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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord – 3-4 April

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

John 20,9

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for the generous donations towards Easter flowers and to those who have given their time and talent to decorate the church so beautifully for this special feast.

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL A MASS BOOKING

If you are unable to take up your place at Mass for some reason please let the stewards know on these numbers so that your space can be used :

Saturday	17.30	07544260440
Sunday	10.00	07753605972

EASTER OCTAVE (WEEK)

There are no Masses during the week of the Easter Octave.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those who use envelopes, there are new boxes available. Thank you to those of you who set up direct debits over the last year.

For some people you will have a new number but your money will go to the same place.

OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE

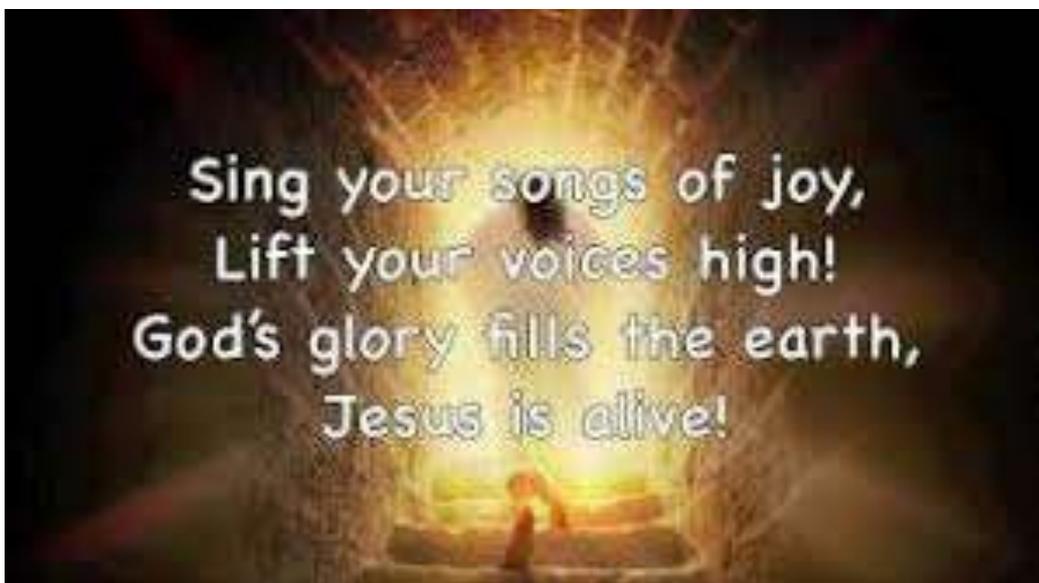
The office will be closed during Easter week.

It will reopen Wednesday 14th April.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget McArthur who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Anne (Nancy) Lynch who died peacefully on 25th March. May she rest in peace.



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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year B – Mark):

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for Easter Week

There are no open Masses during the week.

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Year B

Saturday	3 rd April	20.00	People of the parish
<i>Triduum – Easter Vigil</i>			
Sunday	4 th April	10.00	Celebrant's intentions
<i>Easter Sunday</i>			
Monday	5 th April	No Mass	
<i>Monday of Easter Week</i>			
Tuesday	6 th April	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday of Easter Week</i>			
Wednesday	7 th April	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of Easter Week</i>			
Thursday	8 th April	No Mass	
<i>Thursday of Easter Week</i>			
Friday	9 th April	No Mass	
<i>Friday of Easter Week</i>			
Saturday	10 th April	No Mass	
<i>Saturday of Easter Week</i>			

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	10 th April	17.30	Brendan O'Rourke RIP
Sunday	11 th April	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP