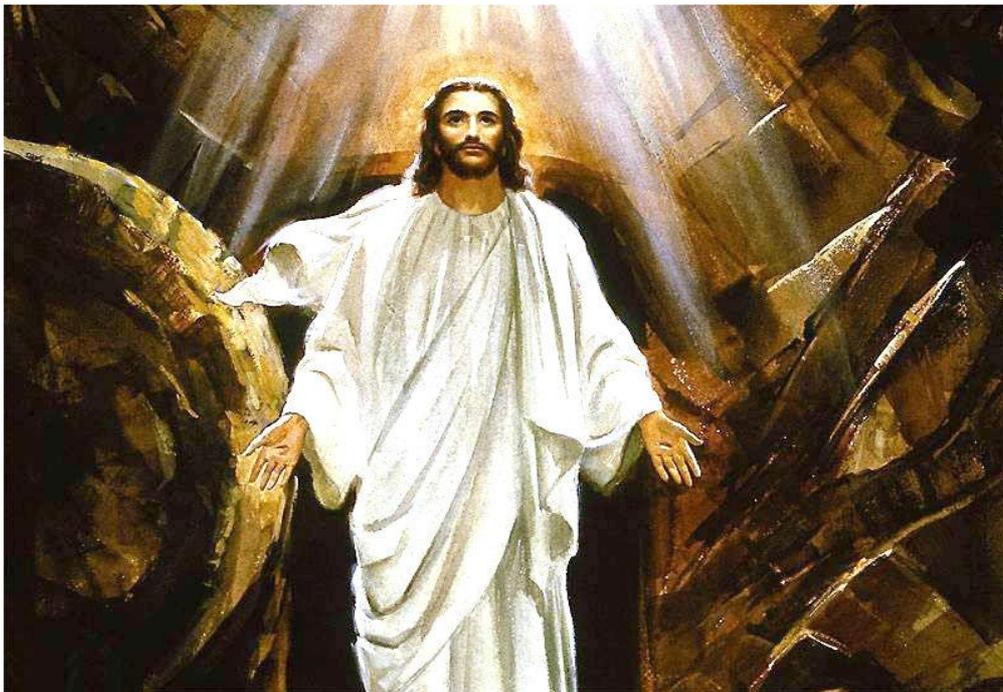


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Easter Sunday 12 April 2020

“Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.”

John 20, 9

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

St Chad's Cathedral is now
livestreaming Masses:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Liturgies during Holy Week will also be live streamed. The principal ceremonies will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Archbishop Bernard and all are welcome to participate through the live stream facility.

Palm Sunday (Sun 5 April) - 11am

Daily Mass (Mon 6 and Tues 7 Wed 8 April) - 12.15pm

Mass of the Last Supper (Thurs 9 April) - 7.30pm

Solemn Liturgy, Good Friday (Fri 10 April) - 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass (Sat 11 April) - 8pm

Easter Sunday Mass (Sun 12 April) - 11am

Easter Monday Mass (Mon 13 April) - 10am

We can't gather physically but it would be good to feel that we are taking part in the same Mass as others in our home archdiocese.

Prayer resources are also available on the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

A WORD ABOUT FINANCES

Some people have expressed some concern about how they are to continue to support the parish. This is a difficult time for many people financially and we would not want this to be a cause of stress for anyone.

For those who have a standing order with the parish, we hope that you will be able to keep it going but fully understand if you feel the need to adjust it.

If you normally put your money into the collection bag then perhaps you could consider putting your weekly amount aside at home until we come out of this lockdown. You could then put the whole amount into the parish in one go. Or keep a tally of how much it would be and write a cheque at the end. We are unable to process cheques just at the moment.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Communion or see a Priest.

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

Our Parish Secretary, Lis Leddy, together with many parish secretaries has now been furloughed. This means that she is not allowed to work. Volunteers plan to publish the newsletter on our Website. You will also find other relevant information and resources to help during this time when we cannot meet as a Parish family. We look forward to welcoming Lis back in the fullness of time.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

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Easter Sunday (Year A – Matthew): Our communal Lenten journey towards Easter was cut short by the lock-down induced by the spread of the coronavirus. Our priorities suddenly shifted in the middle of March just at the half-way stage in our Lenten pilgrimage when the Church was exhorting us to rejoice: ; *Laetare* Sunday was our first Sunday without public Mass! Quite unexpectedly, issues of life and death moved central stage, but also questions of survival and making ends meet became painfully real for millions of individuals and families not just here in the UK but among our neighbours in continental Europe. Those countries in which many of us have family and friends, or to which we go on our summer holiday, were suddenly grappling with an escalating toll of death. The elderly and vulnerable were particularly hard hit. We may not have been able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter liturgically this year – we feel bereft of the most splendid liturgies of the ecclesiastical year, especially as many of us live for the rest of the year off the spiritual energy Holy Week and the Triduum give us – but the central mystery which we recall each year at Easter has a unique resonance in this dark time when we live under the shadow of Covid – 19. In rising from the dead on the first Easter Sunday not only did Jesus defeat death and open a radically new chapter in God’s relationship with humanity, thanks to the completion of Jesus’ paschal mystery, but he also by the same token made all of us heirs to eternal life. So, even as death hovers over our world, even as the immediate future seems so uncertain, even as so many of the certainties we took for granted have been shattered, we Christians still believe that through Jesus’ resurrection, through the death into which we were (re)born in Baptism, we already enjoy in part the eternal life which will be ours in all its fulness in the world to come. Let that assurance give us courage and hope in this dark moment of humanity’s history.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 10, 34. 37 – 43: Peter provides a brief summary of Jesus’ life and ministry for Cornelius and his household whose first introduction to Jesus Peter’s address is. The life and death are sketched ever so briefly, the heart of what Peter seeks to convey is the way Jesus’ resurrection has changed everything. It is the central focus of faith in the person of Jesus.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 3, 1 – 4: A central moment in the Easter Vigil is our renewal of baptismal promises. At our own Baptism we were born into Christ’s death so as to rise to new life in him. Paul exhorts us to focus on that new life which is ours by casting our gaze on the things that are above. We see Christ in glory and we know that sharing in that glory will our fate too, now that we are adopted sons and daughters of our heavenly Father and that we share in the new life won for us by Christ through his passion, death and resurrection.

Gospel: John 20, 1 – 9: The gospel account on Easter morning is of visible, tangible facts with which Mary and the two apostles were confronted on arrival at Jesus’ place of burial. It was only thanks to the faith that was revived through their confrontation with “absence” that they realized that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Masses and Intentions Easter Week

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday	11 th April	21.00	People of the Parish
<i>Triduum - Easter Vigil</i>			
Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord			Year A
Sunday	12 th April	10.00	David Mishra Sr
Monday	13 th April	09.15	Eilis Hilliard
<i>Monday of Easter Week</i>			
Tuesday	14 th April	09.15	Teresa Burns
<i>Tuesday of Easter Week</i>			
Wednesday	15 th April	09.15	Fr Tim Burke
<i>Wednesday of Easter Week</i>			
Thursday	16 th April	08.00	Thanksgiving Finnegan Family
<i>Thursday of Easter Week</i>			
Friday	17 th April	12.30	Kevin Burns
<i>Friday of Easter Week</i>			
Saturday	18 th April	10.00	Chris Gaughan
<i>Saturday of Easter Week</i>			
Second Sunday of Easter			Year A
Sunday	19 th April	10.00	Pat and Nancy Casey