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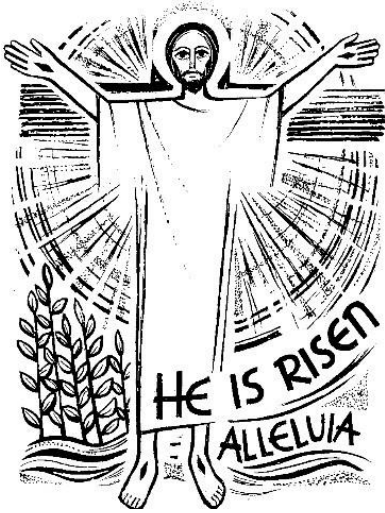
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Saturday 31st March/Sunday 1st April 2018

Easter Sunday - Alleluia! Alleluia!



***EASTER
JOY AND
PEACE
BE YOURS***

On this special day we celebrate the great victory of Christ over death. This is the day Christ broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is our faith; the faith of the Church.

Christ overcame death, not for Himself but for each one of us and all God's people. May the love of the risen Christ and the hope which His Resurrection gave to mankind be yours today and always.

***May you all enjoy a Happy
and Joyful Easter***

***Father Ted
and
Deacon Jim***

A REMINDER

- Each week there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon – in the Church now.
- The church is open all day from 8.00 a.m. to dusk for private prayer.
- Please continue to bring in clothes/bedding for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop (but no duvets please) These can be given in any condition as those not fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box at the back of church.

Happy Easter Everyone!

We began our Easter celebration with joy and hopefulness. We have shared in the washing of feet, copying the example of Jesus as he commanded us to do. We have welcomed the Holy Oils of Baptism, Chrism and The Sick. We have presented gifts for those in need. We have venerated the Wood of the Holy Cross. We have placed the Easter Candle in our midst, the Light of Christ. We have listened to the history of our salvation in the Word of God. We have renewed our baptismal promises and we have shared in the Eucharist, receiving with reverence the sacred body and blood of Jesus, Our Lord.

Now, whilst life tugs at our sleeve and urges us to move on to the next busy focus of life, the Church invites us to go slowly. Don't be in a hurry - there's a whole six weeks of Easter now. Savour, relish, taste the gifts that God has given and continues to offer us during this holy season. Alleluia!

Fr Ted

LITURGY NEXT WEEK – IN THE CHURCH

Monday 2nd

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 3rd

12.00 noon Mass - Michael Mooney

Wednesday 4th

12.00 noon Mass - Private Intention

Thursday 5th

12.00 noon Mass - Private Intention

Friday 6th

12.00 noon Mass - Topping Family

Saturday 7th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Michael Robinson

Sunday 8th

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses next weekend with tea and coffee available after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **LENTEN FAST DAY:** We have received a further £51.00 for the Lenten Fast Day, taking the total to **£415.15**. Thank you all for your support.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER** to save all used postage stamps. There is a box on the table at the back of church.
- **THE "DID YOU KNOW"** column is taking a break but will return after Easter.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

LENTEN LUNCHES

The five Friday Lenten Lunches proved very successful with over 20 people attending each week. The final total raised for the Rwanda Group Trust was **£190.00**. Thank you all.



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For all who are sick; especially Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grime, Joe Meehan, Peggy Fletcher, Jackie Lyons, Maureen

Hetko, Maria Butterworth, Bernadette Benson, Donald and Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Fred Griffiths, Raine Tallon, Hughie Gaille, Susan Lavelle, Fr. Joe Maley, Mary Gallagher, Joan Muir, Grace Fernando, May Eccles and Fiona Turnbull.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

£743.80 (including Buildings' Fund)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: CAFOD

£70.00

THIS WEEKEND: The Collection will be our Easter Offerings

NEXT WEEKEND: Special Collection for the Lourdes Group

MASS ATTENDANCE Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 84 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 181

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 2 vv 14, 22-33	Matthew 28 vv 8-15
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 2 vv 36-41	John 20 vv 11-18
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 3 vv 1-10	Luke 24 vv 13-35
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 3 vv 11-26	Luke 24 vv 35-48
Friday	Acts/Apostles 4 vv 1-12	John 21 vv 1-14
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 4 vv 13-21	Mark 16 vv 9-15
Sunday	- Second Sunday of Easter Acts/Apostles 4 vv 32-35 John 5 vv 1-6 John 20 vv 19-31	

MASS INTENTIONS

Private Intention (2), William O'Donnell, V.P. Paul, A.M. John, Graham Clifford Hart, Topping Family and Michael Robinson.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is in hospital or in a nursing/care home or is ill or housebound and cannot get to church. We can make arrangements to visit them and have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place after the 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 8th April. Each month there are prizes of £100, £50 and £30 plus eight prizes of £10 each. In addition, twice a year in June and December there is an additional prize of £300. New members are always welcome. See Steve Jordan or Deacon Jim. Remember: "you've got to be in it to win it!!"

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 7th April - Artist Assured

Bingo - Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime

The Centre is available for hire for private functions
Bookings can be made by contacting the Secretary or the Stewardess on Preston 798336 or 07539 611952 (mobile)

Why not visit our friendly club?