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Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Vigil: Genesis 1: 1 to 2:2 Exodus 14: 15 to 15:1 Isaiah 55: 1-11 Epistle Romans 6: 3-11 Gospel Mark 16: 1-7

The readings for the Easter Vigil Mass provided a wealth of readings from Scripture which tell the story of salvation history. The first reading from Genesis relates in great detail the creation of the earth; plants and trees, fish and reptiles in the sea, birds and animals and lastly human beings in his own likeness.. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. The third reading from Exodus is the story of the dramatic escape of the Jews from Egypt, led by Moses, when the horsemen and chariots of Pharaoh's army were drowned in the Red Sea. The fifth reading from Isaiah is an appeal from God to come to Him so that your soul will live and he will make an everlasting covenant, similar to the one made to King David, with those who respond to His call. In the Epistle, after Christ was crucified and suffered death for our salvation and freed us from the slavery of sin, He then rose from the dead so that He would never die again. When we are baptised in Christ, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father, we are raised up so that we might live a new life and never die. In Mark's Gospel Mary Magdala and Mary the mother of James and Salome discovered that Jesus had risen when they went to anoint His body with spices. After all the preparation during Lent and Holy Week we have at last arrived at the resurrection of Christ. This is a time to rejoice as the "Easter People" who believe in Him and His "Good News" and live a life based on His teaching.

Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 Gospel John 20: 1-9

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter addressed Cornelius, a Roman centurion and a devout Gentile, and his household. Early in the Acts, Cornelius and Peter both saw visions given by God. Peter was trying to understand the meaning of the troublesome vision and spoke about the life of Jesus, His death and resurrection. As witnesses of this great event, Peter explained it was their duty to proclaim this story so that all who believe in Jesus would have their sins forgiven.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians in Asia Minor, present day Turkey. As we have been raised by Christ to have a new life we must look to things that are in heaven and our thoughts should be on heavenly things.

In John's Gospel we have another version of the discovery of the resurrection of Jesus. Mary Magdala finds the stone has been moved from the entrance to tomb and runs back to tell Peter and another apostle. This other apostle is John, and he reaches the tomb first but waits for Peter to enter before him. When John enters he believes that Jesus has risen but initially failed to understand what this would mean. Fortunately, we understand now and should celebrate this great event. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
8 pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 30th St Leonardo Murialdo Born Italy in 1828. Studied theology at Turin University. Ordained in 1851. Used his family wealth to minister in a poor area of Turin to poor and abandoned children. Met both Don John Bosco and Don Joseph Cafasso who were working with young people. Director of an Oratory for 8 years. With Don Bosco met Pope Pius IX who praised their work with young people. Then in charge of a Boarding School in Turin where young people were educated and taught a trade. Director of another Oratory which gave vocational training. Founded <i>Union of Catholic Workers</i> to improve workers rights. Promoted Catholic libraries. Formed <i>Congregation of St Joseph</i> modelled on St Joseph the Worker to support his social action. Founded weekly newspaper <i>The Voice of the Worker</i> , later called <i>The Voice of the People</i> . Early exponents of <i>Catholic Social Action</i> which helped to inspire in 1891 the papal encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum (Revolutionary Change)</i> by Pope Leo XIII. It defined the rights and duties of capital and workers. Foundational text of <i>Catholic Social Teaching</i> . Proposed schooling to age 14 and abolition of night work in factories.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord Winston D'Cruze RIP
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 1st April St Hugh of Grenoble Born in France in 1053. Prayerful, modest and courteous. Intelligent. Well educated. He was ordained a priest by Pope Gregory. Bishop of Grenoble at 25. For 2 years struggled against moral laxity of clergy. Gave up and became a Benedictine monk. Superiors made him go back as bishop, this time with great success in reforms. An outstanding preacher on good terms with people, clergy, and monks. As well as spiritual reforms improved the diocese infrastructure with road and bridge maintenance and raised taxes to build hospitals. Started a farmer's market. Worked with St Bruno founder of Carthusian monks. Died in monastery aged 79.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 2nd St Francis of Paola Born in Italy in 1416. Named after St Francis of Assisi. On a pilgrimage to Rome with his parents, horrified by the city decadence returned home. Lived as a hermit. Others joined him as <i>Hermits of St Francis</i> . Had strict rules of austerity and diet. People in area built them a church and monastery. Order's rule recognised by pope. Changed name to <i>Minim Friars</i> . Reluctantly went to France in 1483 to King Louis who was dying. Stayed with his son King Charles who built a monastery for him near his residence in Plessis, south of Paris. Was a tutor and counsellor to the king. Stayed in 1498 with King Louis XII. Died in France 2 nd April 1507, aged 91

SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	Wednesday 3rd St Richard of Chichester Born 1197 in the Midlands to land owning family. Orphaned young. Worked on estate for his elder brother. Refused marriage offer and left estate. Studied at Oxford University. Taught at Oxford. Continued studies in Paris and Bologna. Return to Oxford as Chancellor of University. Then the diocesan chancellor for Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury. Richard and Edmund had disputes with King Henry III. Both exiled to France where Edmund died in 1240. Richard was ordained by Dominicans at Orleans in France. Returned to England. Parish priest at Deal. Then appointed Bishop of Chichester instead of the king's choice. Furious King Henry confiscated the diocesan lands. Bishop Richard had to stay with a priest. King relented. Richard then started clergy reforms in saying Mass, preaching and celibacy. Lovingly open to all. Generous to those in need. Austere life style, mortification, fasting, strict vegetarian diet. Died in Dover 3 rd April 1253. Buried in Chichester Cathedral. Author of prayer, "May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."				
6.30 pm Mass	Thursday 4th St Isidore of Seville Born in 560 in Spain. All 3 siblings were saints. Educated at Seville Cathedral School organised by elder brother, later Bishop of Seville. Slow to learn but very able student. Eventually became a great academic and writer. Bishop of Seville after his brother. Demanded high standards from fellow bishops and clergy. Presided over two local Synods to eradicate heresies. Influenced National Council of Toledo in 633 for diocesan seminaries and broad education. Most learned academic of his generation. Introduced his countrymen to the Greek philosophy of Aristotle. Was a prolific and versatile writer. Scripts still survive. Died in 636 aged 76.				
NO MASS	Friday 5th St Vincent Ferrer Born in 1350 in Spain of noble parents. Academically brilliant. Joined the Dominicans, "Black Friars". Study in various places. Doctorate of Theology. Taught at Lérida University. Became a brilliant and fiery preacher. Was strongly opposed to Jewish faith and was anti-Semitic and converted many Jews. Involved in the Great Schism and supported anti-pope Benedict XIII. Tried to resolve conflict with no success. Continued his missionary work. Died 1419.				
8 pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass for J. Asnamary	Saturday 6th Blessed Michael Rua Born in 1837 in Turin, Italy, to poor family, father died when he was eight years old. Educated by De La Salle Brothers. Joined Don Bosco at Oratory in Turin. Helped in social club, games, sports and religious instruction. Was ordained in 1860 and supported Don Bosco in forming the Salesians. Believed in education of body and soul with social skills and recreation. Leader of Salesians after Don Bosco. Spread their houses all over the world. Died on 6 th April 1910 aged 73 and was buried beside Don Bosco in Turin in the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians. "Second Father of the Salesian Family" was written on his tomb.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 7th April Second Sunday of Easter				
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Valerie Baker after a quadruple heart bypass

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SVP Social this Wednesday 3rd April – 1pm to 3 pm

There is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

Special Collection for flowers for Easter last weekend

Shirley Keates is very grateful to those who donated last weekend. The total amounted to £172.82

Charity chosen by Fr Michael to support during Lent. Reaching the Unreached. LAST CHANCE TO DONATE

Reaching the Unreached was set up in Tamil Nadu in south east India in 1978 by De La Salle Brother James Kimpton. There are now 4 Children's Villages, 10 Hostels so that around 1,000 children are in care. There are 8 Nursery Schools, 3 Primary Schools and a Secondary School for children of the most disadvantaged families locally. Other ventures include house building, nearly 9,000 built; bore well drilling, around 2,500 wells; Self Help Groups to empower rural women; affordable loans to start small businesses or borrow money for emergencies such as medical care to avoid high interest rates of money lender

Last chance to donate. There is a basket for each charity in the porch. Graham Churchill is the contact

Second charity to support during Lent. Project organised by Fr Blaise in Malawi. LAST CHANCE TO DONATE

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Economy is heavily dependent on agriculture. Unpredictable climate and unplanned population growth created poverty and lack of food especially for single mothers, widows and orphaned children. The project initiated by Fr Blaise will empower them with skills for income generating activities that are not dependent on weather conditions. They are taught tailoring and dyeing skills to produce items to sell; how to produce nutritious foods for their families and for sale; basic hygiene and child care and home management so they can produce economic development of their families.

Last chance to donate. There is a basket for each charity in the porch. Christine Thomas is the contact

Parish collection for last weekend 23rd and 24th March

							Easter Flowers Collection Clergy Assistance Fund		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Reaching the Unreached Sewing Machine Project	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£94	£23.50	£176.01	£242.54	£51.98	£588.03	£47 £40.40	£5 £10	£166.57 -----	£858.25