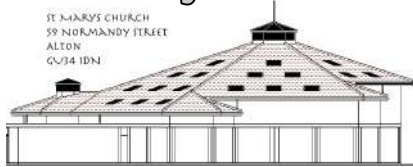


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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st March, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY
(Year B) Proper

Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY
Medstead	9.00am People of the Parish
St Mary's	11.00am In thanksgiving
Monday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	9.30am Intention Mary McGinty
Tuesday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	NO MASS
Wednesday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	9.30am Welfare of Madison Byrne
Thursday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	9.30am Theresa Burnard, RIP (F)
Friday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	9.30am Gary Caufield, RIP
Saturday	<i>within The Easter Octave</i>
	9.30am <u>Shelagh & Lindsay</u>
	5.30pm Pauline Fell's Intentions
Sunday	2nd SUNDAY of EASTER
Medstead	9.00am Intention of St Lucy's sisters
St Mary's	11.00am Amy & Len Guilbert, RIP

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Easter Sunday is your personal gift to the Priest and forms part of his annual income.

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord of life

We pray for all who bring your word of life
as a light to those in darkness

For those who bring your word of peace
to those enslaved by fear

For those who bring your word of love
to those in need of comfort

Lord of love and Lord of peace

Lord of Resurrection life

Be known Through our lives
and through your power

Christ the Lord is risen to-day Alleluia!

Easter Greetings

щасливого Великодня (Ukrainian)

¡Felices Pascuas! (Spanish) Buona Pasqua

(Italian) Szczęśliwej Wielkanocy! (Polish) Cáisc Shona

Dhuit/Dhaoibh, Beannachtaí na Cásca (Irish)

Maligayang pasko ng pagkabuhay (Tagalog)

Joyeuses Pâques (French)

Vesele velikonočne praznike (Slovenian)

Fröhle Ostern (German) शुभ ईस्टर (Hindi)

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Greek)

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter to you all! (English)

EASTER SUNDAY

31st March, 2024

The When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs on this

Easter morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

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



Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord Year B (Proper)

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to the Father reconciled.
Death with life contended;
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary, say what thou didst see upon the way.
"The tomb the living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!"
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you to Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious Christ, thy mercy show! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,

1. Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty
fills the heaven, fills the earth!

2. Blessed apostles sing praise;
prophets and martyrs give glory;
for your majesty,
praise the Spirit, praise the Son

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Feast of Divine Mercy, St. Peter's Church, Winchester
Sunday, 7th April, 2024 Mass 3pm All Welcome

Pope's Prayer Intention (April)

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Thank you

To all who worked so hard to prepare and beautify the Church and the Sacred Liturgy for Eastertide this year.

HE IS NOT HERE

He is Risen

Saint of the Week

April 4th, Saint Isidore of Seville

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders. Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville. An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet.



Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested. He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Reflection: Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore's Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their

A Pope's Easter Reflection

Every year in celebrating Easter we relive the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, the experience of the encounter with him risen: the Gospel of John tells that they saw him appear in their midst in the Upper Room on the evening of the very day of the Resurrection, "the first day of the week", and subsequently eight days later. That day, later called "the Lord's Day", was the day of the assembly of the Christian community which gathered for its own devotion, that is, to the Eucharist, a new form of worship which from the outset differed from the Judaic worship of the Sabbath. Indeed, the celebration of the Lord's Day is a very strong proof of Christ's Resurrection, for only an extraordinary and overwhelming event could have induced the first Christians to begin a form of worship that differed with regard to the Jewish Sabbath. Then, as today, Christian worship is not only a commemoration of past events nor even a specific, inner mystical experience; rather, it is essentially an encounter with the Risen Lord who lives in the dimension of God beyond time and space, and yet becomes really present amidst the community, speaks to us in the Sacred Scriptures and breaks the bread of eternal life for us. It is through these signs that we relive what the disciples experienced, that is, the event of seeing Jesus and at the same time of not recognizing him; of touching his body, a real body and yet free from earthly bonds.

What the Gospel says is very important: namely, that Jesus, in his two appearances to the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, repeats several times the greeting: "Peace be with you". Here, the traditional greeting with which people wish one another shalom, peace, becomes something new: it truly becomes the gift of the peace that Jesus alone can give because it is the fruit of his radical victory over evil. The "peace" that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the

love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his blood, as a meek and humble lamb "full of grace and truth"

For this reason St. John Paul II chose to call the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, with a very specific image: that of Jesus' pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John. However Jesus is now risen and the paschal Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the gift of peace which the Risen Jesus offers us, let us allow our hearts to be filled with his mercy! In this way, with the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, we too can bring these Easter gifts to others. May

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Marriage Care Trustee Role

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

The Regina Caeli—The Easter Marian Antiphon

Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia

For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia

Is risen, as he said, Alleluia

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice, and be glad. O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

*O God, you gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of your son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you,
that we may obtain, through His Virgin Mother, Mary,
the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

He is risen

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O sacred heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude and pierced by my many sins and yet loving you still, accept this act of consecration that I make to you of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body, draw me day by day near and nearer to your Sacred Heart, and there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me your blessed way.



Please remember in your prayers

Ann Lowther, Maria Proli, Sister Terry, Eileen Bowler, Francesca Adams, Mary McGrath, Sheila Payne, Annie Tomlinson, Rita Rawling, Kate Cradock, Jonathan Wiltshire, Alex Smith, Mary Sturgess, Brenda Gregory, Margaret Collins, Theresa Davies, The Rogers Family, Flavia Stampa Gruss, and all in need of God's grace at this time.

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