

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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Easter Sunday, 1 April 2018

Each of the four Gospels reports that the women who had been followers of Jesus discovered the empty tomb after his death. Today we read from the Gospel of Mark, which contains the most succinct of all the reports of Jesus' Resurrection in the Gospels.

Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. The report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion after verse 8. While some believe this is the original ending of Mark's Gospel, others theorise that there was a longer ending that was lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending, which is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending was not written by Mark, but was probably added by later copyists who sought to resolve the abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending, which scholars also believe was written by someone other than the evangelist Mark. Quotations

from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, however, indicating that this Longer Ending has been included as part of Mark's Gospel for some time. This Longer Ending, Mark 16:9-20, was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel. Portions of this Longer Ending are read as part of our weekday lectionary cycle and on the Feast of the Ascension in Cycle B. Without this Longer Ending, the Gospel of Mark would report no post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Mark reports the names of three women who go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They are Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James. According to Mark, these are the same women who were among those watching Jesus' Crucifixion from a distance. Mark reports that these women were followers of Jesus in Galilee and that they ministered to him. Mark also reports that Mary Magdalene and Mary observed where Jesus' body was laid. After his death, these women come again to minister to Jesus.

Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James, go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. It is clear from Mark's report of their conversation that they had not

worked out all the necessary details. They know that a very large stone was used to seal Jesus' tomb, but they do not know how they are going to remove it. When they arrive at the tomb, they find that the stone has already been rolled back. Upon entering the tomb, they meet an angel who tells them that Jesus has been raised from the dead. The angel then recalls Jesus' promise to his disciples that he would go before them to Galilee.

Amazement would seem to be a natural reaction to the experience that the women had that morning. Yet the angel chides them for being amazed. Perhaps the reason is found in the words that follow, as the angel reminds them that Jesus himself had told his disciples that he would see them again in Galilee. If the women had listened and heeded Jesus' words, they would not have been surprised to find the tomb empty. This highlights a theme of Mark's Gospel: the disciples of Jesus are often clueless about the true identity of Jesus and confounded by his message to them.

Nonetheless, we can find some hope for the disciples, just as there is hope for us when we find ourselves unsure about Jesus. The disciples in today's Gospel were faithful followers of Jesus and

remained present through Jesus' death on the cross. In fact, they came to the tomb that morning expecting to minister to Jesus once again. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as apostles to Peter and the other disciples. Because we hear this Gospel proclaimed today, we know that they honored Jesus by accepting this mission.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Congratulations and welcome to Catherine Campbell, Amanda Jones, Andrew Cross, Helen Reynolds and Joseph Gilroy who after months of preparation were received into full communion and confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 9 April at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we will continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the

Church and our mission in the local area. Tea and coffee will be provided. We invite you to join us. Parking is available at Bishop Eton.

The Ladies Group



Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30pm in the meeting room at Holy Family Church. We are always keen to encourage new and younger members to attend when you can, no commitment. New and younger members bring fresh ideas and keep our group relevant. A great way to take part in the life of our Parish Community and to meet people from both churches.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 April at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Barn Dance/Ceili

Sunday, 8 April, 2.00pm-5.30pm, St Michael's Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, L6 5JG, adults £6, children £3, contact Sr Catherine for tickets on 07486 131930.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our Parish and wider community. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Former Parishioner

On Friday, 6 April there will be a Funeral Service for Mary Riding a former parishioner of St Andrew's. The Service will take place in Holy Family at 12.00 noon and the family would be pleased to see as many parishioners as possible attend, especially those who knew Mary.

Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area

This information can be found on the noticeboards at the back of church and also on our website. As Mass times are subject to change, it is always advisable to ring ahead.

Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this in faith.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.



Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 442.64
Other Envelopes	£ 116.00
Loose GASDS	£ 399.13
Total Offertory	£ 957.77
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 45	£ 78.00
Retiring Collection	£ 412.85

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend Friends of the Holy Land.

Gift Aid

If you donate by Gift Aid, please collect your new Gift Aid envelopes from the back of church and commence using them on 8 April. Please do not use the old envelopes after this date.

Anyone wishing to make their weekly donations through Gift Aid, whether by envelopes or standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

SJV Bonus Ball



This game is run at the back of church each week. Numbers from 1-59 are sold at £1 per number. If your number is selected as the bonus ball on the National Lottery Wednesday Night Draw then you win £30! We currently have a few numbers left unsold each week and it would be great if we could regularly sell all the numbers as any profits go towards the work of our Parish. Please consider buying a number – it's just a bit of fun.

Parish Office

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 5 April.

Thank You So Much



Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind

To care so much for your fellow
man
Is a quality all too rare
Yet you give of your time and
talents
For all in need to share

So thank you for being a volunteer
We're privileged to work with you
We want you to know how
appreciated you are
Not just today, but the whole year
through

Volunteers are at the heart of all
that is accomplished within our
Parish community from the
Catechists who share their faith by
guiding others to attentive altar
servers.

