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**Easter Sunday – 17th April 2022**

*"We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song"*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April:** For health care workers - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

Sun 17th	(Sat) 8 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish Private Int; D Al Darraji R.I.P. V Ferrao R.I.P. Private Int Okafor Family Int	
Mon 18th	Easter Feria	C McDermott R.I.P. B McNicholas R.I.P. B Naloko R.I.P. Trinidad & Savana	
Tues 19th	Easter Feria	R Fernando R.I.P. V H Dos Santos R.I.P.	
Wed 20th	Easter Feria	7 p.m. L Okolonji R.I.P. L A Liddane R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates after evening Mass
Thurs 21st	Easter Feria	N O'Connor R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 22nd	Easter Feria	Sick of the Parish	Requiem Mass 11 a.m. N O'Connor R.I.P.
Sat 23rd	Easter Feria	J O'Leary R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

- **Mass Books: Order of the Mass:** Page 7 – Easter Sunday: *Prayers and Readings of the day:* Page Vigil 223; Sunday 258

Easter is what makes us Christians. The life of Jesus is not put before us merely as a good example of someone who was true to his beliefs. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and it is Easter that demonstrates this. In Jesus, God has taken on our life and transformed it. Through baptism we share in the very life of the crucified and risen Christ and so we are made new. It may be that at times we are like Peter, who on reaching the tomb just looks in and wonders, but there comes a point when we are asked to take the risk of faith of seeing and believing that God could indeed love us this much.



- **Congratulations to Jay, Jonathan and Nico who will be baptised this weekend.**



*Fr Albert wishes you and your Families a blessed and happy Easter*

- **Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday:** Novena concludes with Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Devotion beginning at 2.40 p.m.

- **Thank You:** *My thanks to all who helped in any way during Holy Week and Easter ceremonies; the altar servers, the readers, the choir, flower arrangers and all those who cleaned and prepared our Church so well for us. Thanks also to the people who cut the grass and tidied the church grounds. Well done to everyone!*

- **Fr Albert** will not be available this Monday evening.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church – boxes are available to collect next week. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details.

- **Refurbishment of Church Hall:** We are hoping to resume our plans for the hall. Michael Rushe our architect will do a presentation in the hall on Saturday 30th April after 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 1st May after the 11 a.m. Parishioners are invited to come along to have a look at the proposed plans for the hall.

- **Neil O'Connor R.I.P.** Requiem Mass for Neil will be on Friday, 22nd April at 11 a.m. Please continue to remember Cathy, Tom and all the family at this very difficult time.

- **CLERGY EASTER OFFERINGS** – The Christmas and Easter collections make up the bulk of priests' annual income. Envelopes are available this week as you leave the church this weekend.

- **Floristry Classes** resumes on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. for beginners. Advanced on Monday, 25th at 6.30 p.m.
- **IT Classes** on Thursday at 11 a.m.

- **St Margaret Clitherow Food Bank: Donations can be dropped at the school or the church. Thank you for your generosity.**
- **Foodbank is open Tuesday – Friday 12 – 1 p.m.**

**Church Offerings by Card, using the contactless terminal at the back of the church. A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our church financially.**



**Last Week's Collection:**  
**Envelope:** £860 **Loose Plate:** £1126  
**Contactless:** £109  
**Building Fund:** £39

### Act of Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the Holy  
 Sacrament of the altar.  
 I love you above all things  
 and I passionately desire to receive you  
 into my soul.  
 Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
 come spiritually into my soul  
 so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
 now and forever. Amen*

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.  
 Body of Christ, save us.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.  
 O Good Jesus, hear us.  
 Within Thy wounds hide us.  
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.  
 From the malicious enemy defend us.  
 In the hour of our death call us.  
 And bid us come unto Thee,  
 That with all Thy saints,  
 we may praise thee  
 Forever and ever.