

THE WORD THIS WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY OF YEAR A

9 April 2023

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 this 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!

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Acts 10:34-43 - Peter gives Cornelius an eyewitness account of Jesus: his life and work, his death and his resurrection.

Psalms: 117 - This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad / Give thanks to the Lord / The Lord's right hand has triumphed / The stone which the builders rejected.

Colossians 3:1-4 - Let your thoughts be on heavenly things - now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala discovers that the tomb is open, she tells the disciples and they go to the tomb .. they saw and understood and believed. Mary remains in the tomb weeping, Jesus appears to her, but tells her that he must ascend to the Father.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – EASTER REFLECTION:

Our Lenten journey has brought us to Easter Sunday when we reflect on the risen Christ, who suffered death and conquered it. The Resurrection is at the heart of Christian life and gives meaning and direction to our faith. 'If Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain.' (1 Corinthians 15:17). This is the Good news of new life: forgiveness and reconciliation between God and mankind. Easter is a time for reflecting on our mission as followers of Christ and, like the apostles, we are called to spread the Good News of hope and joy. Our belief in the risen Christ gives us the strength to be ambassadors of our faith and bring hope to others. As our Hope in the Future journey continues, let us remain committed to 'sharing the hope', reaching out to others with mercy, love and compassion. Lord, Jesus, we pray that you will light our way so we can spread the Good News of the Resurrection to others. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey

4. THANK YOU AND HAPPY EASTER: I would like to thank all those who volunteer their services to the Parish and to wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Easter.

5. COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY: is for the Holy Places of Palestine.

6. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for Tea / Coffee & Refreshments on Easter Sunday 9th April, after 11am mass. All are welcome.

7. PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH: On Sunday 16 April we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day, with a buffet and a performance by the African Choir, in the Parish Centre after 11.00 clock Mass. We hope you will join us for this special day. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list at the back of Church **this weekend**. This is for catering purposes only. The event is free, but an optional donation would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

8. PIETY STALL (CORPUS CHRISTI): First Holy Communion Cards and gifts will be available from the Piety Stall at the back of Church after Easter.

9. GIFT AID/NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES (St Herbert's): The new Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes start this weekend. There are still a few more boxes to be collected at the back of church. Thank you.

10. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP: is closed for the Easter holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 20 April.

11. RED MISSION BOXES: The Red Mission boxes will be emptied on Thursday 27th April 2023 in St Herbert's Parish Centre between 7 and 8pm. Many thanks.

12. SCHOOL NEWS: Corpus Christi: This week during Holy Week, the children have been exploring the events that happened to Jesus and the true meaning of Easter. We watched LKS2 in their production of the Easter Story. They were amazing. Their performance was captivating and moving. Our Pupil Chaplains led a beautiful service of the A to Z of Holy Week. The service also included a special performance from our choir. Thank you to our parish family for attending our events

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 389; Offertory:133, 175; Communion: 538, 628; Recessional: 678.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 389; Offertory: 156; Communion: 492, 146; Recessional: 678.

and supporting the faith life of the school. It was lovely to welcome some of you to our community lunch this week. From the staff and children at Corpus Christi, we wish you a happy and holy Easter.

St Herbert's: We have had a wonderful week. On Tuesday and Wednesday the children took part in an Easter experience. They moved from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, the Crucifixion and finally the Resurrection, which were placed throughout the school. This was led by the pupil Chaplains, who carried this out in a mature and meaningful way. The parents were invited to the experience after school, and they were clearly moved. Please look on Twitter to see the beautiful images. On Thursday the year 6 pupils performed the Passion Play which was very moving. This was attended by the Hope in the Future Committee – we hoped they enjoyed the play. We then held the Easter raffle where the children waited eagerly for their ticket to be pulled out!!! Then we held a special assembly for Miss Chadderton who is getting married. We wish her much love and congratulations on this special day.

Finally, St Herbert's school family would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

14. SUNDAY SMILE

An elderly lady walked into the local country church where the friendly sidesman greeted her and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please." she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the sidesman replied, "the vicar is really boring." "Do you know who I am?" asked the lady. "No," the sidesman said. "I'm the vicar's mother," she replied indignantly. The sideman quickly responded, "Do you know who I am?" "No," she said. "Thank goodness for that!" he answered.



WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 11.45 am for Jean Alexandra Wall (RIP) Corpus Christi: NO EVENING MASS
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 10.30 am for Daniel Moore (RIP)
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.30 am
SATURDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
SUNDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo
Special Intentions: Canon R Canavan, Helen Larkin
Lately Dead: Daniel Moore, Jean Alexandra Wall, Tracy Penny
RIP: Elsie Lawson, Rudy Chu Jr, Members of the Walker, Norton, Newton and Chantter Families, The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Birthday Anniversary: Michelle Stott, Stella Maria Maden
Easter Mass: Mary & Bernard Nangle, Sheila & Tony Robinson, Claire Kershaw, William Ambrose, John Southworth, Micheal Mercer

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, Mary Gowran, Margaret Lawless, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Jean Allen, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mrs Lewandowski, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.