spare a few hours in prayerful, peaceful defence of unborn babies in danger of abortion? Call now to reserve your place on the coach. Families welcome! Contact: Stephen on 07850 441093 or [steviecarnell@hotmail.com](mailto:steviecarnell@hotmail.com) or Francisca on 07943 711549 or [francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com](mailto:francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com).

**The Dominican Community wish all our parishioners and visitors a happy and holy Eastertide**

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b> 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers <b>*WEDNESDAYS ONLY</b>
<b>SATURDAYS</b> 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION</b> 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
<b>BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
<b>Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy:</b> For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
<b>Universities' Chaplain:</b> Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass. <b>Baptisms:</b> Saturday afternoons.
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