



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
19 APRIL 2020

Dear Parishioners

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support to our Families in need Crisis Fund, we are now providing financial support to members of our schools and parish community who are most in need. To date we have 33 standby volunteers and have received £2,705.00 in donations and £600.00 in Supermarket food vouchers. Please contact Mary by telephone 020 8690 4549 or email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk if you are able to volunteer or wish to make a donation.

There has been a massive spike in the demand for Food banks at this time, so in addition to the money that has been so kindly donated and continues to be donated, we ask parishioners to please donate food items as St William of York will be collecting for our local community and Food bank. There will be a collecting point by the back door to our school hall from **10.00am to 4pm EVERY DAY next week!** Please drop a donation in, as you walk by on your daily exercise, so that we can help those in our community, who are struggling in these difficult times. For a list of suggested items, please see the flyer sent with this newsletter, on our facebook page and website. THANK YOU!

Fr Gregory and I have been making calls to the housebound and elderly, to try and strengthen their spirits and to say that we are all praying for them. If you would like us to telephone anyone who is in need, please send a message to Mary via the parish email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8690 4549.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who have died and all their families who are suffering at this time. We pray for all the Doctors and Nurses and frontline staff who are working so hard at this time to care for so many people with the virus.

Please pray for us as we keep all of you members of our parish community in our prayers, we take all your intentions and prayers at the altar every day.

Fr Habte

Sunday 19 April 2020, 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Or 4 Esdras 2: 36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me

your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Bidding Prayers

Celebrant: In the joy and hope of this Easter Season, let us turn to God in prayer.

Reader:

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, let us remember the true meanings of this great Feast Day.

Lord, in Your Mercy

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop John and all of us united together in our faith as this Mass is being celebrated

Lord, in Your Mercy

May each of us carry the Light of Easter in our hearts, homes, communities and the wider world.

Lord, in Your Mercy

Easter is our hope in the Risen Christ. May we recognize that He is with us in all our daily tasks.

Lord, in Your Mercy

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world who are suffering as a result of this Corona Virus. We pray for all the Hospital staff and Care workers in the community caring for them.

Lord, in Your Mercy

We pray for the Repose of the Souls of Julie Collyer and Mary Foley who have died this week

Lord, in Your Mercy

For Fr. Tom Creagh Fuller and the people of the Parish for whom this Mass is being offered

Lord, in Your Mercy

We now turn to Mary our Mother, seeking Her Intercessions as we say HAIL MARY....

We remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

Celebrant: We thank you, Father, that we are born anew and have been set free to live with confidence in your everlasting goodness. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Scripture Reflection

After his death and resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples in the room where they were hiding, in fear of the Jews. He blessed them with peace and showed them his hands and his side. He breathed the Holy Spirit on them, sending them out to spread the Good News of God's love and giving them the authority to forgive sins as they see fit. The disciples were filled with joy on seeing the Lord, but Thomas was not present at the time and refused to believe them unless he himself could touch the wounds of the crucifixion. Eight days later Jesus reappeared in the closed room and again blessed them with peace. Then he addressed Thomas, taking his hand, putting it in his wounds and telling him to doubt no longer, but believe. Thomas responded with the statement of faith that we all remember every time we receive Holy Communion, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus gave a blessing to all of us, his disciples through the ages, when he replied "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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"The entire Old Testament is a path to Jesus Christ"

Verbum Domini

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Julie Veronica Collyer RIP whose private funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st April at 2.45pm at West Norwood Crematorium.

Mary Foley RIP Funeral details to be advised.

Mary O'Sullivan RIP whose private funeral will take place on Wednesday 29th April at 11.00am at Brockley Cemetery.

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

EASTER OFFERINGS TO FR HABTE & FR GREGORY

Easter Mass offerings are traditionally your gift to our priests. Unfortunately, this year, they will not be able to benefit from the cash collection but you can still make your offering by holding onto your gift aid envelopes and waiting until the lockdown ceases and the church re-opens, for those who put loose money in the plate, please try to put that money aside and donate it after lockdown, by dropping your envelopes in the presbytery letterbox or electronically by bank transfer.

Our parish bank details are as follows:-

- **NatWest Bank**
- **Sort Code 60-50-01**
- **Account number 79124437**
- **Account name St William of York Reg Charity 1173050**
- **Reference - Your surname/ EO/Gift Aid no**

Please could you kindly email details of your Easter Offering bank transfer to Mary at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk . (Please remember gift aiding will also benefit the parish).

The above also applies to the weekly collections.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty during this crisis please look after yourself first.

PARISHIONERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Members of our parish community in difficulty who may need some assistance please contact the SVP via Mary at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or call 020 8690 4549, if you like to contact me please e-mail at habteukbay@rcaos.org.uk or call me on 07869 533823. Also people who might not need any financial or other assistance but might benefit from a volunteer to pick up the shopping or collect a prescription, please contact Mary as we have many stand by volunteers willing to assist you.

