



EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022

Raised with Christ

The Scriptures for this Easter Sunday focus on the earliest witness to the resurrection, calling Christians today to continue the mission of bearing witness to Christ and the Gospel. In the legal system of ancient Judaism, witnesses gave testimony based on first-hand experience. In serious matters, more than one witness was required for acceptable testimony.

In the Old Testament, the Lord called the covenant people to bear witness to YHWH before all other nations, who worshiped numerous false gods. When God delivered the chosen people from their exile in Babylon, Isaiah proclaimed God's word to them: "You are my witnesses" (Is 40:10, 12). Israel of old was specifically designated to give testimony to God as "saviour" and "redeemer" (Is 40:11, 14).

Today's first reading presents disciples who have experienced the resurrection, God's final act to save and give life. Death itself is conquered: the same Jesus who was crucified, "God raised on the third day" (Acts 10:40). Those who witnessed Jesus' execution have also experienced him alive, in God's new life. They are thus "commissioned" (Acts 10:42) to testify in word and deed that God's "mercy endures forever" (Ps 118:1). Like Jesus, his followers bear witness to the now-fulfilled words of the psalmist: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD" (ps. 118:17).

To give testimony that Christians are "raised with Christ" (Col 3:1) requires more than words of witness. The second reading insists that those who share in his resurrection must die to their former way of life in order to give believable testimony. Genuine witness to what God has done in Jesus Christ requires daily action marked by evidence that the believer now lives "with Christ in God" (Col 3:3).

Colossians 3:1-4 also is meant as a guide for community life. Each "you" is plural. Re-read 3:1-4 from the plural perspective. What might "what is above" and "what is on earth" (3:2) mean for life in a community of faith?



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Sunday 17th April 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 17 th April	The Resurrection of the Lord – Solemnity
Monday 18 th April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday 19 th April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday 20 th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday 21 st April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday 22 nd April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday 23 rd April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Sunday 24 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (C) (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)

Easter 2022 at English Martyrs

❖ Holy Saturday 16th April

❖ Easter Vigil Mass 9.00 pm

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❖ Easter Sunday 17th April

❖ Morning Mass 10.00 am

❖ Evening Mass 6.30 pm

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 17 th April	10.00 am	Mrs Anne Melia – RIP and Finbar Buckley RIP (donor – Mary Fant) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	
Monday 18 th April	10.00 am	
Tuesday 19 th April	9.00 am	
Wednesday 20 th April	9.00 am	
Thursday 21 st April	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 22 nd April	9.00 am	
	11.00 am	Anne Headd – RIP - Funeral
Saturday 23 rd April	9.00 am	
Sunday 24 th April	10.00 am	Mark Duffy – RIP (donor – Maria Harris) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	

Parish Notice Board

A Big Thank You from Fr. Britto

Dearly Beloved, I will be leaving for India on 21st April and return on 17th October for my Sabbatical break. I am filled with gratitude for all the love and support I have received from you in my ministry here so far. In particular I wish to thank everyone who have worked so hard to make the Holy week so lovely and beautiful. My heartfelt Thanks also for your Easter offerings. Kindly keep me in your prayers so that I can return renewed and refreshed to continue my ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. I will hold you all very specially in my prayerful moments with the Lord. God be with you Always!

Warm Welcome:

We wish to warmly welcome Fr Jean-Laurent Marie to our parish community for the supply ministry during the sabbatical leave of Fr Britto. Fr Jean-Laurent will start his ministry with us on Friday 22nd April with the 9 am mass.

RIP

The funeral service for Anne Headd will take place on Friday 22nd April at 11o/c and the burial will be at Upminster Cemetery.

Gift Aid

Many thanks to those who are in the Gift Aid Scheme. For those parishioners who have continued to use the Gift Aid envelopes throughout the pandemic, new boxes of envelopes are at the back of the church for collection. Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to recommence using Gift Aid envelopes, if your numbered box is not there, please use one of the unnumbered boxes and put your Gift Aid number on the envelopes so that any future donation can be linked to your account.

For those in the Gift Aid Scheme who would like written confirmation of the total amount of donations they have made for the tax year ending 5 April 2022, to confirm that they will be paying a sufficient amount of tax for the Parish to reclaim or for their own tax return, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Gift Aid Declaration and Bank Mandate Forms will also be at the back of the church for those who would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme or would like to switch to online transfers.

Once again, thank you for joining the Gift Aid Scheme, which brings in extra revenue for the Parish at no extra cost to the donor.”

Parish Finance: 10.04.22

Gift Aid: Loose Plate: To follow next week
Total:

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D’Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Tommy Higgins, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Praying The Hours

Three short videos are now available on www.whatgoodnews.org introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the

website, scroll down on the home page and click on 'Praying the Hours'. Thank you for your interest.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14th May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

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