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Newsletter

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The Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Magdalene believed that she had lost everything when Jesus died. John's Gospel tells us that, when Jesus died on Calvary, Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John, the beloved disciple, as the dying Jesus entrusted His mother and John to each other. She witnessed at first hand the brutal death on the cross of the one she loved so much. We do not know why Mary Magdalene went to the tomb alone on Easter Sunday morning. Was it that she and the other women had agreed to meet there? Was it that she wanted to be alone for a while? Maybe she wanted to spare Jesus' mother the agony of seeing her son's body before it was completely prepared for burial. On the day of Jesus' death, those preparations had been interrupted by the onset of the Sabbath. Mary's journey was solitary but also risky. In those days a woman had little status. Mary Magdalene was the first witness of the resurrection, yet her unexpected news (so beyond the imagining of the apostles) had less credibility because it was reported by a woman. Peter and John wanted to verify her story for themselves. It was only when they

entered the tomb that they realised the truth of the resurrection; a truth gifted to Mary first. For the resurrection to be a part of our lives we need the openness and humble love to allow the true life of Christ to enter in.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>8.00pm <i>Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter:</i> Pauline Jenkins RIP </p> <p>10.00am <i>Family Mass of Easter:</i> Joyce Cowan RIP</p> <p>5.00pm <i>Easter Mass:</i> People of the Parish</p>	<p>Sunday 5th April The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday <i>Psalter: the Easter Octave</i></p>	<p>Coffee and Tea after Mass Children's Liturgy Group </p> 
<p><i>No School Mass</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i> <i>No evening Novena</i></p>	<p>Monday 6th April Easter Monday</p>	<p><i>No Dancing</i></p>
<p><i>No morning Rosary</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: God's Blessing on Conor Murphy and family</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 7th April Easter Tuesday</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 8th April Easter Wednesday</p>	<p><i>No Art Group (until 15th April)</i></p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Anthony Hawkins RIP</i></p>	<p>Thursday 9th April Easter Thursday</p>	<p><i>No Music Group.</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Dagma and Tom Pendle RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 10th April Easter Friday</p>	<p><i>No Karate</i></p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Fr. Roy Elikowski RIP</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i></p>	<p>Saturday 11th April Easter Saturday</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i> 3.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions, St. Peter's</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	<p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope 6.00pm Youth Group </p>
<p>Collections £451.31 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 29th March</p>	<p>Attendance: 254 </p>

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Marie Kelly, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Eddie Hoare.

Heathcote Hospital	Margaret McLaughlin
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Jenkinson
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Edward Hayes, Paddy Crowley, Catherine Lane, Patricia Earle, James Fitzpatrick, Richard Gunthorpe, John Healy, Hilda Cullinane, George Adamson, Rose Darby, Hilda Richards, Stephen Newman

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Baptism

Elias O'Driscoll

Sunday April 26th at 12 Noon

Caelen Lea Connolly

Sunday 3rd May at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation Meetings: usually take place on the last Monday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Recently Deceased

Hugh Williams, one of our parishioners, died on Friday 20th March after prolonged illness. We offer our sympathies and condolences to his wife Anne and all his family.

Funeral Arrangements:

His body will be received into church on Thursday 16th April and his Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Friday 17th April, followed by burial at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

May he rest in peace .

Safeguarding and Documentation

We need to have our safeguarding administration and documentation up to date. It has, for some time, been required practice for volunteers to complete the relevant forms. In parishes, the areas concerned will include: CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS. We've already received a good number of these from our teams, but we need to make sure all volunteers have completed their relevant forms. Could any volunteers (from the above areas) who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure all documentation is up to date. Form completion will be fully explained and shouldn't be time consuming. We will guide you through it. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function.

Gift Aid

The new tax year starts after Easter and the envelopes for this are in the porch. Please take your named box. If you are not a tax payer, but would like a box, there will be a sheet of paper next to the blank boxes - just sign this and take one. Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested. Thank you to those who were able to register following Patrick Murphy's appeal last weekend. Gift Aid provides the Parish with substantial income, every year, at no cost to individual parishioners. Patrick (07711 346405) will answer any queries you may have.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Boxes for the new tax year are available for collection from the front porch.

Patrick has the forms for anyone wishing to set up a bankers order instead of using envelopes. Our thanks once again to all who join or have joined the scheme and to Patrick Murphy and Brian Malone for keeping the records.

Easter Offering

The collection taken at Easter is one of just two occasions in the Church's year when it is stipulated that it should be for the benefit of the clergy.

Next Week—12th April 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Paddy Taylor, Jill Sheard
10.00am **David Harwar**, John Ireson, Adam Borley
5.00pm May Murphy, Kim Kearns

Readers:

Honor Hynes
Kate & Ella Graham
Carol Bowler

25th April Day with Jesus and Mary, St. Peters
25/26th April 2nd collection, Clergy Training Fund

Thank You

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve the parish in the role of Special Minister of the Eucharist for the coming year. We are grateful to all our Eucharistic Ministers for their ongoing commitment to supporting the liturgy in this way.

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

After Easter, we will revert to one monthly meeting, on the third Friday of each month, at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. The next occasion will be Friday 17th April. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Justice and Peace



Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Good Friday Hunger Lunch.

A Day with Jesus and Mary

A Day with Jesus and Mary: On Saturday 25 April (after 10am Mass) at St. Peter's. From 10.30am to 4.30pm, in the Davenport Room, Parish Centre there will be a talk by Sister Pauline Giffard DW, Daughters of Wisdom, Romsey, Hants. There will also be a DVD on the spirituality of St Louis Marie De Montfort. Entry £7, please bring food for lunch. For information, contact Peter Dimambro - 428399.

The Easter Fayre

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Easter Fayre last Sunday morning. Thanks also to those who arranged it all and worked so hard to make it such a success. An amazing £583.68 was raised - a wonderful result!

200 Club

Congratulations to Julia Leask, Jackie Patterson and Jim Goggin, who won the April 200 Club prizes. The Easter Prize was won by Lorna Knowles.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday: Dancing
Tuesday: Tuesday Club
Wednesday: Art /Choir
Thursday: Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday: Karate
Saturday: Slimming World
Sunday: Youth Club

Items for the Bulletin

It would be really helpful if any information which you would like to be included in the coming weekend's bulletin could be emailed to :-

Fr. Bob (st.josephs47@outlook.com) and Jan Ireson (janvireson@gmail.com)

Ideally, this would arrive by Friday morning at the latest. Alternatively, a written note could be handed in to Fr. Bob or Jan.

Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April

Next Sunday there will be Divine Mercy Devotions with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm to 4pm at St. Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA. Pope Francis has just announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy in order to celebrate God's forgiveness, starting on 8th December this year.

Thank You

Many thanks to all those whose hard work and preparation meant that the Easter Services were celebrated with the church freshly cleaned and beautifully decorated with flowers. Thanks to the musicians and choir, the altar servers, the readers and Eucharistic Ministers whose efforts added to the dignity of the ceremonies and thanks to all those who attended and took part in the special liturgies of the season. Perhaps a special thank you to those who worked in the background to make sure everything went smoothly.

Many thanks also for your cards and good wishes and a blessed and Happy Easter to you all!

Fr. Bob

