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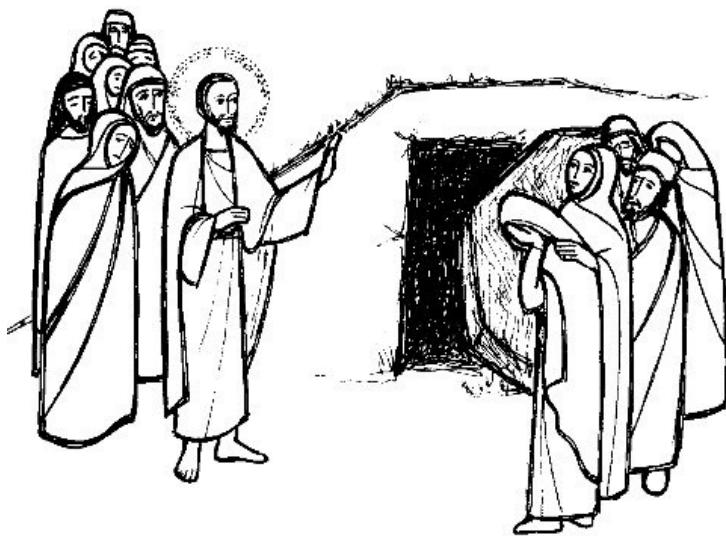
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SUNDAY 1st APRIL 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

ALLELUIA! TODAY HE IS RISEN!

YEAR B



Once again, we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We celebrate the momentous event which is the basis of our faith; this, more than anything, conclusively proves that Jesus is, as He claimed to be, God and, therefore, Conqueror of Death. Jesus took on our Human Nature, living (though without sin) and dying as will we all. Because He then, through His Godly Power, took up again the life He had laid down on Calvary, He opened the way for every one of us (should we so choose) to follow Him into Eternal Happiness; the broken route to our created destiny was restored. We are offered the chance to, one day, pass beyond this limited earthly life to join Him eternally in our True Home, Heaven!

Through the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Mass and Sacraments, Christ is, as He promised, with us, "...until the end of time". Every Communion, received in the State of Grace,

strengthens the Grace first received in Baptism. Should we lose this Life through Mortal Sin we are assured, should we repent, of its restoration to our Soul through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; an interrupted journey resumed. We must *never* fall prey to the myth that Confession is *only* for Grave Sins. Neither, however 'minor' are our faults, should we be content with doing the 'bare minimum' going, maybe, once a year. Just as every 'little' sin weakens our Spiritual health, so every Confession, however 'trivial' we may consider our sins, makes us Spiritually more 'robust'. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1458) explains very clearly the immense benefits of regularly confessing what are called venial sins.

In our age of widespread education for all, ignorance is, generally, no excuse for departing from the '*straight and narrow way*'. Through the teachings of the Church, challenging as we may well find them, we can be sure of knowing what we must do (*or not do*) in order, one day, to share in Christ's Risen Life in Heaven.

Satan, of course, is only too aware of the immense Power opposing him, a Power which will, eventually, totally vanquish him. He does not cease to try and spread confusion and dissent, sadly, sometimes among Catholics too; one may find oneself unpopular for upholding the Truth. The mass media can, as we are aware, be a tool for good or evil.

Alarming, there can sometimes be presented to us a somewhat one-sided view of Divine Love. God loves us. Of that there is no doubt; He created us to, ultimately, enjoy Eternal Happiness - again true! We do well to remember, though, that if we are to get there, we too, have a part to play. We, as Human Beings, are endowed with Intelligence and Free Will. As St. Augustine noted, "*God, who created you without your consent, will not (it could read cannot) save you without your co-operation.*" In other words, if we are to attain Heaven we must work at it, to the best of our ability, obeying God's Laws - challenging as they may be - or, to put things another way, to reach our journey's hoped-for end we must follow the route map!

If we misuse a domestic appliance and it goes wrong, it is no use claiming under the guarantee! Likewise with our God-given life; It must be lived *in accordance with the Maker's Instructions* in order to lead us to Heaven.

Thank you for your generosity

Collection for 25th March 2018: £1917.00 (£1272.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders).
CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection has now increased to £1610.00.

EASTER OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Easter Offerings are your personal gift to your priests, Father Deo and Father Innocent. If you give by Gift Aid, please make use of the blue Easter Offering envelope from your old boxes. (Please also see the notice below). There are also specially printed Easter Offering envelopes available in all porch areas. If you give by Gift Aid, and wish to use one of those envelopes, please write your Gift Aid number clearly on the front.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Our "Money Sunday" talk will now take place after Easter. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme for your weekly offerings, at no extra cost to yourself, please come and pick up some information and forms to complete.

Please route any questions you may have to the Gift Aid Organiser, via the parish office.

New Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year (which commences 6th April 2018) are now available for you to collect from the room behind Our Lady's Altar. **Some boxes have been re-numbered. In fact, all envelopes for those who give by Standing Order have been re-numbered.** You may wish to change the bank reference on your standing orders, though this is not obligatory. Those who give by standing order have also been allocated a reduced size set of envelopes, which are for second collections (except those where the charity concerned issues its own envelopes), and which are cheaper to produce. Standing Orders do not cover second collections, and if you wish to contribute to them, then you will still need these extra envelopes. If you are in a position to review your regular standing order, this might be a good time to do so. We appeal to you all to collect your envelopes, and not leave them here; posting costs are high. Please note that End of Year letters will be produced upon request.

