

NEWS AND VIEWS

Easter Message: Beloved parishioners and friends, Easter is the message for this season – that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus kept the faith on the cross even when emptied of every human and divine consolation. He surrenders to God whom he cannot at that moment feel but only trust. And his faith did not fail him. His resurrection vindicates him. Easter joy celebrates that in Jesus we shall all triumph at last. The grace of the Risen Lord has sustained the Church for 2000 years through her persecutions, sufferings, heresies, divisions, corruptions, scandals, disappointments, and reforms. This grace can remove sadness from our hearts, doubts from our minds and complacency from our souls, replacing these with joy, renewed faith and a new zeal. This grace is being poured out on us today and through this season. All we need to do is to open ourselves to receive it and stake claim to the power of the Risen Lord in our lives. We thank all especially the Parish Office that worked hard to support our celebrations. Happy Easter!!!

Fr Ugo Fr Oliver Fr Ben Precious

Parish Office Closes for Easter on Thursday 1st April and reopens on Tuesday 6th. Masses and essential pastoral services will continue as usual.

Food Donations for the needy: We are in dire need of food supplies for the needy. We humbly request for tins, confectionery, biscuits, soft drinks, beverages, tea, milk, sugar, coffee, and all non-perishable groceries. Please drop these in the basket under the bulletin desk behind or at the priests' house. The generosity of parishioners have been pivotal in our ministry of care to the needy in our community

Zoom Masses resumes from Tuesday 6th April at 7pm.

Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm: We have successfully started this for our spiritual nourishment

even while we are at home or at work. It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayParish/> Online Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm on Fridays followed by the Mass at 7pm. God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. **Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT beginning Monday 8th March**, is below;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09>
 Meeting ID: **859 2152 7142**
 Passcode: **071411**

100 Club April draw is after the Parish Zoom quiz on Friday 9th April. Please hand in your subscriptions by Easter Sunday. New members welcome!

Parish Website: Our new parish website is up and running, please visit it and make observations. We would like to thank Florian for seeing this through. Visit us at www.stgabes.uk

Planned Giving Envelopes: The few envelopes are ready for collection after every Mass from Sunday **21st March**. For more updates, please speak with the Parish office team.

First Holy Communion dates: April 18th, 25th, May 9th, 22nd, 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (**Reconciliation & rehearsals**), 27th (**Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm**)

Christian Stewardship: (28th March 2021)
 Envelopes: £335 Loose: £497.86. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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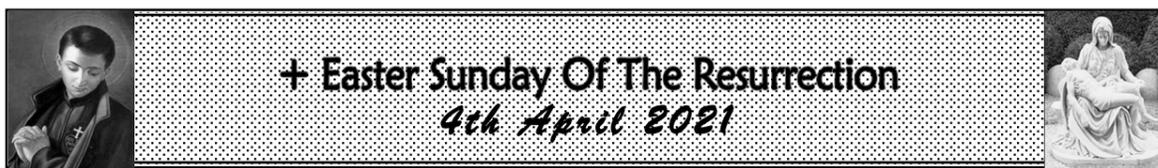
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



A Sunday School teacher was attempting to teach her young students the true meaning of Easter. "Why do we celebrate Easter?" she asked. When the children replied 'because of the Easter bunny,' Easter eggs, candy, spring, etc., she said, "No, those are Easter traditions and symbols, but what is the REASON why we celebrate Easter? What happened at the very first Easter?" A little girl raised her hand and said, "Easter celebrates Jesus coming out of the tomb." "Yes!" said the teacher, excited and relieved that finally the correct answer had surfaced. Encouraged, she prompted, "Jesus arose from the tomb, and what does He do for us?" The youngster replied, "He looks to see if he can see his shadow, and if He can, he goes back in for another six weeks."



