

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who took part in and celebrated the Three Day Feast (the "Triduum") of Jesus' Suffering, Death & Resurrection on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Thank you to the church cleaners, the flower arrangers, the readers, servers, musicians & singers, ministers of Holy Communion, to Bill and to everyone who contributed to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

We now celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus for "the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost," "in joy and exultation as one feast day".

*May our joy in Jesus' rising from the dead make us witnesses to the Good News of God's love for the whole human race.
"We are an Easter people & Alleluia is our song"
(Pope John Paul, speaking in Harlem, New York, in 1978)*



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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist : Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

27th March 2016

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead.

Bestow upon those baptized into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you gave us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 20th March 2016

No.30 Teresa Grassie £50

No.63 Arthur Smith £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **166**

8:30 – 64

10:30 – 102

Offertory: £ 574.05

Candles: £170.81

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony: £20.46

Flowers:

World Needy: £52.71

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Week beginning 3rd April

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & Marion

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am Mass.

SUNDAY 27th March Easter Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Alice McDaid (L.W.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 28th Easter Monday	10.00 a.m..	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 29th Easter Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Donnelly Family & Rick Taylor (K.T.)
WEDNESDAY 30th Easter Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mary Gill (F.A.P.)
THURSDAY 31st Easter Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mary Price (M.S.)
FRIDAY 1st April Easter Friday	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow (J.B.)
SATURDAY 2nd Easter Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mary & Raymond Madij (A.M.)
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Second Sunday of Easter	8.30 a.m.	Joe McCann (B.McC.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Krysia Clews, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Peter Fogg, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Maria Romanowska, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai).



»**the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P.Warwick.

>>**those who have died recently**: Krysit Clews, Thomas Houton, Jim Baines

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Alice Ball, Joan Withey, Mary Josephine Keating, Bridget Grainger, John Hawes, Hilda Veronica Hay, Michael Houghton, Colin Riches, Barbara Hearty, Catherine Donnelly, Mabel Fyall

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 3rd April; Second Sunday of Easter**
John 20: 19-31 Jesus in the Upper Room

*Two aspects of this meeting with the risen Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the Gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix. At the end, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God: nowhere else is Jesus hailed as 'God', though there are other ways in which his divinity has been indicated. So in a way Thomas' greeting of the risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament. Secondly, it is striking that Jesus' final blessing is one of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring these gifts to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible God is a God of forgiveness. The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants, each in turn broken by God's chosen people, but then re-created by a forgiving God. There was the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf, and finally the new covenant is promised by Jeremiah after unfaithful Israel had been exiled to Babylon. Christianity is not for the perfect but for the sinner, who is surrounded by other sinners. As forgiven sinners we are exhorted to bring forgiveness to all those around us. **How, as a forgiven sinner and part of a community of forgiven sinners, do I demonstrate the power of God's forgiveness?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

SATURDAY 16th April– CONFIRMATION PREPARATION in "The Green Hut" at St. Wulstan's from 11.30a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All candidates must try to be present. Thank you.

FLOWER ARRANGERS – HELP IS NEEDED ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. We have an eager new recruit, more are welcome. You do not need to be an expert, just an enthusiast. Please speak with Fr. Michael or Bill.

A thank you from **CAFOD** for the £163.85 received from St.Mary's parish supporting the Fast Day this Lent.

Marriage Care – Do you believe in supporting marriage ? www.marriagecare.org.uk

No meeting on Good Friday of the "Sharing our Faith" group, next meeting Friday 8th April.

New Eucharistic Ministers – please remember to return your form with your referees' names to either Sheila or Anne as soon as possible. Thank you.

Survive - MIVA thanks St. Mary's for the total of £303.60 (including Gift Aid) and a personal cheque for £45.