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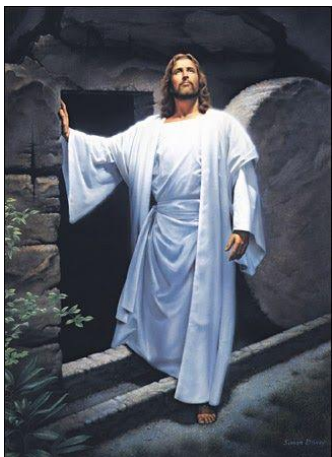
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PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
Sunday 4 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	08.00 10.30 13.00
Monday 5 April	EASTER MONDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Mass (Polish) Mass (Polish)	09.00 09.30 13.00 19.00
Tuesday 6 April	EASTER TUESDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 7 April	EASTER WEDNESDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Thursday 8 April	EASTER THURSDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Friday 9 April	EASTER FRIDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Saturday 10 April	EASTER SATURDAY	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Vigil Mass	09.00 09.30 18.00
Sunday 11 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00



EASTER MESSAGE

"I arose and now I am still with you," says Jesus to each of us. My hand upholds you. Wherever you may fall, you will always fall into my hands. I am present even at the door of death. Where no one can accompany you further, and where you can bring nothing, even there I am waiting for you, and for you I will change darkness into light.

POPE BENEDICT XVI - 7 April 2007

HAPPY EASTER

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton, Marion Newton

Light of the North: LATEST EDITION ONLINE!! To help you celebrate Easter, the Light of the North has 39 pages of news and features by contributors from all over the Diocese. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB strikes a positive note on “The Road back from Emmaus” (p.3), and Br Joseph Carron OSB reflects on what we can learn from the dreams of St Joseph (p.12). Also in this issue, Lidia Konar has interviewed some of our Polish parishioners on the “Saving grace of faith during a pandemic” (p.17), Eileen Grant shows how Mary Magdalene’s encounter with the Risen Lord takes on a new, immediate significance in this time of Covid (p.20), and on the 700th anniversary of

Dante's death, a 'Priest from the Diocese' demonstrates how the poet's Divine Comedy continues to prove capable of instilling courage and hope (p23). To access the magazine, click on the link: <https://bit.ly/3cE3l4g>

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE: THIS YEAR'S SCIAF APPEAL

This year's Lent appeal focuses on South Sudan where a generation of children with disabilities are locked out of an education and trapped in a cycle of poverty. When a crisis comes, be it conflict, famine or even the coronavirus, it is vulnerable children who suffer most. They may not be able to go to school or, later on, to work and earn a living. They often face stigma and exclusion. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and help to change lives. You can either donate to SCIAF via your parish Special Collection, or by using the Wee Boxes provided in your churches. Please remember that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your donation; simply fill out your details on the box. The UK government will match all donations made, up until 11 May. Please bring back Wee Boxes on Sunday 25 April 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

ŻYCZENIA ŚWIĄTECZNE

"Zmartwychwstałem i teraz zawsze jestem z Tobą - mówi Jezus każdemu z nas. Moja ręka Cię podtrzymuje. Gdybyś gdziekolwiek miał upaść, upadniesz w moje ręce. Jestem nawet u bram śmierci. Tam gdzie już nikt nie może Ci towarzyszyć i gdzie ty nie możesz niczego zabrać, tam Ja na ciebie czekam i dla ciebie przemieniam mroki w światło. "- Benedykt XVI 7.04.2007. Nieustannej bliskości Zmartwychwstałego!

Ks. Piotr

SKARBONKI SCIAF

Przy wyjściu z kościoła można pobrać skarbonkę na jałmużnę wielkopostną. W tym roku SCIAF wspiera dzieci w Południowym Sudanie. Skarbonki z ofiarami przynosimy w niedzielę 25 kwietnia. Bóg zapłać za wsparcie.