

HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

In the Creed we say: 'On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures'. This picks up the words of St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians: 'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures'.

There is the same stress on fulfilling the Scriptures in St Luke's story (Chapter 24) about the two disciples who are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They meet Jesus on the road, but do not recognise him. And when they talk of their grief about the crucifixion of the one who they 'had hoped would redeem Israel', this 'stranger' explains to them from the Scriptures how it was 'necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory'. After they had recognised him as Jesus and he had vanished from their sight, they say: 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?' They are excited and moved by being shown the pattern of God's working to overcome sin and its harmful effects among us, even though this was brought about by the seemingly unexpected way of the suffering and death of Jesus the Messiah.

Why is there this emphasis on the events of Jesus' death and resurrection being 'in fulfilment of the Scriptures'? God does not do things at random. In God's creation, events have causes and effects, and (though we cannot always see it) there is a coherent pattern in the created world and in human activities. Our own rational nature is based on the rational nature of God himself. So we can, with God's help, see this pattern being worked out, in human activities, in the life of the Church and even in the natural world.

The Resurrection is the culmination of God's plan to right the wrongs caused by man's sin. God's ways are not our ways, and we find it hard sometimes to see why God works the way he does - in small things as well as in great. But as we ponder on God's work revealed in Scripture and in the life of the Church, the coherence of his plan gradually becomes clearer. Then we can begin to see that it was 'necessary' for the Christ to suffer.

Fr Fabian OP

Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy)

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Entrance Antiphon:	<i>Either:</i> Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. <i>Or:</i> Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts 4:32-35
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Otherwise: Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting. (Ps 117)</i>
2nd Reading:	1 John 5:1-6
Sequence:	Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani... Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise...
Alleluia:	You believed in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Gospel:	John 20:19-31
Communion Antiphon:	Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on 12 April; 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.

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 – SVP £5.91; Friends of Holy Cross £5.80 Holy Souls £25.07; Grenada Church Restoration £20.00. The collection for the Holy Places of Palestine came to £624.48.

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.



"My Lord and my God!"

Lunchtime Piano and Organ Recital at Leicester Cathedral. On Bank Holiday Monday 4 May at 1.00 pm Carl Bahoshy will give a recital in aid of the UK-registered charity 'Iraqi Christians In Need' (www.icin.org.uk), which is providing direct financial relief to displaced refugee families under the care of the churches in northern Iraq. The programme will include works by Boëllmann, Chopin, Messiaen, Schubert, Vierne and Widor. Admission free - retiring collection for ICIN. (This would also be an good opportunity to view the tomb of King Richard III if you have not already done so!)

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.

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje. There are two pilgrimages to Medjugorje from East Midlands airport, 3-10 May and 10-17 May 2015. There are only two places available on the week 10-17 May but plenty of places on the first week. The cost is £544 per person for an en suite room (two sharing) or a single room at £674. This includes bed, breakfast and evening meal, flights and transfers to/from Dubrovnik. Hotel has lifts, and taxis are available for those with restricted mobility. Please ring Kath ASAP on 0116 2340103 for more information and to book.

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust on behalf of the Catholic Union of Great Britain has produced a pamphlet entitled 'Restoring Faith in Public Life'. This amplifies and supports the letter sent to all Catholics by the Bishops dealing with the General Election 2015. Copies are available in church.

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 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)	
	Vigil 18.10 Irene & Roman Olszewski	
	8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Sung 10.30 ✠ Doris Gilder	
	OP Rite 12.30	
	19.00 ✠ Hubert Neale	
Monday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Sam & Colette Walker	
	12.30 Manuel Martinez	
	18.10	
Tuesday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✠ Pauline McKeever	
	18.10 ✠ Hugh Williams	
Wednesday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	
	12.30 Private intention	
	18.10 Thanks to St Jude	
Thursday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	
	12.30	
	18.10 Christians in Pakistan	
Friday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	
	12.30	
	18.10 Martin McCloskey	
Saturday	Easter Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	
	12.30	
	18.10	
Next Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings:		
Acts 3:13-15,17-19	1 John 2:1-5	Luke 24:35-48

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 steviearnell@hotmail.com or Francisca on 07943 711549 or francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com.

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

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
10.30 Sung Mass
12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite)
18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction
19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
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
*WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS
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
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION
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
BANK HOLIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: 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.
Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass.
Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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