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Easter Sunday

(Year C)

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Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia: – The Feast of Easter has arrived, the greatest Feast of the Church's Year. We have spent 40 days of Lent preparing for it. In our Liturgy, we have "fasted" from "Alleluia" and "Gloria". Now that the day of Resurrection has arrived we cannot contain our joy any longer. We burst forth with a chorus of "Alleluia", even the double "Alleluia"! "Christ is Risen, Exult for Joy". This is a time for giving praise and thanks to God for the wonder and the marvel of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has emerged from the tomb, his victory over violence and death assured. It is God's ultimate endorsement of everything he lived for and taught in his earthly life. In Christ, God reveals his ultimate plan for the entire creation: Transfiguration and Resurrection. We rejoice in a God who confronts death and who outstares it with the power of His love. Resurrection is God's protest against the finality of death. He refuses to allow death to hold Jesus as a permanent victim of other peoples' violence. The Father's love for Jesus sweeps death away as he claims his beloved Son again. We now join with God in protesting against all death dealing activities we see in the world around us. The causes for our heartfelt joy are expressed in the "Exultet" song of our Easter Vigil; "Rejoice, this is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave" "The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy" "Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and man reconciled with God!" We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat	6.30 pm
Sunday	8.30 am
	10 am
(Spanish)	11.15 am
	12.15 pm
	7 pm
Mon - Sat	10 am
	6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965
Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Tues 5th – St Vincent Ferrer
Thurs 7th – St John Baptist

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £2,017 and the Second collection for "The Flower Society" was £649. Thank you for your support, generosity.

This weekend, there is only one collection at all Masses including the Vigil Mass. Your Easter offerings are for the support of the Servite Friars who minister here. Easter envelopes are available.

Happy Easter – The Servite Friars unite in wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter And thank you all for your support, generosity and great faith which was so powerfully shared this week. We thank you all for your generous Easter offerings. These are a great support to our community.

We Welcome – Those who entered into full Communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil. We hope they can feel "at home" in our community of Faith.

Easter Raffle – Will take place on Easter Sunday after 10am Mass. The Confirmation Young people thank you for your support. The amount raised so far is over £620.

Masses this Week – We ask you to note that there is only one Mass each day this week from Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April, and this is at 10am each day. Please note there is No 6.30pm Mass on those days. The 6.30pm is celebrated as the Vigil on Sat 2nd April.

St. Peregrine Mass – Will be on Wednesday 30th March. This Mass will be at 10am and not 6.30pm as there is No evening Mass.

Parishioners enrolled in Gift Aid and Planned Giving – Are advised their boxes for New Tax Year are to be collected from the Church Office!

Peace Sunday Gratitude – Pax Christi write to thank you all for the 2nd Collection Donation of £511.38 on Peace Sunday. "Your continued support of our work gives us great encouragement". "Many thanks for your continued support".

Beginning Experience – There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15th to 17th April at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details contact Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place on Saturday 9th July. A 51 seater coach has been booked for our Deanery and Fr. Vincent will lead this group on behalf of the Deanery. Full details will be given later but for now if you are interested in coming please add your name to the list in the colonnade. Price will be £15. You bring your own lunch. Coach will leave at 7.30am (approx).

Requiem for Betty – The Requiem Mass for Betty (Bridget) O'Dwyer RIP will be on Friday 8th April at 10am. Pray for dear Betty, and also her Son Barry and her Sister Kay.

Confirmation – Mizens' Talk – The Mizens' will be speaking from their own experience to our Confirmation Candidates on Thursday, 14th April at 7pm on "Heart & Forgiveness". We invite the parents, families and parishioners to come along.