

The Good Shepherd

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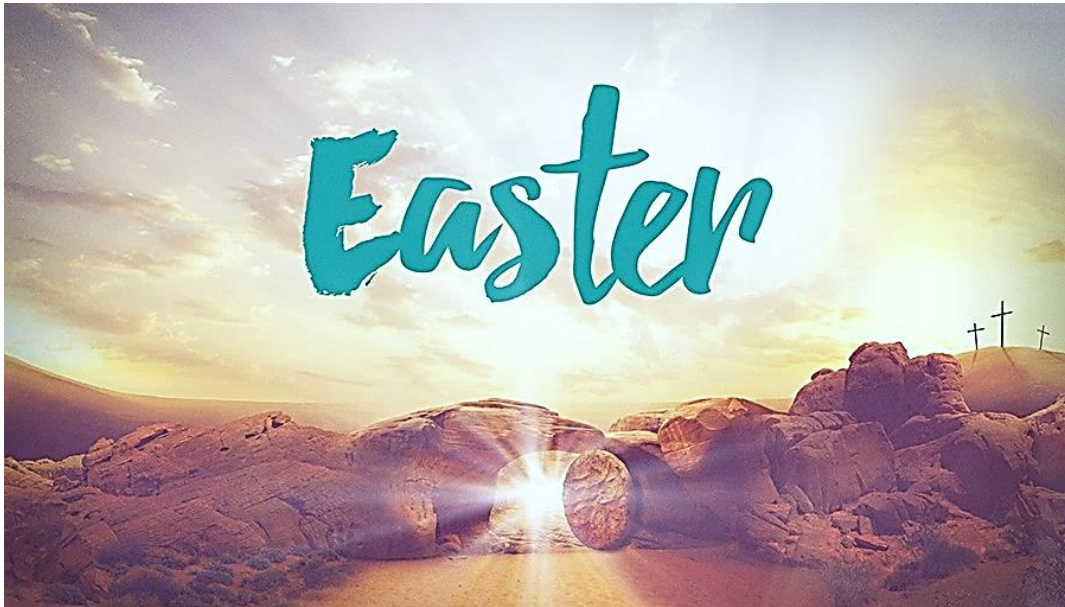
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 04 April	9.30 AM MASS	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 05 April		MONDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER	PRIVATE MASS	
Tues 06 April		TUESDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER		
Wed 07 April	12.00 NOON MASS	WEDNESDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER	Kath Fleet [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 08 April		THURSDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER		
Fri 09 April		FRIDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER	PRIVATE MASS	
Sat 10 April	10.00AM	SATURDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER	November Dead List	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 11 April	9.30 AM MASS	DIVINE MERCY (OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER)	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

EASTER 2021 This time last year we saw our churches closing for Easter as the country went into a complete lockdown, this year we will again be in lockdown but at least our church has been open for many months, even if at limited capacity. I am grateful to all those who have volunteered to help with the stewarding.

Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "Great Lord's Day".

We will treat each day of the season as a Sunday of Easter.

THANK YOU for attending church during the pandemic and to all our stewards, readers, and flower arrangers whose hard work ensured a fitting celebration of the liturgy this Easter. An enormous amount of hard work goes on behind the scenes and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed... I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the Easter offering (your gift to the Parish Priest) - Wishing everyone a blessed Eastertide. Fr Larkin

FLOWERS There will be a donation box in the church entrance on days when Mass is taking place. Please place your donation into the box marked "**Flowers**" If you would like to contribute for one week's flowers for church, contact **Doris Moorhead** 01422 842931

CAFOD Support Jo Woodhead who is walking for CAFOD 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days. You can sponsor Jo at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water632>

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

Rolland and Roger Masters 06 April / John & Cathy Duffy 13 April /

Nick Burchnall 20 April / Maureen & Frank Flynn 27 April / Anne and Mike Plunkett 4 May

There will be a Zoom liturgy at 8pm on Saturday, to celebrate the Easter Vigil Deborah

BUDGET FOR A FULL YEAR OF NEWS AND SAVE The Universe newspaper delivered direct to your home every week, Post Free. Call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you one of the following: Special Offer 12 Months £99.00 / Digital Copy - 12 Months £55.00

SENIOR JOB VACANCIES AT CATHOLIC CARE We are recruiting for two new exciting senior opportunities: Head of Charity Support and Business Services; a strategic leadership role and a Senior Manager for Children's Services working to make a real difference to the lives of children & young people. For further information please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk. Closing dates: 7 April & 26 March respectively.

