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9th APRIL 2023

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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Fr. Michael writes:



“Tell us Mary, what didst thou see upon the way?” begins the ancient prayer called the Easter Sequence which we’ll be reading (or singing!) in today’s Easter Masses. In response to the question St Mary Magdalene replies to us, “I saw Christ’s glory as he rose”. Her tears mourning Jesus give way to her rejoicing in His glory as she clings to Him in the Garden of the Resurrection - itself an echo of the paradise lost in the Garden of Eden but now superabundantly restored in the Risen Lord. Mary Magdalene recognises that the glory she *sees* in Him as *risen*, is the *same glory* which forgave her sins, her “many sins” as the Gospel says. It is the *same glory* which drove out the devils from her; the *same glory* which purified her heart enabling her to become the Lord’s disciple and friend; the *same glory* which continues to transform her now *into glory*, for the Risen Lord Jesus is risen precisely to enable us to participate and to *share* His Risen Life, the Divine Life, finally the Divine Glory. The *Catechism* of the Church calls the Resurrection “the climax of the Incarnation”. Everything was forever changed by God’s descent into humanity at Christmas but now that gift of the Divine Life reaches the fullness of its fruitfulness as our humanity in Christ is raised from the dead to share *the Risen Life of Christ*. God has given Himself utterly for the world and for each of us and, in our lives, in the Church and in the Sacraments, He continues ever to do so until we are raised up with the saints in the *same glory* which we too can see in the Resurrection by faith, upon *our way*, and which itself becomes our spiritual birthright, our vocation and our destiny.

HAPPY EASTER!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 8/4 9.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	People of the Parish both Living & Deceased	INT/RIP
Sun 9/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 12.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER SUNDAY <i>Gunnersbury Grove Park</i>	Billy McNamara Eileen Griffin Jean Brown Thomas Quinn Pat Moore People of the Parish Living & Deceased William Desmond Kelly	SICK ANN RD RD RD INT/RIP RIP
Mon 10/4 10.00am	MONDAY of the Octave of Easter (oOE)	Una Kelly	ANN
Tue 11/4 10.00am	TUESDAY oOE	Andrew O’Shaughnessy	RD
Wed 12/4 10.00am 6.00pm	WEDNESDAY oOE	Liam Gall Brian Stanard	1 st ANN RD
Thur 13/4 10.00am	THURSDAY oOE	Andrew O’Shaughnessy	RD
Fri 14/4 10.00am 6.00pm	FRIDAY oOE	Claudia Hannon John Murphy	ANN RIP
Sat 15/4 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	SATURDAY oOE <i>Grove Park</i>	Bridget Sheehan Confession Baptism Confession Dr. Ian Sparling Fr. John Seabrook	ANN ANN 3 rd ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C. Wrynn, Ted O’Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O’Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Josie Jordon, Margaret Organ, Natalie Williams, Dine-Hart Family and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Jean (Johnnie) Ahtuam and Kevin Gavin. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Fr. John Seabrook, Eileen Griffin, Una Kelly, Liam Gall, Claudia Hannon, Bridget Sheehan, Dr. Ian Sparling, Jerry Twomey. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND’S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.251

1st Reading: **Acts 10: 34, 37-43**

Psalm: **117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3: 1-4**

Gospel: **John 20: 1-9**

NEXT WEEKEND’S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.256

1st Reading: **Acts 2:42-47**

Psalm: **117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Gospel: **John 20: 19-31**

REPOSITORY – Please note the Repository will not be open today Sunday and will open again next Sunday after all morning Masses.

CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE – available at the back of the Church, price £5.00. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked ‘Papers’.

THE PARISH LENT PROJECT:

OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. **£1418.31** has been donated so far. Leaflets at the back of church with our unique SFLG QR code so any donation made via the QR code records the donation coming from the parish so our fundraising thermometer can keep going up! Please see <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£866.54** has been donated so far. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though pls let the Parish Office know so our fund-raising thermometer at the back of church can keep going up!

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

EASTER OFFERINGS are one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual income (stipend). If you will be away over Easter you may like to take an Easter Offering envelope from beside the church doors and drop it into any routine parish collection before or after Easter or to the presbytery.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES – Thank you for your generosity as ever to the support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land and for the Christian communities who live among them. The total donated will be in next week's newsletter.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 11th April. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th April, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a talk by Andrew Hogan on "St Thomas More: Nothing Can Come Except What God Wills", followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnelysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 9th and 23rd May, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING - On Weds 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre with short presentation, informal conversations, refreshments. Tubes: Bond St & Baker St.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 25TH JULY TO 9TH AUGUST - This is the **last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry** for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from 25th July to 9th August to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. Furthermore, the parish has a budget to support any young parishioner (over 18) to travel with the diocesan group. Thus, the £1,500 cost of the diocesan pilgrimage can be reduced a lot more depending on the circumstances and number of any applicant(s). If interested ask for Fr Michael or Fr Daniel. Diocesan Applications will close on 14th April. For info and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk or Holly Cook at hollycook@rcdow.org.uk or call us on 020 3757 2516

SENIOR CITIZENS CORONATION TEA PARTY, Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May, in the Parish Centre. Tickets are available from this Wednesday for the celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at 3.00pm Bank Holiday Monday 8th May. For tickets, contact Sharon in the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877. If you require transport to/from the Coronation Tea Party, please contact **Jackie Knight on 07712 675020 or jmq123@btinternet.com** Coronation Chicken sandwiches will be served! – as well as scones, jam and cream, followed by cakes and fruit, with finally a glass of celebratory fizz for the loyal toast. **We also need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up** after the tea party and also teenagers/young people out there who would also like to help? **Also, are there any drivers** who could assist please to collect and return to home some guests? We are also looking for **helpers to set up and decorate the Hall** at 11.00am Monday 8th May. If any of this will work for you on Coronation Monday, please email Jackie on: jmq123@btinternet.com or give her a call on **07712 675020**.

Thus: Jackie to volunteer or arrange transport;
Sharon/Parish Office to obtain tickets.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS – Sharon, Parish Administrator, or Tomas, our seminarian, will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Catherine Sutherland, is offering dates for thirty-minute appointments in the Priests' House Meeting Room to validate documents and to submit renewal applications. Please respond to the emails in good time. Any enquiries to: chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Dates: From 10.00am to 1.00pm on Sat 15th April; Tues 18th; Sat 22nd.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – If you feel you might be called to this truly extraordinary ministry both to the Lord and to His People, and have some years of continuous practice of the faith in this parish or verified elsewhere with a Parish Priest's reference, and have a readiness to serve in the Church and parish, particularly in the ministry of visiting the elderly and housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please mention it to Fr Michael. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Sun 19th Nov to Mon 27th Nov. See: Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow. Cost, full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill 01732 886666.

A CAFOD word of thanks - Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to www.cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

CATHOLIC CARE AGENCY, S D CARE, Home-based or Domiciliary Care - Being independent and comfortable at home is the key to happiness. SD Care offers specialised and adaptable home care for the elderly and support for their families. We use the same ethos of care and support for our excellent nursing teams as they do for you. That means a tailored, flexible care at home service with motivated staff providing the best standard of physical and emotional support. Whether that is a couple of hours per week, 24 hour live-in or night sitting, our dedicated care workers come highly recommended. For more info go to www.sdcare.co.uk

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning and Friday Coffee morning has now finished for Easter. They will resume Tues 25th April 10.30am in St. Edward's Rm and Friday 28th April 1030am in the Parish Centre.

Collections for last weekend:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
2/4/23 - £4376.00
St Joseph's Grove Park 2/4/23 - £245.93
Thank you for your generosity.