Yours names and ministries are too
numerous to mention but please
know that you are deeply
appreciated for all the work you do
for the benefit of our Parish.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants

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With You Always Coordinator

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Parish Club

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Confessions

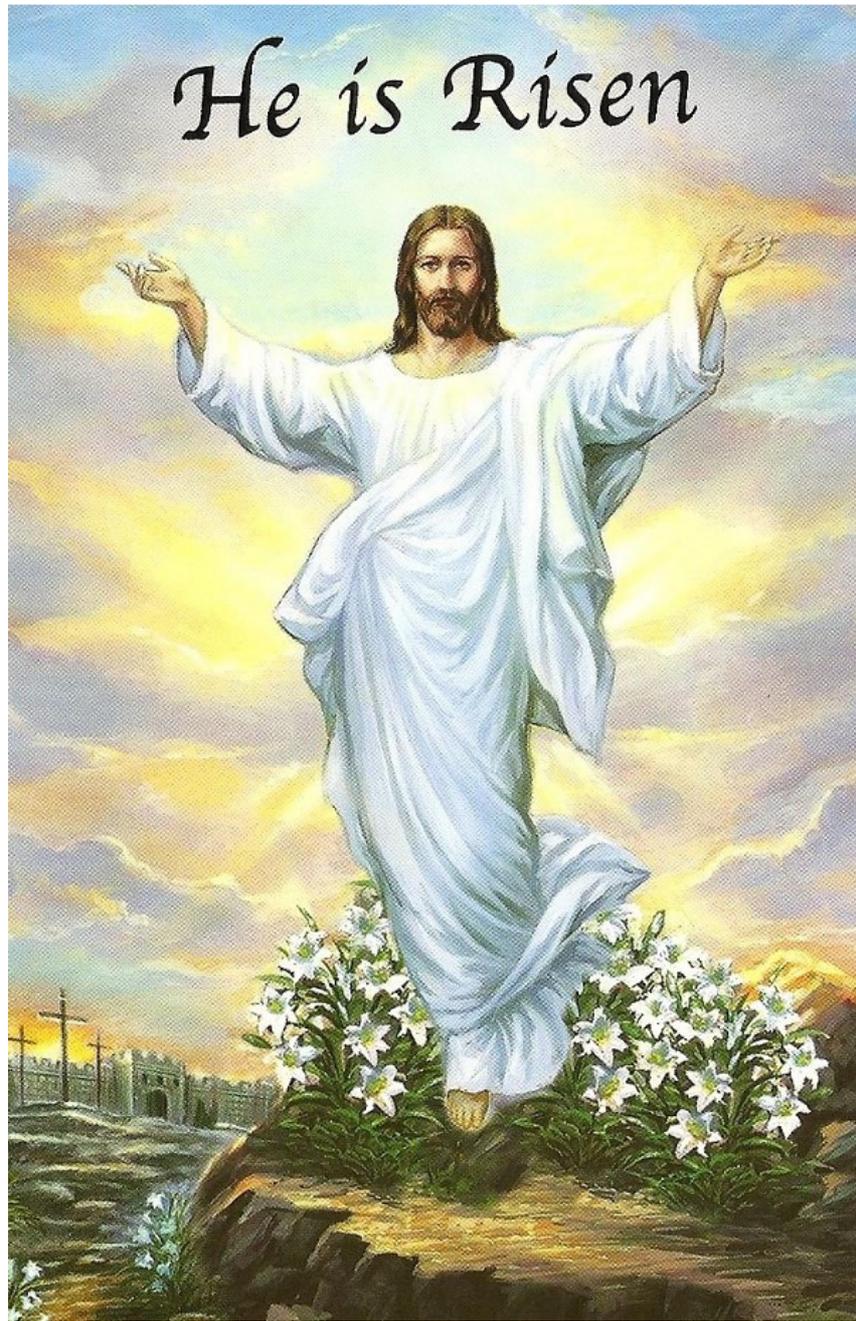
Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
Gateacre,
11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am-11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation,
Bishop Eton,
4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Blessed Sacrament Shrine,
City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon



Father Matthew, Maureen and Jacqui
wish you all a very happy, peaceful and holy Easter

Question of the Week

Adults: Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?
Children: Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?

Easter Sunday 1 April 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 31 March Holy Saturday	8.30 pm – Easter Vigil	
Sunday, 1 April Easter Sunday	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Miren & Joaqim De Eguia)
Monday, 2 April Monday of Easter Octave		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 3 April Tuesday of Easter Octave	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 4 April Wednesday of Easter Octave		10.00 am – Mass (Arthur Ward)
Thursday, 5 April Thursday of Easter Octave	10.00 am – Mass (Mary Dee)	
Friday, 6 April Friday of Easter Octave	12.00 noon – Funeral Service for Mary Riding	10.00 am – Mass (John & Dot Ireland)
Saturday, 7 April Saturday of Easter Octave	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 8 April Second Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy	11.00 am – Mass (Bill Shreenan)	9.15 am – Mass (Chris, Dick & John Cavanagh) 12.30 pm - Baptisms

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service.

Guidelines for the submission of Mass Intentions can be found on our website.

Readings for Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

1 April - Paul, Terry, Bernie, Teresa, Ken
8 April - Rosemarie, Paul, Gerry, Bernie, Edyta