Please just contact the parish office, and a letter will be issued to you as from the end of this tax year.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of 7 month old baby Olivia Hope Weddell, Granddaughter of Sean Weddell, and Great Granddaughter of Anna & Keith Weddell. Little Olivia died peacefully on Saturday 24th March 2018. Our prayers and condolences as a parish go out to the family.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 4 please:

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith, Amarachi Soribe.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This year, for the first time, we are praying the Divine Mercy Novena as a parish. The Novena, which commenced on Good Friday, now continues on a daily basis right through to Easter Saturday. We shall pray this Novena together daily in church from this coming Easter Monday to Easter Friday at 7.30pm, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament included. On Easter Saturday, the novena will take place at 9.30am, before the 10am Mass. On Divine Mercy Sunday itself, (Low Sunday) 7th April 2018, devotions continue at 3pm, including Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, and Benediction. We hope that as many of you as possible will take part in this beautiful cycle of prayer. Special booklets will be available, and the Divine Mercy picture will be displayed throughout.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

A WORD OF THANKS

We thank Michael Holtz for repairing and painting the wall around Our Lady's Altar, also for painting around the new radiator in the retro chapel, which had looked quite a mess following a leak.

MISSIO

Boxholders and Promoters are kindly reminded that collection is due this month of April.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturdays 7th April at Wimbledon Park parish and 14th April at Beckenham. Please see posters in the main porch.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FATHER DEO REGARDING THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

As you may all be aware, new General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we must now undertake is to both ensure and indeed demonstrate that we know everybody who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish, and precisely what information they actually hold. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and therefore you may well have some personal information at your home or office, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please could you let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies to you, so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward.

The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Session 6 for candidates takes place in the hall on Wednesday 18th April 2018 from 7.30pm - 9pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Session 8 for candidates, "Fruit of the Vine" in the upper hall on Saturday 21st April 2018 from 10am - 11.30am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM

In every case, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. The next course takes place across two consecutive evenings, which are Tuesdays 17th & 24th April 2018 at 8pm.

YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

Saturday 14th April 2018 from 2pm - 6pm, with the race itself scheduled for 5.15pm. Please take a flyer.

REPOSITORY

Confirmation and First Holy Communion items are now available. These events are now just weeks away!

OVER 55'S TEA CLUB

The Over 55's Club is back, under new management and with a new name! Every Friday, starting on Friday 13th April 2018, we shall be running a Tea club from 2pm to 4pm in the upper hall. Why not come along and catch up with old friends and new over a cuppa and cake? Enjoy various forms of entertainment each week, such as bingo, films, singalongs etc! The world is your oyster! We look forward to seeing you!

For further information, please see the eye-catching posters in the porch areas!

THE PILGRIM

The April edition is now available in the main porch. We do not charge for it, but please consider a donation.

CAFOD

A day to learn about CAFOD, and what you can do to help them, takes place on Saturday 28th April 2018. Please see details on the poster in the main porch. You will need to book a place to join this event.



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:	Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm	
	Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.181; 186;187 (depending upon which Mass you attend)	
Weekday Masses:	Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am	
Morning Prayer of the Church:	Monday - Saturday 9.15am	
Adoration and Benediction:	Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (<i>Rosary & Benediction in May & October</i>) <i>On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm</i>	
Rosary:	Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass	
Confessions:	Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11 am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm	
Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 1st April 2018		
EASTER SUNDAY		
EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	8.30pm (Saturday 31st March)	People of the parish
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	10am	Florence & Francis Abraham RIP
	11.30am	Albert Francis Rego RIP
NB NO BENEDICTON OR 5PM MASS		
Monday 2nd April 2018 (Only one Mass)	10am	Daniel & Juliann Linehan RIP
Tuesday 3rd April 2018	7.30am 10am	Aidan Murphy RIP Spritual welfare of First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and their families
Wednesday 4th April 2018	7.30am 10am	Phyllis, Hannah & Kathleen McCarthy RIP (Foundation Mass) Requiem for Mary Kenny RIP
Thursday 5th April 2018	7.30am 10am	Sarah Molloy RIP Mary Kenny RIP
FIRST FRIDAY 6th April 2018	7.30am	Ellis Foundation Mass
ADORATION AFTER 10AM MASS	10am	Welfare and recovery of Jean Cowie
UNTIL BENEDICTION AT 2PM		
Saturday 7th April 2018	10am	Shirley D'Souza RIP (anniversary)
Next Sunday 8th April 2018		
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.15pm (Saturday 7th April)	Lillian, Alice & Santiago Perera RIP and deceased family members
(LOW SUNDAY)		
	8.30am	People of the parish
	10am	Deceased members of McDonagh & Moran families
	11.30am	Hazel&Andy McCrystal & family (Foundation Mass)
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction	3pm	
	5pm	Welfare of Elizabeth Power