

**MASS INTENTIONS
Easter Sunday (Year B)**

Saturday 3 rd April - Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Raymond Verrillo (R.I.P)
Sunday 4 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	Barry McManus (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mrs Lilly Theresa (R.I.P)
Monday 5 th April – Within the Octave of Easter	10.00am	Jean & Tom Berry (R.I.P)
Tuesday 6 th April – Within the Octave of Easter	10.00am	Jimmy Kennedy (R.I.P)
Wednesday 7 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Maureen Conway (R.I.P)
Thursday 8 th April Within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Jackie Cavanagh (R.I.P)
Friday 9 th April – Within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Brendan McNiffe (R.I.P)
Saturday 10 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Doreen O'Dowda Intentions

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 10 th April -	6.30pm	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
Sunday 11 th April –	9.00am	Gordon Reade-Hill (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Giovanna Azar

The Pope's conversation with Austen Ivereigh

I think of the strength of the women in the Gospel following the death of Jesus. They were not paralyzed by the tragedy, nor did they flee. For love of the Master, they went to the tomb to anoint Him. Like so many women in this pandemic, they were able to hold it together, to get around obstacles in their path and keep hope alive in their families and in the community. Because they did so, they were the first to receive the astonishing news: "He is not here; for He has been raised". The Lord first announced the New Life to women because they were present, attentive, and open to new possibilities.

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The Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)

3rd & 4th April 2021

Dear Friends,

By night and by day we can see the signs of the resurrection. The resurrection penetrates our world when those who were estranged are reconciled; when grief abates and a new way forward is pieced together; when the darkness of depression is lightened by friendship and affection.

Resurrection gleams when one who is disliked receives goodwill; when one who is oppressed finds freedom by the power of justice and truth; when a sinner (each of us) finds pardon and peace. When an alcoholic conquers dependency, then there is resurrection; when a drug addict breaks the imprisoning habit then there is liberation.

The Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. As we continue to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 crisis, many people are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation. A question we can ask today is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends. Where are we being called to share Easter joy with others?

Prayer

God, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened the way for us to eternal life. May our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,
Father Maurice*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Ava Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Dennis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Anthony Doherty, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Father Joe Farrell, Sheila Fry, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Kelly, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Jack Lawless, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles and Clara Yankey

Repository

Due to Tier 4 restrictions, we can offer a "phone and collect" or delivery service. This year with the pandemic, we are not able to see our loved ones at Easter, so why not send them a card. We have cards and gifts for all occasions, as well as Mass cards, sympathy cards, candles, rosaries etc. Just ring Liz if there is anything in particular you need. **Liz Preston - 01708 525186**

Donations and Gift Aid Form

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Standing order Donations

Could the following people who already make a standing order donation please come into the office or phone the presbytery, David Morris and JG & DC Kennelly. We have some paperwork we would like to discuss.

Thank you

We thank all those who made the Holy Week services special for all of us in these Covid times. We thank Frank and all the dedicated stewards who made sure that we were all safe. We thank the readers and Michelle who provided the music for us through all the services. It was different from every other year but thankfully, we were able to meet together despite the restrictions. Nevertheless, you all made it prayerful and devotional.

Rest In Peace

With great sadness, we announce the death of Michael Dear; we extend our sympathy to his family at this time. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 14th April at 1.00pm

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James Driver who died recently. We extend our sympathy to his mum and dad Kathy and Alan and his sister Maria.

May they rest in peace.

Calais Light

'Will we survive or drown?' Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in their Guided Meditation: **"A minute on the Aegean Sea"**. **Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on their website: www.calaislight.com & please donate if you can. Thank you.**

Stand Up and Smile Campaign:

As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross, we pray for victory in all the Church's efforts. We pray especially for the Church's battle to protect all life and the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings from conception to their natural passing. Lord hear us"

Gift Aid Envelopes

Thank you for your continued effort over the last year it has been much appreciated. We have had some trouble with the delivery of the envelopes but what we have received is at the back of the Church for you to pick up. If your envelopes are not at the back of the Church, please use the spare envelopes from last year. The envelopes are a great way for the Church to get a little more from the taxman so if you are working and putting into the weekly collection and have not already made a gift aid declaration please come to the office and we will be able to help you. It will only take a couple of minutes and is completely confidential.

Congratulations and Thank You

The 200 club winners for January and February are Mrs L Schaberg and Mrs B Coyle please see Father for your cheques. Thank you to everyone who is in the 200 club it is another way to help with the Church finances.