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We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Easter: Love beyond telling

Properly understood, Easter is an earthquake, an explosion. It is the belief that Jesus of Nazareth, a first century Jew, who spoke and acted in the person of God, and was brutally murdered at the prime of his life, was alive again through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had to die and in the most gruesome way because, as a light and a force for good, he had to be vehemently resisted by the darkness that is a sinful world. He experienced the worst of human dysfunction: the explicit betrayal of his friends, the injustice of the Jewish Authorities, the cowardice of Pontius Pilate, the people's preference for a notorious criminal, the incredible brutality of the soldiers. Worst of all, we see those who mock him even as he hangs dying on the cross. He is overwhelmed by it all. He dies, crushed by the evil of the world. This is precisely why it grew dark in the middle of the day as Jesus was dying. Light seemingly gave way to darkness, love to hatred, life to death. In the words of Jesus himself, it was the reign of darkness! Then comes the resurrection! Jesus emerges, saying 'shalom' (peace) to those who betrayed and abandoned him, demonstrating that God's love and forgiveness can overcome all the sins of the world. That's why St Paul could exclaim with certainty that nothing can separate us from the love of God; neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor height nor depth, nor any other power can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). Why? Because we crucified God with the worst we could do and God still loves us. Thus the cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God is silent in the face of evil but He has spoken, and his answer is the Cross of Christ which stands for love, mercy, forgiveness. This too should be the answer of the Christian in the face of the evil that continues to work in us and around us. Yes, Easter joy confirms the wisdom of unselfish love which doesn't make sense to the world. It celebrates that, ultimately, the victory of all forces of good are assured. People, who follow in the footsteps of Jesus, must face resistance. Easter assures them that if justice, goodness, truth and life itself are suppressed, tortured, even killed and buried as is often the case, they will ultimately rise in triumph.

- Mass Times & Intentions 4th – 10th April 2021**
- Sat 3rd Easter Vigil**
 - Sun 4th Easter Sunday 9:00am:** Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Teresa Sherlock (1st), John Sherlock (posthumous birthday), Tony Ledwith (ANN), Michael Quirke, Billy & Bridie Ronan, Fr Kevin, Ann Fitzgerald, May Harnett, Wendy Winsler, Fr Ray Armstrong (INT)
 - 11:30am:** Tess McNaney, Sean Reynold, George Earley, May Kennedy (RIP), Gregory Chingewundoh, Lawrence Chingewundoh (ANN), Freda & Tony Glackin, Parish Priests & Office Team (INT)
 - Mon 5th 9:30am:** Tom McLoughney (RIP), Aurelli Benold (ANN), Peter & Philomena Donnella, Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings (INT)
 - Tue 6th 9:30am:** Tom McLoughney (RIP), Mary & Tony Shevlin, Margaret Togher, Lynne & David Haslam (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
 - Wed 7th 9:30am:** Tom McLoughney (RIP), Peter Foley (ANN) 7:00pm (Online)
 - Thur 8th 9:30am:** Denis O'Gorman (RIP), (ANN), Julian Coelho, Mary Stephens, Maria Sheriff (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
 - Fri 9th: 9:30am:** Muriel Roberts (RIP), Bernard & Patricia Etim-Bassey (ANN), Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT) 7:00pm: (Online)
 - Sat 10th 9:30am:** (RIP), (ANN), Bernie Shevlin, Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)

Please Pray for: Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcelos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Anonymous

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am, Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 9.30am – 10.45pm. Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm, Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

R. **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."

R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in

God. But when Christ is revealed -and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show.

Latin:

Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.

Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?
Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
gloriam vidi resurgentis:
Angelicos testes,
sudarium et vestes.

Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet vos in Galilaeam.
Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
Amen, Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said "and we don't know where they have put him." So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had

failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;

Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

Sat. 7pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am

Readers

Bridget O'Dea / Joseph Baffoe
Rachel McGonigal
Stella Anakor

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S
Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh

EASTER



Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Celebrated on Sunday, it marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday of the Christian calendar. In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story **all match**. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact. Based on direct evidence from the mid-second century, it is believed that Easter was regularly celebrated from the earliest days of the Church. The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Key Notes:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Percy Aggett (Temporary) 02077989350 **Email:** tollingtonparksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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