

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

The Greatest Day



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Today, **Easter Sunday** is the greatest day in the Christian calendar – the **Resurrection of JESUS Christ**, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, from the dead. It is the **fifth Article of the Creed**. Our Lord had on a number of occasions, foretold His Resurrection, and had He not risen, it would have been proof that He was not the awaited Messiah. So the Resurrection gives the seal of **authenticity** to all of Our Lord's teachings and to all of the miracles He worked during His earthly life. It confirms that He is indeed the God man foretold by the prophets and awaited by Israel. And by His Resurrection, He has broken the power of death, and suffers and dies no more.

It is a formal teaching of the Catholic Church that Our Lord, after having been put to death on the Cross, three days later rose in the **same Body**. When He appeared to Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, He was not a ghost (Luke 24:39). On the contrary, He proved to them that He was **true flesh and blood** and He even ate food in front of them (Luke 24:39-43). Although He still bore the five wounds of the crucifixion in His hands, feet and side, His Body was now glorified and qualitatively changed. He could pass through walls and could arrive at different places instantaneously (John 20:19). Our bodies will one day share in these same qualities. In addition they will no longer be capable of suffering and death. We will be freed from any deformities and be filled with beauty and radiance.

The Apostles, who were at first the **greatest sceptics**, once they were convinced, preached the Resurrection of JESUS everywhere as the most important truth of the Faith. St Paul rightly said, **"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain"** (1 Corinthians 15:14). The Apostles were **"witnesses of the Resurrection"** (Acts 1:22), and went to their deaths for it. In next Sunday's Gospel (John 20:19-31), we will hear how Thomas, who was not present when JESUS first appeared, refused to believe He had risen. Then eight days later, JESUS appeared to the Apostles again, this time with Thomas present, and bid him to put his hand into His side, and

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JESUS, I trust in You

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Raymond McLaughlin
Annie McCloskey
Fr John Daley IC
Mario Mancini
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Terry Sweeney
Rita Preston
Paula Minkley
Edward Connell
Maria Carecci
Kenneth Holden
Graham Embleton
Tony D'Amato
John Adamek

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PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (UK-GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 30th Vigil Mass
8.00pm Holy Souls

Sun 31st Easter Sunday
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Stephen Bowmer (RIP)
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

Mon 1st Monday within the Octave of Easter
10.30am Fr Edmund Hobson IC (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 2nd Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9.15am Venancio Castillo Sr (RIP)
12.30am *Requiem Mass: Mario Mancini RIP*

Weds 3rd Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
6.30pm Anthony Richard Hutchings (Latin) (RIP)

Thurs 4th Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9.15am Toffikuz Zaman (RIP)
4.00pm *Baptism*
6.30pm *Baptism*

Fri 5th Friday within the Octave of Easter *First Friday*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sat 6th Saturday within the Octave of Easter *Five First Saturdays*
10.00am Teresa Hurley (RIP)
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass: Robert & Janet Stinson (RIP)**

Sun 7th Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Laura & Samuel Sagrado (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 8th Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)
9.15am Richard Hönl (RIP)
6.30pm For the Parish

Rosary: Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass

Mass Intentions *(continued)*

Tues 9th Easter Feria

9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 10th Easter Feria

6.30pm Mary & Graham Embleton (RIP) (Ordinariate rite)

Thurs 11th St Stanislaus (Memoria)

9.15am Constance Mavis Stanford (RIP)

Fri 12th Easter Feria

6.30pm Pat Newton Intentions

Sat 13th St Martin I (Memoria)

10.00am Ann Folkes (RIP)

NO PUBLIC MASS

10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*

2.30pm *Baptism: Isabella Walters*

6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish

Sun 14th Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Umberto Fabbriatore (RIP)

11.15am Ann Checketts (RIP, Anniv) & Muriel Levin (RIP)

4.00pm Italian Mass

Next week at St Mary's

Mon 8th SPUC EGM - 7.30pm in the hall

Tues 9th Catch Up Café - 1.00-3.00pm in the hall
Bible study - 7.00pm in the library

Weds 10th UCM - 2.00pm in the hall

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not be unbelieving but believing. Thomas replied, **"My Lord and my God"** (John 20:28). So the Resurrection of JESUS is a profound teaching of hope for us.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter from Fr David and myself. And don't forget – Easter has an **Octave**, which means that every day this week is Easter Sunday and time for celebrating this great truth. **"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"** (Psalm 117:24).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

A big thank you to all who have helped prepare the church for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies - our flower arrangers, brass polishers, church cleaners and those who helped to veil the Calvary and statues for Passiontide. Thank you also to all who have helped with the Liturgy - our altar servers, readers and musicians. The team efforts have been tremendous and I'm sure the whole parish appreciates it. Finally, thank you to parishioners for your Easter cards and offerings to the priests. As always, we are most grateful. *Fr Paul*

Our Patronal Feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated this year on **Monday 8th April**. There will be two Masses, at 9.15am and 6.30pm.

Bible study classes resume on Tuesday 9th April. In these sessions Fr David will be looking at the Letter to the Hebrews.

Anniversaries *(continued)*

Ann Wall, Kevin Chapman, Joan Pears, Janice Hammond, Pete Malone, Barry Hurd, Anne Wade, Sr Mary Magdalen Ferguson, Jean Whieldon, Adam Hill, Tom Pelosi, Charles Pears, Margaret Pascall, Edward Loftus

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Leader: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Next **Sunday 7th April** is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord told St Faustina that “The soul that will go to Confession and shall receive Holy Communion shall receive the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (Diary 699). There will be the Solemn Blessing of the Divine Mercy image as requested by Our Lord at all Masses next weekend and extra opportunities for Confession. **The requirement for Confession is also fulfilled on the Saturday, as was the practice of St Faustina herself.** *Fr Paul*

Fr John Daley IC (RIP) Funeral Arrangements

St Joseph's Church, 12 Goodwood Rd, Leicester LE5 6SG

Wednesday 10th April, 7.00 pm: Reception into church

Thursday 11th April, 11.00 am: Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney. Homily to be given by Fr Joe O'Reilly IC

The office will be closed next Friday and there will be no newsletter next weekend

From the Saints

“Faith in the Resurrection of JESUS says that there is a future for every human being.”

(Pope Benedict XVI, 1927-1922)



The Catch Up Café

will be running monthly starting **Tuesday 9th April** from 1pm - 3pm in the Church Hall. Meet up with old friends and make new friends. **All welcome.** Any offers of help would also be gratefully appreciated.

Dorothy Hutchings

SPUC: There will be an EGM of SPUC Loughborough on **Monday 8th April** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Members and non-members welcome

Michael Murphy, Chair

There will be no church cleaning on Friday 5th April. Cleaning resumes on Friday 12th April from 9.30-11.30am.

SPUC have written to thank you for the £490 collected for the White Flower Appeal. The letter is on the noticeboard.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £1060 of which £201 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £701 @ 29/02, of which £634 was gift-aided

Attendance: 663

Thank you