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING (Hosted by Catholic Care): Friday mornings at 11am. A place to have a chat, become part of a community and have some fun! All welcome.

Meeting ID: 882 6618 1071 / Passcode: Hello21

RELAX AND REVIVE with Catholic Care: Join Janet Kent every Monday afternoon at 4pm starting Monday 12 April for a friendly online relaxation group.

Meeting ID: 829 0366 7151 / Passcode: 526282

SHORT ONLINE COURSE ON THE EARLY CHURCH The Church that Follows Jesus Christ, covering the early life of the Church leading to the Council of Nicea (325CE) is now available as six 30-minute recordings available on the diocesan website at:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/>

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS A series of 5 reflections taking place on Zoom on Mondays 7-8pm, beginning 12 April. Led by Fr Jarmuz these will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of: the women who followed Jesus (12 April), Peter (19 April), the disciples (26 April), Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING I have been contacted about Diocesan safeguarding training for 2021. All clergy who are undertaking ministry or likely to undertake ministry in the next 12 months must complete the mandatory safeguarding training online. The Educare module is 'Safeguarding Adults' and should be completed by 30 April 2021. This is very relevant to ministry and increasing our confidence to offer support and/or intervene when needed. All training completed, Safeguarding Adults - Level 2, date: 16 March 2021, CPD Credits: 4

FINANCIAL UPDATE The parish decided to use the presbytery rental income (£500/Month) to support refugee and asylum seekers. Originally we channelled this through Catholic Care but after a review it was decided to distribute the latest amounts elsewhere. In January we sent £2,250 to 4 charities working in this sector, so £9,000 in total.

The 4 were: Abigail Housing - emergency housing for those granted leave to remain
Beacon - Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern who run a variety of projects
Manuel Bravo - Leeds based, providing free legal advice and assistance via paid qualified immigration caseworkers and St Monica's - accommodation for women asylum seekers
Fr Larkin secured another grant from the Albert Gubay foundation (£1,000) this is being used to fund a regular donation of £200 per month to the Ebenezer food bank. We are also sending £200 per month to support the Overgate Hospice. We are continuing to support all the causes for which we would normally take second collections. A full list will be provided soon. Mary Baldwin has stepped down from the Finance Committee

FIELD NOTES

In St John's account, the Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is 'still dark.' Just two days ago, as we remembered the sufferings and death of Jesus, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that dark day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It's no wonder, then, that 'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon', that 'the sun's light failed', and that 'the curtain of the temple was torn in two' (Lk 23:24).

Between light and darkness, between good and evil, a mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in human societies, and within our own natures. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them many decades ago: 'When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.'

The words of the Easter liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: 'The power of this holy [Easter] night,' it proclaims, 'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.' Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, 'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world'

The Risen Lord, represented the beautiful Easter candle burning with warmth and light, invites us to leave behind the works of darkness, and to renounce and reject anything in our lives which is wrong or selfish. This Easter day, we resolve to 'walk always as children of the light', following his footsteps. We are invited to renew our baptismal promises. These are: to reject darkness, evil and sin and resolve to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of goodness and love, shaped by his powerful example. In this we are supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he promised to share with us and on whom we can always rely.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Surrexit Christus · Taizé

This Joyful Eastertide – Josh Turner

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

4 April - "As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross, we pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the church's battle to protect all life and the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings from conception to their natural passing. Lord hear us"

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests sent in recently.

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

Robert Morley hoping to start treatment for cancer very soon.

With thanks for prayers received - **Doris Phillips** is now home from hospital and recovering well from both operation and Covid. 21/02/21

For **Barry Harrop** he was unable to have the planned operation and now faces an uncertain future with cancer. 21/02/21

For **Alfie** born at 28 weeks and weighing 730 grams, and for his mother Emily, still struggling with her own health, that they may grow in strength and health together.

Aileen Queenan – asks for our ongoing prayers and thanks us for our support. 07/03/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

Please pray for **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital 20/02/21

Please pray for **Annis Peart - Binns** during this period. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Rosa** - remains in need of prayers and spiritual support. 21/02/21

For **those suffering from Covid 19** and its aftermath.

For **those in positions of decision-making**, to be guided by the Common Good.

For **the isolated and sick** at this time of Covid restrictions.

For **those in care and hospital work** – may they be given resilience.

For **the recently bereaved** – when we cannot console them directly.

Of your mercy please pray for: Ailish Cullen, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson.

All who have recently died. Pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PRAY FOR

THE SICK Fr John, Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, David Heap, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Fr John Gott. Support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses.

LATELY DEAD Ailish Cullen, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.