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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B, 31 MARCH 2024

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (English) 12noon (Polish)

Confessions Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

Many people saw Jesus' die. We venerated an image of his cross two days ago. Crosses and crucifixes are the central symbols of Christianity. No-one saw him rise again, and only the eyes of faith can sustain us in our belief that he overcame death. In the Gospel this morning, the voice of Jesus is not heard - as at Christmas, the second greatest feast of the year. Mary of Magdala is mentioned by three evangelists as one of the first to see the empty tomb (Mark, read last night, is the exception), but she does not know what it means: she only thinks lesus has been taken away, but in the next verses of John, she is the first to see the Lord.) Peter doesn't understand either; it is only the beloved disciple who realises what 'rising from the dead' means, and presumably tells the others. Nevertheless, Peter is seen in 1R preaching as a witness to the risen Christ - he has 'eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.' If we feel bereft - they have taken the Lord away - we can learn from the reactions of the people who were there, and follow their journey to faith, through amazement and fear to joy. We too have eaten and drunk with Jesus.; we do it at every Mass.

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

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

Gospel acclamation

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.



EASTER WISHES

I wish to all parishioners and guests on the occasion of the Resurrection of Christ the experience of His closeness and love, which is manifested in the Word of God and the Eucharist. May there be peace, goodness, kindness and mutual love in your hearts. Happy Easter.

Wszystkim Parafianom i Gościom z okazji świąt Zmartwychwstania Chrystusa życzę doświadczenia Jego bliskości i miłości, które przejawia się w Słowie Bożym i Eucharystii. Niech w Waszych sercach zagości pokój, dobroć, życzliwość i wzajemna miłość. Wesołych Świąt i Radosnego Alleluja!

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 1st April **Easter Octave**

Tuesday 2nd April **Easter Octave**

Wednesday 3rd April Easter Octave

Thursday 4th April **Easter Octave**

Friday 5th April **Easter Octave**

Saturday 6th April **Easter Octave**

GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer, ensure all your contributions to the OLMC Banff are Gift-Aided by registering for the OLMC Banff Gift Aid scheme. This means we can claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make in whatever form, without it costing you a penny more!! complete To GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM please contact Parish Office

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection 24 March 2024 Cash – £326.50 Gift Aid – £65.00

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EVERY MASS WITH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

EASTER CELEBRATION

After 11.00 Mass all children are invited to Parish Garden for EGG HUNT Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in Parish Parlour.

FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCES

Income: £2469.80 Expenses: £3548.58 Balance: £-1078.78

Bank account: £6617.61

DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

DIARY 699

SCIAF

Thank you all so much for your support of the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES on Sunday 7 April (Divine Mercy Sunday).

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS