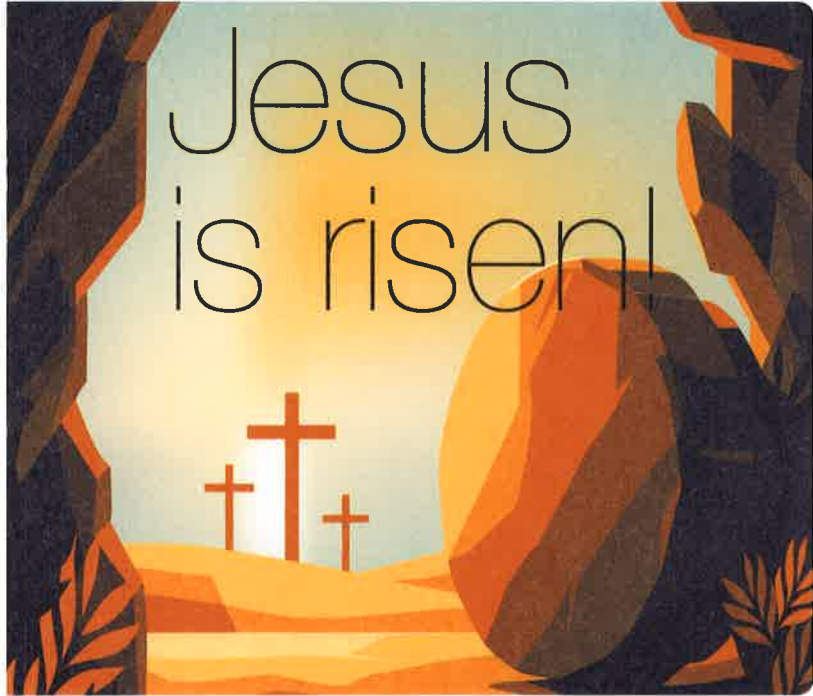


# SUNDAY *Plus*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord **Divine Office Week I** Year A

Everyone at Redemptorist Publications send you and yours their prayers that you will be filled with *Easter joy and peace. May the risen Lord bless you and keep you.*



Jesus  
is risen!

We wonder what the disciples of Jesus had been doing from the time he was arrested. Except for John, who had dared to go to Calvary, they seem to have given way to panic and gone underground...

The women, the Marys, Salome, Joanna the wife of Chuza, behaved as women always do in these crises: they went on with the business of living. Back in their houses, they prepared aromatic spices... but during the Sabbath, they "kept still, as the law commanded." They did not go out immediately when the Lord's Day was over, for Golgotha was a sinister place where one would not care to venture out at night. But at daybreak, the Gospel is precise about this, they hurried along the road to the tomb where lay, so they thought, Jesus whom

they had loved...

The women went up to the sepulchre, still overshadowed by the events of the previous two days, uneasy and miserable. They had conquered their fear, but they had need of all their courage... the holy women were astounded by the disappearance of the body and, realising that the guards were no longer there, they were frightened too.

The first reaction of the disciples was to doubt the women's story as an old wives' tale. St Peter, however, wanted to see for himself and ran to the sepulchre. Another disciple went with him, undoubtedly John... it was exactly as the women had said; the grave clothes lay on the ground, the stone was rolled away. Then, suddenly, they felt the invasion of faith.

Henri Daniel-Rops, *Jesus and His Times*

If we must all cooperate in the great cause of unity and love, let us seek to do so first of all with our behaviour in everyday situations, starting also from the work environment.

Pope Leo XIV

## Candle in the darkness

It was a wonderful moment as we walked towards the church to the band's accompaniment, the snow-covered mountains clear in the moonlight. I used to find the Easter Vigil service very complicated until I learned not to try to analyse it, but simply to look and let the symbols teach their own message. I looked at the candle in the darkness and recognised the darkness in all

the bewilderment, numbness, frustration, helplessness and anxiety I had experienced on this pilgrimage of peace. The light came into the darkness and I felt the joy of it, an inner certainty in all my uncertainty, a hope when everything seemed hopeless, an assurance that all manner of things shall be well and that Christ is greater than all my stupidity and sinfulness. I knew then that I was caught up in something far greater than my mind can ever grasp.