PRAYING THE DAILY OFFICE

For the last few years, we have said Morning Prayer on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in church. This year, as we couldn't meet in church, a small group of us said Morning and Evening Prayer together over Zoom. We'd like to continue this beyond Easter, and we plan to say Evening Prayer together on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Evening Prayer lasts about 30 minutes and includes psalms, a New Testament canticle, prayers and the Magnificat. All the words are shared on-screen so you don't need your own copy. If you would like to find out more or join us, please contact us at liturgy.swoy@gmail.com and we can send you more information on how to join us.

SWOY VIRTUAL SINGERS

If you watched the live streams of the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday mass, you will have heard our parish virtual singers in the Exsultet and final hymn 'Jesus Christ is ris'n today'. Families and individuals recorded themselves singing along to a recording in their own homes and we then mixed all the recordings together to create the songs you heard. We'd like to repeat this for more congregational songs for Eastertide, in particular a Gloria, Alleluia and Lamb of God. If you would like to join in and add your voice, please contact us at liturgy.swoy@gmail.com and we can send you the information on how to join in. You don't need to be a 'singer' or learn new songs - we are using the mass settings we would be singing together in church at this time of year. You don't have to join in with all of them, every voice included will help to create a beautiful congregational sound for all of us to hear at Sunday mass!



As he began Mass in the Casa Santa Marta on Easter Tuesday, Pope Francis prayed that God might give us the grace of unity.

"In these difficult times, may He allow us to discover the communion that binds us and the unity which is always greater than any division."

[click here for more info](#)



Birthday Wishes

A belated happy 93rd birthday to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - ad multos annos! Let's pray for our Pope Emeritus today and be thankful for his many years of service.

A RESOURCE FOR REFLECTING ON SUNDAY READINGS

Parishioners can sign up to receive it each week by email.

<https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.co>

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR EASTERTIDE



Archbishop John asks you of your kindness to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church. Vocations - especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Right Use of Media - especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Church - especially at Pentecost: Human work especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

During this time we are encouraged by Pope Francis to make a spiritual communion. An excellent prayer sheet has been produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including a prayer for spiritual communion. [Click here to view / download.](#)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

WEDNESDAY WORD

A weekly , scripture and prayer resource for parishioners, a copy is attached with the newsletter for the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Easter. If you wish to download a copy anytime after Thursday 12 noon, please visit wednesdayword.org

NEW ST WILLIAM OF YORK WEBSITE

Thank you to all parishioners for contributing your views on our new parish website . Our website team will keep you updated on developments.

OFFERTORY THROUGH STANDING ORDER

If you would like to continue supporting the Parish during this very difficult time, please consider setting up a monthly Standing Order and joining our parish Gift Aid scheme. Thank you to all those who have increased their monthly donations to the parish. Please contact Mary via email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk for details.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to book a Mass intention please contact Mary by email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk.

NEWSLETTER

Please forward newsletter items to Mary by email to foresthill@rcaos.org.uk by midday on Wednesday. Many thanks

MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Easter (A)		
19 April	Live-Streamed Mass	Private Mass
10:30	Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP	For the Parishioners
Monday 20 April	Feria	
09:15	Peter Hann RIP Birthday	Patrick Maguire RIP
Tuesday 21 April	St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
09:15	John Sherlock RIP	Lady Mary Carron (FM)
Wednesday 22 April	Feria	
09:15	Sue Hepworth RIP	Alice Gillett (FM)
Thursday 23 April	ST. GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England	
09:15	Michael Killian Ibini-Edwards Birthday Thanksgiving	Holy Souls
Friday 24 April	Feria	
09:15	Sylvester Orieso RIP	Mary Garvey RIP
Saturday 25 April	St. Mark, Evangelist	
10:30	Mirela Damele RIP Anniversary	Ms Chinnie Nwandu Birthday Thanksgiving
Third Sunday of Easter (A)		
26 April		
10:30	Ron Howell RIP	For the Parishioners

*(FM) = Foundation Mass

PRAYER and REFLECTION Resources

Live-Streamed and Recorded Services

The Diocese now has a list of almost 50 parishes that are live-streaming or recording Mass. Many other parishes are offering additional services such as Holy Hour, Morning Prayer and Compline, or leading prayer such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary.

Please check the individual parish websites for information.

To view details visit: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/streaming.html>

Exploring the Gospel of Matthew

<https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/matthew-chapter-23>

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have been exploring the Gospel of Matthew via podcasts during Lent. This series, available on SoundCloud, is worth sharing with parishioners as a means of reflection during Holy Week.

