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Second Sunday of Easter (B)

11th April 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday **No Saturday evening Mass at present**
Sunday 9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Kevin McCarthy's Intentions

Tuesday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Betty Wattrus

Wednesday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Sr Felicity's Intentions

Thursday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Eleanor's Intentions

Friday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Welfare of Hilary Mayell

Saturday [Feria Eastertide]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Audrey Butler; Mary Smallwood; Sr Ellen; Etheldreda Hill; Harold Joseph Taylor; Harold Ollis; Sr Gabriel; Sr Josephine** (anniversaries)

Fr Sharp would like to thank you for the cards and gifts he received at Easter and for your kind and generous Easter Offering.

Copies of the booklet on the wall paintings are on sale at the back of church, price £5. Besides being a wonderful souvenir, it will also make a good present to send to relatives and friends, so that they can share in the beauty of the wall paintings.

It was wonderful to hear the newly-rebuilt organ played at Mass on Easter Sunday. The final work on it was undertaken this past week, so it is now fully functional.

The Passion of our Saviour is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live for ever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him for ever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience...As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, sating of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of glory.

From an Easter homily by an ancient author