

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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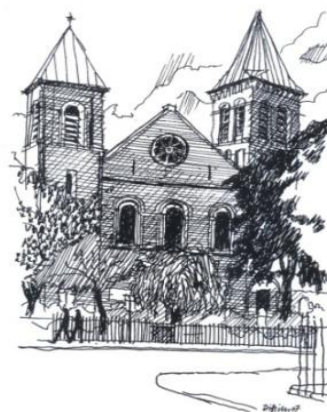
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EASTER SUNDAY

20 APRIL 2014

JESUS IS RISEN - LIFE FOR THE LIVING



Does the truth that death cannot contain us fill us with as much joy as it ought? If the answer is 'no not really', there may be two issues we need to address. The first is belief and the second is relevance.

Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science. We are not at this point to try and work out who moved the stone from the tomb we are not asked to 'play detective'. In our human search for certainty all we can do at this point is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

The truth that death cannot contain us might feel all well and good, but if we are not a death's door, how relevant does it feel? The exciting realisation is that the divine power that released Jesus from his tomb is there for us all, not just at the hour of our death but in the here and now. God's divine energy is there to lift us out of the difficult and the humdrum and make our lives extraordinary.

PARISH NEWS

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all!

**May the light of Christ rising in glory banish all darkness
from our hearts and minds.**

**Thank you to all those who helped our Holy Week
services to be such beautiful expressions of our faith.**

**Many thanks also for your kind wishes and offerings Fr
Séamus, Fr Martin & Fr Larry**

PLANNED GIVING: A number of boxes remain uncollected, if you no longer require a box please inform the parish office. From now on **please only use the new green envelopes, do not use the old white envelopes as the**

numbers have changed. If you requested a box in the past week, this is now available for your collection. If you would like a box of envelopes, please complete a green form and hand it into the parish office at 39 Duncan Terrace. Thank you.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PERMANENT
DIACONATE?** Come and See session 10 – 12 in parish hall at Ealing Abbey, W5 2DY on Saturday 26th April.

FUNERAL MASS FOR THE LATE MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN RIP: Will take place on Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Copenhagen Street.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday 27th April at St Gabriel's Church, 15 St John's Villas, Archway, N19 3EE . Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is 2pm – 4pm.

In an event of a fire or a fire drill taking place, please remain calm, and follow the safest exit routes that will be co-ordinated by the Church Fire Wardens, who will lead you to the designated assembly point.

DIARY

LEGION OF MARY: We meet every Wednesday at 7pm.

Please come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 26 April at Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, Pimlico SW1.

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NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 13TH APRIL: Envelopes £640.19
Loose £822.44 Thank you for your generosity.

TRIP TO FATIMA BY AIR (London Heathrow): On 9th October 2014 to 15th October 2014. Price: £360 6 nights/7days includes half-board. Interested? Call Juliet or Text 07729 391 661.

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY – SUNDAY 18TH MAY:
Sponsored bike ride will take place in Lee Valley Country Park in north London/Hertfordshire. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form on 020 8449 6970 or web page cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for Michael O'Sullivan, Pamela June Chalkley and Mario Pinto who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, George Frank Adams, Catherine Mary Millard, William Dahill, Kelly Fletcher, Kathleen Harvey, Mary Euripedes and Rose Spires.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mick Feeney, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Joe McConville, Christiana Visentin & Family and Bernadette Bywaters.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 19 April	8.30pm	EASTER VIGIL	
Sun 20 April SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	9am	All our Parishioners	
	10.30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	
	No Evening Mass		
21 April MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Denise Noonan RIP	Matthew 28:8-15
22 April TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Intentions of Robel & Family	John 20:11-18
23 April WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Patrick Collins RIP	Luke 24:13-35
24 April THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Peter Keane RIP	Luke 24:35-48
25 April FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Holy Souls	John 21:1-14
26 April SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP (Anniv)	Mark 16 :9-15
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Darren Byrant RIP (Birthday)	John 20:19-31
27 April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Fred & John Harvey RIP	
	6pm	All our Parishioners	