



## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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### 04.04.2021 – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

#### Easter Sunday.

For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day Jesus, our Brother, broke the chains of death, and rose in triumph from the grave. This is truly the 'Day of the Lord/' But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of its victory. Let us open our hearts to the joy of this great day.

#### HOLY WEEK ~ Masses & Intentions

<b>Saturday 03</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
730pm	Benefactors
<b>Sunday 04</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 05</b>	<b>Easter Monday, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Julia Fan (Birthday) [ <i>Our Lady's Ladies</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 06</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Mont Pendleton
<b>Wednesday 07</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday, Solemnity</b>
7.30pm	Sr. Mary Paul (Intentions)
<b>Thursday 08</b>	<b>Easter Thursday, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Margaret Gladwell (Intentions)
<b>Friday 09</b>	<b>Easter Friday, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Frances & Chris Gillespie (Intentions)
<b>Saturday 10</b>	<b>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	Montague William Pendleton
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
10.00am	Margaret Oversby (RIP)

*Wish You All A Very Happy Easter!*

*May the Graces and Blessings of the Risen Lord  
be With You Always!*



#### The Easter Season

Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season of 'The Great Fifty Days'.

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days, "are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one 'great Sunday' (Athanasius). **The first eight days of the Easter season make up the Easter octave which are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.** The Masses and Offices of the Easter Octave take precedence over all other celebrations. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal during the Octave. The Paschal candle remains on the Sanctuary and is lit at all liturgical celebrations from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.

*Believing Christ died – that's history.*

*Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.*

*Wish you all the graces and blessings of this Holy Season.*

#### SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show! Amen.

**The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-9):** There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith. **What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

#### Pope's Prayer Intention for April

**Fundamental Rights:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**Weekday Masses:** As the first eight days (the Octave) of Easter Time are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord, this might be the appropriate time to restart our weekday Masses. For the first week it will be at 9.30am on all weekdays except on Wednesday which will be at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to discuss and decide a times for the following weeks.

**Regina Caeli:** Please be reminded that from Easter to Pentecost 'The Regina Caeli' is said in place of the Angelus.

**The Regina Caeli**

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! **Alleluia.**

For he whom you did merit to bear, **alleluia.**

Has risen as he said, **alleluia.**

Pray for us to God, **alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. **For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray

**O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR RENEWAL IN OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY**

The Covid pandemic has brought to our minds quite strongly the importance of mutual help and support to stay focussed and energised. Prominent among them is our spiritual support and prayers. I invite parishioners to pray the following prayer for renewal in our parish and in our communities, and for renewal in our faith commitment. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come:  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Thank You** to all those who helped in many ways to prepare everything needed to celebrate the Holy Week & Easter Triduum liturgies prayerfully. Your dedication and support are very much appreciated.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** 'Thank you' to every parishioner for your generous giving through the year at the offertory. 'Thank You' too, to all those who have gift aided your weekly offerings either by using the Gift Aid envelopes or by standing orders, as this brings in a substantial increase to the parish funds.

The envelopes for the new tax year are ready. Please remember to collect them in the church this weekend.

The parish will be very grateful for any tax paying parishioners to join the scheme. If you wish to do so, please speak to Fr. Arul, and be reminded also that this could be done by standing order and this method is highly encouraged.

**Eastertide Walk with Me & Calendar:** A limited number of both booklets and calendars are made available in our church. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of these for their personal prayers and reflection. Easter Calendars and a few prayer booklets have been already distributed to children attending St. Mary's Primary School.

In this Eastertide edition of *Walk with Me* Cardinal Vincent Nichols invites us to explore together the themes of the season: the resurrection of Jesus, the Ascension and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Pope Francis' encyclical '*Fratelli Tutti*' and his new book '*Let us Dream*' provide the inspiration. '*Fratelli Tutti*' points us towards our call to fraternal love. '*Let us Dream*' shows us a way towards a better future as we emerge together from the Covid-19 global pandemic.

*Walk with Me* can be a resource to encourage people to inspire and share their faith with their family, friend or work colleague. The daily reflections may be used in prayer groups or as reflections before or after Mass. Perhaps parishioners and families could set aside some time for reflection and prayer.

**RIP:** Please pray for **Fr. Michael Crumpton, Deacon Pat Duffy, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr John Fallon, Fr. Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce**, and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**Telephone support:** Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email ([shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com](mailto:shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com)) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

**Miriam's Walk for Water:** Inspired by a video in her school about Cafod's effort in providing drinking water to people in hot countries like Ethiopia, our parishioner Miriam Lambe is doing Cafod's '**Walk for Water Challenge**' this Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to support Miriam's and Cafod's effort. The following is the sponsor link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/miriams-lent-challenge>

Thank you in anticipation for your generous support.

**Unleash the Gospel:** The following is a lovely website with week by week activities for families, prayers and exploration of the Gospel. Hope you will find it helpful. (This week): <https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/march-28-2021>

**Weekly Rosary:** Thanks to the Isaacs Family for their Rosary initiative. We thank Mike Brown for his paintings and brief, thoughtful commentaries in recent weeks. They have been very inspiring and prayerful. We are very grateful to our few but dedicated parishioners for taking part in the weekly rosary. Appreciate your presence and participation very much.

Anyone willing to join in praying the Rosary via zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** are welcome.

You can use the same link each week to join which is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132920743?pwd=NXRoUVJTOVVlanUwVzYxNkovbGlrUT09>

Be encouraged to pray the Rosary regularly (even if a decade or two), especially for the deliverance from the pandemic. Your prayers are much appreciated.

**Sycamore Course:** The remaining topics of the Sycamore Course will be dealt with after Easter.

**Easter Collection:** It is customary within the Diocese for a collection to be taken up at the Easter Masses next weekend for the benefit of the parish clergy.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**

**Easter sacraments renew our life and our relationships**

"The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter (Baptism and Communion) is an enormous potential for the renewal of our personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However, everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good, which can hurt me and others, I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action."

*Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013*