Gerard W. Hughes SJ, *Walk to Jerusalem*

Feast of the week 

## Easter Sunday

Because he lives  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because he lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because he lives.

Bill and Gloria Gaither

## READINGS

Today:  
Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6-8  
John 20:1-9

Monday:  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday:  
Acts 2:36-41  
John 20:11-18

Wednesday:  
Acts 3:1-10  
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday:  
Acts 3:11-26  
Luke 24:35-48

Friday:  
Acts 4:1-12  
John 21:1-14

Saturday:  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday:  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

Living Lord, I believe in you. I love you. I adore you.  Amen.



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*!...I will show you the Father who is from all eternity, I will raise you up with my right hand  
 Saint Melito of Sardis*

**EASTER TIDE**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

Sat. 4th Apr. 8:00pm Holy Souls and Murty Conneely (RIP)  
 (First Anniversary RIP)  
*At this Mass, we welcome into God's Holy Catholic Family  
 Michael, Aaliyah, Henry & Owen  
 Peace by with you.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Sun. 5th Apr. 9:30am Deirdre Griffiths (RIP)  
 11:00am Alf and Marie Oliva (RIP)

Mon. 6th Apr. NO MASS  
 Tues. 7th Apr. 10:00am Dorothy Upton (RIP)  
 Wed. 8th Apr. 10:00am Phyllis Fibley (Wellbeing)  
 Thur. 9th Apr. 10:00am John Gorham (RIP)  
 Fri. 10th Apr. 6:00pm Adoration and Benediction  
 7:00pm Carmel Fitzgerald (RIP)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Sat. 11th Apr. 6:30pm Helen Davey (RIP)  
 Lorraine Brookes (Wellbeing)  
 Sun. 12th Apr. 9:30am Oscar Rosaria (RIP)  
 Jean Langley (RIP)  
 11:00am John Regida & Family (Special Intention)  
 George Foran (RIP)



**Prayers for the Sick & Housebound:**

Please pray for the wellbeing of:  
 D.H.  
 Adelaide Cotter,  
 Paul Fairhall,  
 Amy Bradbury  
 Marie Goti  
 Michael Christou  
 John Rosenow  
 Mary Silva  
 Michael Hoskins  
 Mary McFarlane  
 Brian Newman

**Upcoming Mass Intentions for the Coming Week**

**14th Simon Nassan**  
**15th Florent Kalesha and Jamal Kalesha**  
**16th C Lobo**  
**16th Gail & Egbert Cornwall**  
**17th Danny Moody**  
**18th Jim Duffy**  
**18th Kathleen Nissila**

**For the Repose of the Soul**

of Noel Long who died unexpectedly on Friday 20th March aged 67. His Funeral Mass is 16th April at 12.30pm and at the Cemetery at 2pm.

**For the Repose of the Soul**

of Eileen Quirke, Funeral Mass 17th April at 12noon, burial at Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery, SM4 4NW at 2:00pm

**First Offering** this Easter, is your gift for your parish priest.

**The Second Offering** is in support of our parish lay ministries.

Please remember to collect your gift aid boxes.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**EASTER BLESSINGS**

*I pray that you and your loved ones, have a joyous and peace filled Easter. And I give thanks to Jesus, our Lord for everyone who assisted in ensuring the Parish ran smoothly throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter, for those who clean the church; for the team that installed the Easter Garden; for the flower ladies; for the Counters and Collectors; for the Readers; Altar Servers; the Eucharistic Ministers; the Sacristans; for the Church Rota Team; for the writer of the Bidding Prayers; for the team that run Little Church on behalf of our Little People; for those that lead and participate in our music ministry and choir; for the members of our Parish Pastoral Council.*



*God bless you all, in all that you do. Fr Ben*

**For the Repose of the Soul**

of Donal Smith a long standing member of our parish. Funeral Mass is on the 23rd April at 11.30am and at the Crematorium at 1.20pm.

**May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory.**