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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

11 April – 12 April 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS ON EASTER



On this Easter morning, we stand with the first believers at the empty tomb, full of wonder and awe at the enormity of what has taken place. In the First Reading (**Acts 10: 34, 37–43**), we hear a significant speech from Peter: God wants the salvation of all peoples. St Paul, in contrasting earthly and heavenly realities, urges the Colossians to set their gaze on heaven, where Christ is seated. Now we have been brought back to true life with Christ, we will share in his glory when he is revealed (**Col. 3: 1–4**). The Gospel records how Peter and his unnamed companion slowly come to realize that Jesus has risen from the dead. This disciple, 'the one Jesus loved', symbolises where all faithful Christians are invited to be: in a loving, intimate relationship with Christ (**John 20: 1–9**)

On this Easter Day, we may want to pray to recognise the dignity that belongs to us as Christians. We ask also for the grace we need to live out that dignity in practice, even when our daily lives have been unexpectedly upset in times of uncertainty and confusion.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	11	Holy Saturday	10.00 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
Saturday	11	EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER	8.30 pm	Holy Mass	The People of The Parish
Sunday	12	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Intention of The Priest
Monday	13	Easter Monday	12.00 pm	Holy Mass	Antony Wolfe† (M Wolfe)
Tuesday	14	Easter Tuesday	9:15 am	Holy Mass	Ray Buxton† (K Buxton)
Wednesday	15	Easter Wednesday	9.15 am	Holy Mass	John Howell Hawkins†
Thursday	16	Easter Thursday	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	Jeremy Laycock (S Craig)
Friday	17	Easter Friday	9.15am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (D Craig)
Saturday	18	Easter Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Sunday	19	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Alec & Isobel Craig (The Craig Family)

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have spiritual weight that is incalculable. During these uncertain times, it can be a comfort to have mass said for a loved one. If you would like Fr Naz to say Mass for you or someone you know, please email the Parish Office.

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr. Naz is celebrating Masses on behalf of the people of the parish. Please find time to make an act of Spiritual Communion by saying the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

Easter Duties The Archdiocese of Birmingham website has a video message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols about our Easter Duties <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/blog/easter-duties>

Masses Online Although you cannot physically attend Mass, many parishes live stream Masses and there are many resources online. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website or follow this link: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

BBC Radio Easter Sunday On Easter Sunday, tune into your local BBC radio station at 8am for Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment. Please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

Anointing of the Sick To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners

The parish has a team of people who have offered help to those who would like it during this time of isolating and quarantining. If you would like support or would like to offer help, please contact the parish office or call Chris and Liz Burger on 01886 832729.

(Your details will be used by parishioners to contact you only for so long as you wish us to do so. Your information will be held securely on the basis of your consent by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdioces.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

Please welcome Seminarian Jithin Thomas Titto to St Joseph's in your prayers. While the English College in Spain is closed, Jithin will be living and studying at the Presbytery. It is a great honour to be entrusted with a seminarian.

Divine Mercy Rosary every day at 3pm. Phone the Parish Office to arrange to collect a free CD and booklet. Play the CD every day at 3pm and join the whole world in praying for the end of COVID-19.

100+ Club The last draw of the 100+Club took place on 15th March regarding the subscriptions received in February 2020. The next draw in respect of the subscriptions received in March 2020 will take place when we are over the present COVID-19 crisis.

Parish Office Anne and Sam are working remotely. They are monitoring Parish Office emails, producing the Bulletin for the website and building the database.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: TOILET PAPER, Antibacterial wipes, Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all for your continued support & generosity. While the church is closed, please leave donations at the stores where you shop.

In Our Time with Melvin Bragg Listen to experts and scholars discuss religious topics such as The Trinity, Mary Magdalen, Redemption, Miracles, Hope & Prayer. There are over 100 episodes of this fantastic programme on BBC Radio 4 IPlayer. Cut and paste this link into your internet browser: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gvqlg?page=1>

The ecumenical intention this week is for The Day of Resurrection.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John O'Brien (Jack) whose funeral service will be held on Monday 20 Apr at Worcester Crematorium at 11:30am

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

PRAYER DURING A TIME OF 'FLU & ILLNESS

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others.

Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognize its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good.

Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR all key workers who care for the most vulnerable in our community and especially the teachers, parents & pupils of St Joseph's Primary School. Lord, be with them and sustain them in their daily service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them.