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Sunday 31 March 2024 - Easter Sunday Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

Happy Easter!

Holy Week has been its usual demanding, exhausting but beautiful self as we have travelled with Jesus from Palm Sunday and the raptures of the crowd shouting Hosanna, through the betrayal and sadness of the Last Supper and the Agony in the Garden as the Lord prays that the Father's will be done...to that terrible day of the Cross on Calvary as the skies darken and the Temple veil is ripped in two...to the silence of the tomb on Holy Saturday..to Mary Magdalene, the outcast who loved so much, discovering that the tomb was empty on Easter morn..

And now we can sing the Easter sequence:
"Christians to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to the Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion slain, yet lives to reign."

Thank you to all our musicians, cleaners, flower ladies, servers, greeters and meeters, readers and pray-ers, newsletter editors, sacristans...and to all who support our two lovely churches . Please continue to pray that we will become parishes where the love of Christ is what people notice in us and each can in their own way be a witness for "the hope that is within us" as St Paul urged his early disciples to show. Please also let us continue our petitions for an end to war especially in Ukraine and Gaza.

On the personal level, thank you again for all the kindness and generosity shown so freely. I really do appreciate it.

God bless everyone Fr Clive.



Parish Notices

Masses next week: 9:15, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 9:15 Friday Rosary for Peace.

Looking ahead: Monday 8th April The Annunciation (moved from 25th March which was Monday in Holy Week). Father Clive is away for a little while post Easter but fully contactable via E mail/mobile, both of which are on the website and this newsletter.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2024: For the New Martyrs. For those around the world who risk their lives for the gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Tammy Lawson. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

