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Christus surrexit vere, alleluia

19 th April 2026	Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 <i>'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	O Lord, you will show me the path of life.	
Second Reading	1 St Peter 1:17-21 <i>'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.'</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35 <i>'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.'</i>	
Saturday 18th April +	6.00pm	Confessions
	6.30pm	Mass (Mollie & Agnes Wogan RIP)
Sunday 19th April +	10.30am	Mass - (Pro Populo)
Monday 20th April	9.15am	Adoration with Confession
St Martin I – Pope & Martyr	10.00am	Mass – (Jane Medicott RIP)
Tuesday 21st April	9.15am	Adoration with Confession
St Anselm – Bishop & Doctor	10.00am	Mass – (For the Care of Creation)
Wednesday 22nd April		No Parish Mass today
<i>Feria</i>		
Thursday 23rd April	6.00pm	Adoration with Confession
ST GEORGE – Martyr, Patron of England	6.45pm	Mass – (Ann Harris RIP)
Friday 24th April	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 25th April	12 noon	SVP Healing Mass (The Sick & Housebound of our Parish)
ST MARK - Evangelist		
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)		
Saturday 25th April +	6.00pm	Confessions
	6.30pm	Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 26th April +	10.30am	Mass - (John & Margaret Macken RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£387.31
Digital Collection Plate	£85.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£974.31

Note: Second Collection next weekend – Diocesan Priests Training Fund



Creation Mass - on Tuesday 21st April at 10.00am Mass will be celebrated for the 'Care of Creation' This will be followed by tea/coffee and refreshments in the parish hall. This will be a simple but meaningful Parish service with appropriate prayers and hymns. Do join us if you can. **Parish CAFOD Support Group.**



SVP Healing Mass - Saturday April 25th - Time 12 noon SVP will provide lunch in the hall afterwards. Please let us know if you can join us by contacting either **Veronica Tarrant 07469 717760 – veronicatarrant@aol.com** or **Kate Brooks 07921778507** or by putting your name on the list at the back of the church. Please also let us know if you have any special dietary needs, also if you would like transport to/from the church. We are very much looking forward to being with you on this special day. **Parish SVP Conference**



SVP Appeal - Now that it's not so busy in the church can we please ask anyone who hasn't returned the SVP envelopes if you could please let us have them so that we can deposit the contents and begin to use the much needed funds. If you would prefer to donate online here are the details:

Bank: NatWest
Our Lady and St Lawrence
A/C 4607811 - Sort code: 60 60 04

Thank you for your continued support we will let you know the amount raised as soon as we can. **Parish SVP Conference**



Extra Ordinary Ministers – the parish has a small supply of Pyx's that are available for loan to our Extra Ordinary Ministers to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound of our parish. Currently we now only have one pyx available to loan out. If you have a parish pyx on loan to you, can you please either return it the sacristy or if you require to keep hold of it, please let either Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter know.



Confirmation Preparation – The parish Confirmation Preparation programme is well underway with the next meeting this coming **Friday 24th April from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**. The session will only last for one hour. If there are still any young people aged 12yrs and above who may wish to be confirmed, **please contact either Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter direct** alternatively just turn up on the evening – you will be most welcome. We plan to hold one class per month ending in July – the Confirmation Mass will be held in the Parish in September. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Thank You! - to all who have returned their forms.

Responses will be sent out soon. In the meantime, we still need volunteers to help with the following:

The Children's Liturgy. It is impossible to stress what a vital part this is of our Parish mission – preparing our young ones to become full members of our Church. Mike and Mary do a fantastic job – they have our deep and sincere gratitude. But I think they might prefer more support in terms of people to help teach the liturgy. Maybe some of the parents who accompany their children could volunteer? But all are welcome – possession of a child is not a requirement! Training and DBS clearance would be given.

Church Cleaning: Our Church is a lovely building. Inside, it is welcoming and bright, just like a home should be. But just as a home becomes more welcoming when it is clean and polished, our Church also needs to be kept dusted and swept. We are lucky to have a rota of people who do this – but we need more to make the workload lighter.

We are hoping that sufficient people will come forward, for either the children's liturgy or church cleaning (or both – there are no limits!) that the commitment to assist would be only once every two months or so. Don't worry that if you are the only volunteer you would have to commit weekly – you would be joining a team, not acting alone.

We also want to make use of our parishioners' expertise in the following areas:

Property Maintenance: (also known as odd job operative): Are you handy with a hammer or speedy with a saw? Can you advise on unblocking a drain or drilling into a wall? Just like our home, our Church requires odd jobs now and again to keep it safe and sound. We are looking for someone – or several – who could help with bits and pieces of maintenance.

Website Assistant: we are hoping to find someone who is interested in helping to maintain our website, uploading items, keeping things up to date, etc. It isn't onerous – it might suit one of our teenaged parishioners who need a skill to add to their CV. Or a retired parishioner who needs something to do. Or anyone at all! Knowledge of WordPress would be an advantage, but is not essential, and training would be given.

Thank you in advance of the flood of volunteers that will be swamping me. Please e-mail me or fill in one of the Helping Hands forms at the back of the Church.

Monica Grady (for the Parish Council) monicamgrady@gmail.com

Thought for the week – 'A great flame of faith and love must once again spread across the world, lighting the way for all people of good.'

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Gaude et Laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the
most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your
perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my
temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your
intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen



With our love and prayers, Fr Daniel, and Deacon Peter