Faith in Isolation

The 'Lent in Isolation' initiative, offering daily readings and reflections, has become 'Faith in Isolation' as it plans to continue beyond Lent and the current suspension: <https://www.faithinisolation.com/>

Southwark Spirituality Commission

The Commission has produced a [Lenten newsletter](#), which you can read here.

Online Magnificat

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

At this time, Magnificat, a publication intended to help people grow in their spiritual life, are providing complimentary access to their online version in order to assist everyone in praying from home. There is also a children's version called 'Magnifikid'

Alone Together

Fr Christopher Jamison, a Benedictine Monk, has created this site which intended to help people cope with social distancing during the lock-down period. There are a number of insightful videos from those that embrace the Christian and Buddhist faiths, such as monks and nuns, who actively chose to distance themselves from others and from modern life. The website also offers creative reflections and guidance on how to shape your day, which can be especially useful for those who are not working. <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/>

RADIO and PUBLICATIONS

Heaven's Radio

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com/>

The Station is based at St John's Seminary, Womersley and it is broadcasting 24/7 Prayers, Reflections, Features and Music, plus Live Masses and also have a plus Listen-AGAIN facility for many of their programmes.

Radio Maria

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Based in Cambridgeshire this Radio Station Radio Maria England offers to be a Christian voice in your home, broadcasting music, prayer and teaching, on digital radio (in Cambridge and London) and online.

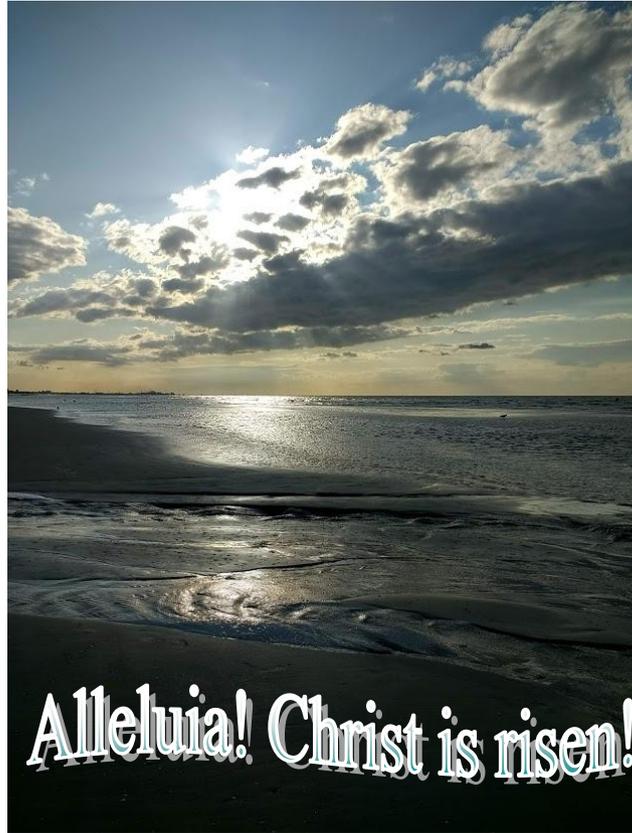
The Pilgrim

This month we have decided not to print the The Pilgrim but we are happy to attach a [pdf copy here](#), which you are welcome to publish online and share with parishioners in mailings. For those interested we are also attaching a link to the newspaper from the [Diocese of East Anglia](#), which features a nice tribute to the late Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith.

Redemptorist Publications

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/>

Redemptorist Publications has some wonderful books which are always suited to the Church season. For those who have time available, this is a good point to indulge some spiritual reading



*Jesus said "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

Dear friends of St Andrew's,

We wish you a Happy Easter, in the midst of this lockdown period, hoping that you and your loved ones are well.

As the welcome at St Andrew's is closed until further notice, our main ministry at the moment is to pray especially for those who may be particularly isolated at this time. This has led us to rethink the manner in which we live the moment of intercessory prayers in our liturgy. As a sign of communion with all of you, we have placed a candle on the altar in our chapel along with our book of prayer intentions. Feel free to contact us in all discretion if you want to entrust to us your prayer intentions.

Stay safe!

Sister Sigrun, Sister Beatrice, Sister Regula, Sister Clare,
Sister Christiane, Sister Wendy, Sister Marie-Christine

Pope Francis



The resurrection of Christ
is the principle of new life
for every man and every woman,
for true renewal always begins
from the heart,
from the conscience.
Yet Easter is also the beginning
of the new world,
set free from the slavery
of sin and death:
the world open at last
to the Kingdom of God,
a Kingdom of love, peace and fraternity.
Christ is alive and he remains with us.
Risen, he shows us the light
of his face,
and he does not abandon
all those experiencing hardship,
pain and sorrow.

Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Message, 21 April 2019

Prayer for the Year of the Word



THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

Living God,
you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout
the Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit

to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your
witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

This day and every day Celebrating, living and
sharing God's word

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