



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.
April 12th 2020

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter and the apostles witness to the resurrection and bring the good news to others.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17,22-23,R/v24

***This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad.***

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Christians are called to a new life as the beloved of the Lord.

Acclamation: 1 Cor. 5:7-8

***Alleluia alleluia !
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia !***

Gospel: John 20:1-9

St. John entered the tomb; he saw and he believed.

You can view the full readings online at http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html

EASTER IN LOCKDOWN [MGR. JOE].

With all that is going on around us in the world and in our own part of the Lord's vineyard at the moment, this Easter could not be more different from the Easters we have been used to. Easter is Easter of course again this year, but the Easter Proclamation has been somewhat muted by the Coronavirus pandemic, which has been responsible for closing our churches and putting our lives on hold, as many of us have never known before in our own lifetimes. Our fears and anxieties somehow prevent us from making that leap of faith and trust in the Risen Lord that would translate our reticence into the Easter "Alleluia", without reservation. It is almost as if we have been left in a kind of Limbo, stranded somewhere between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It seems to be a bit presumptuous to wish each other a "Happy Easter" under the present circumstances.

This year may indeed be different from other years, but wait a moment. Let us not forget that it isn't Easter that has changed, but only the circumstances surrounding Easter that have changed. The Easter message rings out loud and clear: "The Lord is Risen Alleluia". We cannot press an imaginary "pause" button and put the Lord back in the tomb because of the dire situation the world is facing with the continuing spread of the Covid-19 virus. No, the Resurrection of Jesus was a turning point in human history. No longer need we be looking over our shoulders in fear, afraid to look adversity in the face. Never was there a better time than now to give each other the re-assurance of a "Happy Easter" and a smile. "Happy Easter" and "The Lord is Risen" is our anthem. They are two sides of the same coin. The two go together like Good Friday and Easter Sunday. You can't have the one without the other.

A WORD FROM DEACON ELFED.

It is no respecter of age. The yellow ambulance may turn up at a door, and a loved one is driven away with a wave and a kiss, and none can accompany them. Those who are taken suffer, and those who are left behind suffer too. When we look up at the cross, as we all will do at some stage this weekend, we shall see a great deal of suffering. Remember too that suffering and hardship were nothing new to Jesus. Throughout his own lifetime he suffered; he was derided often; they wanted to kill him for what he said to them; they condemned him for how he acted. Eventually on that first Good Friday, they had their way. Why did he have to suffer so much? He DIDN'T have to. He accepted the consequences of redeeming sinful humanity, and he did it for you and me. So from the suffering of Good Friday, we have the bright light of the Resurrection of that first Easter morning. After the very darkest hours, a new dawn shines forth with the very brightest of light.

In these very extraordinary of circumstances, I wish you all the blessing of the Risen Christ. May the hope and joy of Easter fill your hearts with the love of Christ himself, so that it may bring peace to you and to your families and all those you love.

RITA WILSON RIP

Please pray for the soul of Rita who died in Haselhurst Nursing Home, Penarth, on Thursday 9th April. We extend our sympathy to the members of her family at this time. Funeral arrangements will be announced but they will be subject to restrictions imposed at the present time.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

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PRIVATE MASSES

WEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY APRIL 11TH / SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 2020

Saturday April 11th			
IN PRIVATE		Evening	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday April 12th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)			
MASS IN PRIVATE			Priest's Intention
The Easter Octave			
Monday April 13th Monday of the Octave of Easter			
MASS IN PRIVATE			Joe Fadian (Lesley) 630
Tuesday April 14th Tuesday of the Octave of Easter			
MASS IN PRIVATE			Peter Hegarty (Anne) [anniv] 650
Wednesday April 15th Wednesday of the Octave of Easter			
MASS IN PRIVATE			George and Eileen Scott (Mead) 666
Thursday April 16th Thursday of the Octave of Easter			
IN PRIVATE			Sylvia and Ron Stapleton (Niece) 681
Friday April 17th Friday of the Octave of Easter			
IN PRIVATE			William Thomas Jones (family) 617
Saturday April 18th Saturday of the Octave of Easter			
IN PRIVATE			Priest's Intention
Sunday April 19th 2nd Sunday of Eastertide (A) [aka Divine Mercy Sunday]			
MASS IN PRIVATE			Pat and Bill Jones (Diane) 671



THE YEAR OF GOD WHO SPEAKS

"Yes as the rain and the snow came down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do"

Isaiah 55:11 (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night).

