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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

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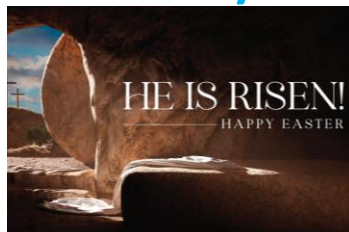
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Eucharistic Adoration

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

Confession

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb... Welcome to you as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus, risen from the dead! Easter is the cornerstone of our faith - a powerful reminder that Christ shared in our suffering and death, and through His resurrection, offers us the gift of eternal life. Our Easter celebration begins in darkness, as the new fire is kindled and the Paschal Candle lit, its light spreading from one candle to another, spreading light throughout the church. This symbol of Christ, our Light, shines in the shadows of our lives. The great Easter hymn of praise to the resurrection is sung and then we listen to Scripture reminding us of our need of God's salvation and His willingness to provide it. The solemn **Alleluia!** Is proclaimed, proclaiming the victory of life over death. Today we also rejoice in welcoming the RCIA candidates- signs of new life and commitment to Christ. Then joyfully we celebrate Mass and Christ returns to the tabernacle, back with His people. It is glorious, moving and uplifting. While we celebrate this wonderful feast, we are very aware that for many people every day is still like Good Friday. Each day we witness suffering, poverty, injustice, and violence. But Easter is not blind to this pain; it speaks directly into it. It is a bold affirmation of hope - that Jesus walks with us, knows our struggles. Through His resurrection, we are invited into new life - a life that empowers us to bring justice, peace, and compassion to others. Easter calls us to be people of hope, bearers of Christ's light in a world that often feels dark. This day reminds us that we are not alone. Christ, the Risen Lord, is with His people. His resurrection is not just an event from the past but a living reality that transforms hearts and renews the world. He knows us and He knows our experiences; with affection He calls each of us by name. Through our Easter sharing in His gift of new life and liberating love, we recognise and treat one another with justice in the new light of Easter life and hope. Easter means we can offer a little bit of Heaven to each other; in it we have an encouraging source of hope and joy, even in a Good-Friday world! So let us rejoice, give thanks, and live the joy of Easter - not just today, but every day. And with faith and conviction, we proclaim together: *That Christ is truly risen from the dead, we know! Victorious King, Your mercy show! Amen. Alleluia.* (from the Easter Sequence.) ...

Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom!

Sat 19 th Apr 2025	Holy Saturday	20:00 PM	The Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 20 th Apr 2025	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	08.00 AM 10.00 AM	John Deery All Parishioners
Mon 21 st Apr 2025	Easter Monday (no Adoration or Evening Mass)	10.00 AM	Albert George Wells RIP
Tue 22 nd Apr 2025	Easter Tuesday	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Rachel M (Wellbeing) Mary Moran RIP
Wed 23 rd Apr 2025	Easter Wednesday	10.00 AM 13:00 PM 19.00 PM	Maureen Borg RIP Funeral Service of Theresa Philips RIP Michael Melia (Wellbeing)
Thurs 24 th Apr 2025	Easter Thursday	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Maria Cosentino RIP Joseph Deery RIP
Fri 25 th Apr 2025	Easter Friday	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Julian Watson (Wellbeing) Joevi Suniga (Birthday)
Sat 26 th Apr 2025	Easter Saturday	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Sean & Jamie Morris RIP

This Week's Gospel – John 20:1-9

'He must rise from the dead.'

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Please follow the Gospel and Responsorial Psalm in the **'Easter Sunday'** booklet or your Missal for the **Easter Vigil Mass**.

Easter Sunday Collection

The offertory collection at Easter is your Clergy Offering in support of the work of the Rosminians. Taxpayers can Gift Aid their donation by using the Institute of Charity white envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you!

MSP Mission Appeal - 'Thank You'

Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) **appreciate and thank** for the kindness and warm reception of Fr. Innocent Odiaka, MSP, and the generous contribution and support from the parishioners of St Marie's, Rugby, during the MSP Mission Appeal on 8th and 9th Feb 2025. The parish has collected and donated a total amount of £1,415.21 in support of the mission.

Divine Mercy Sunday and Novena

The nine-day **Divine Mercy Novena** started on Good Friday in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Novena shall be prayed privately till Easter Sunday and novena will take place **in the church after the morning Mass from Easter Monday**. The Novena will conclude with a solemn service on the feast day, **Sun, 27th Apr, at 2:45 PM**.

Rite of Initiation into the Catholic Church

We welcome Aaron, Holly, Joshua, Julie and Rebeca into the Catholic Faith in the Easter Vigil Mass. The parish warmly welcomes each of you as you embark on this sacred journey of faith, a path that will serve as a lifelong guide for your spiritual growth. Throughout Lent, we embrace growth and fortitude, as the Church journeys toward her heavenly home. Each of you brings unique gifts that will enrich both the parish and the Church's mission. Your journey begins with Jesus, and you will spend the rest of your life focusing on Him. He is the one who has been calling you. Even in moments when you may feel distant, remember that He is there filled with love. Join us in discovering new joy and life in the living Christ. May God bless each of you, your families, and your sponsors.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Notice

The next meeting of the members of UCM will be held on **Mon, 28th Apr** in the in Hibberts Hall. We are delighted to enrolling three new members into the organisation. The enrolment of the new members will take place in the Church after the 10 AM Mass, before the Adoration. It is a short ceremony, and we warmly invite you to join us for this special occasion. Raffle prizes to be brought by Mary Hales and Margaret Butler.

Pilgrims of the Heart: A Journey to Fatima

My name is Veronica Santos. During the month of May, I will be walking the 130 km pilgrimage from Lisbon to Fatima, and I would like to invite you, my fellow parishioners, to **join me spiritually as "Pilgrims of the Heart."** To make this possible, I have prepared ribbons, which can be found in the basket at the back of the church. **If you wish to join me on my journey, please write your prayers, intentions, and messages on these ribbons and place them in the green box next to the basket.** I will carry them with me on my pilgrimage, and upon arriving at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, the ribbons will be blessed, and a candle will be lit. All the ribbons will then be left there as a sign of surrendering our prayers to Our Lady. I will collect the green box on **Sat, 3rd May**. I also humbly ask for your prayers as I follow the Way of St. James. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a Roman Catholic or if you are not prepared for receiving the Holy Communion, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing during Holy Communion. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Holy Communion is a sacred sign of unity in the faith and, therefore, cannot be given to all. It is not merely bread and wine but the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills. **'Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.'** *A gentle reminder to everyone that as Eucharistic Minister makes their way to the Choir Loft carrying the Body of Christ, it is respectful to step aside and bow.*

HAPPY EASTER !

Thank you all for all the help over the Easter ceremonies, for all those who were involved in the preparations and those came and participated. Thank you as ever for your kind and generous gifts as well. We will keep you all in our prayers.

- Fr Aji and all in Gentili House. Christ is risen. Alleluia!

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joseph Deery, Theresa Phillips, Anita McDade

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Margaret Copland, Sean Murray, James Sheridan

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Raymond Bunning, Filipa Faro, June Hargadon, Joevi Suniga, Angela Harries, Marie Kelly