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John 20:29

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) 19 April 2020

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CORONAVIRUS - IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Until further notice, all churches are to remain closed and public liturgies, including Mass, are not to be celebrated in our churches. Because of this exceptional situation, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation and to fulfil Easter Duties at this time is removed.
- Fr Peter will celebrate Mass without a congregation on Sundays for the People of the Parish and also on weekdays without a congregation as announced in the weekly parish newsletter (see below). Whilst parishioners cannot be physically present for these Masses, they can join in the celebration of Mass by making a Spiritual Communion while the Mass is being celebrated.
- Please note all parish meetings /gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- During this time of trial, our homes will now become the centre for daily prayer for many people. Home becomes a 'house church' and daily reflection on the readings for Mass and the Rosary would be two good sources of direction for prayer and reflection. Please see the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk for further information and resources.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: www.churchservices.tv
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass without a congregation on Sunday and also on the following weekdays:

Second Sunday of Easter 19 April *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Monday 20 April

Tuesday 21 April

Wednesday 22 April

Thursday 23 April *St George*

Friday 24 April

Saturday 25 April *St Mark*

Third Sunday of Easter 26 April

People of the Parish

Patricia Flynn (dec.)

Teresa Rossi (dec.)

Bernard Carrick (1st Ann.)

Ettie Boyd (dec.)

Joe Welsh (dec.)

Grace & William McPhee (ann.)

People of the Parish

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, St Cuthbert, St Philip Neri, Blessed John Ingram - pray for us

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Geoff Taylor. **If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).**

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers, Kevin Lowdon, Catherine (Kathleen) Muldoon and Terence John Hartridge who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR PARISHIONERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC A number of parishioners are offering support to other parishioners who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you or a friend or relative would welcome a phone call, a bit of shopping, want the newsletter dropping through your letterbox etc. please phone 07570 045976. Your request will be passed to a trusted parishioner who will contact you to discuss your request. **It would be helpful if those parishioners who have contact with others who are not able to access the newsletter online could alert them to this item.** Thank you.

FUN ACTIVITIES Over the coming weeks we will try to include in our on-line newsletter a quiz, puzzle, word search or crossword for you to enjoy. Answers will be supplied the following week. If you have any tried and tested recipes, craft, gardening, exercise, gardening tips you would like to share with everyone we will do our best to include them if you send them to the parish email address stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

CELEBRATIONS As an additional way of communicating during these challenging times, if you or a member of your immediate family have an upcoming celebration that you would like to be mentioned in the newsletter please email this to the Parish email address stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk Please note that due to GDPR restrictions we can only print your own name or a person/child for whom you are parent/guardian. Anybody else will need to provide permission in the form of an email or telephone call.

THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS A message from Denise Hebron: *Some Good News.....In the parish newsletter on March 15th, an article explained that Bishop Robert has decided to re-establish the diocesan Chapter of Canons and Fr Peter (Parish Priest and Vicar General) will be one of the 10 diocesan priests who have been appointed as Canons. These 10 canons will help to enhance divine worship in the Cathedral, supporting the Mother Church of the Diocese, and also act as a confidential consultative body to the Bishop. Their installation was due to take place on April 26th, but, due to the pandemic, the installation has been postponed. Fr Peter, however has received notification that this position is official with immediate effect.*

I'm sure we want to offer Canon Peter our sincere congratulations on his new responsibilities, also our prayers to guide him and to give him the strength and persistence to fulfil this role. God Bless you Canon Peter.

You probably realise by now that Father Peter, is a modest, reserved man (with a sharp wit) who guides us, his parishioners, in an understated way. Therefore when asked how we should address him in future he has indicated that he continues to be happy to be called Fr Peter, unless of course you prefer to address him as Canon Peter Leighton, which is his official title. As he says, he can think of worse names that he could be called!!

LIVE-STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY, WALSINGHAM In addition to the regular programme there will be the following:

An Eight Day Retreat led by Monsignor John Armitage. This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19 April and finish on Sunday 26 April. Details of the retreat programme are given on the Shrine website: www.walsingham.org.uk

CATECHESIS The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27 April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4pm each day.

EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENS All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, relatives and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.



PANDEMIC PRAYER

Pope Francis – Prayer to Mary for Protection during the COVID-19 Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the sick.

At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love.

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O holy Mother of God

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test. and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24.R/v.1*

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end,'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and

you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 20-29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 20:19-31*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

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