



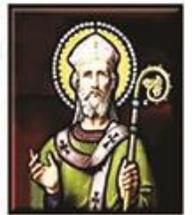
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Please note the times of the Holy Week
Masses and Services. These are the
times Fr Jerry will be celebrating his
private Masses/Services. Parishioners
can also pray at these times knowing that
they will be joining Fr Jerry in prayer.

11th/12th April 2020 Easter Sunday

Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil; Ellen & Bill Travill R.I.P.; Pat & Leslie Chapman (Foundation)
Easter Sunday 12 th April	Tony Teevan R.I.P.(Anniversary) Eric & Annie Clements (Foundation)
Easter Monday	Katleen Mullen R.I.P. (Foundation Mass); Jim Ball R.I.P.
Tuesday	Simona Reviero-Leotaud R.I.P.
Wednesday	Anthony Olawale (birthday)
Thursday	Fr James Mullett (Foundation Mass)
Friday	For the sick
Saturday	Olive Vickery (Anniversary) Patricia & Gerard Green (Foundation Mass)
Divine Mercy Sunday 19 th April	Anthony Olawale (birthday)

Anniversaries: Ellen Carpenter, Bridget Campbell, Sarah Vickers, Anne Marie Carnell, Florence Shaw, Kathleen Weedon. R.I.P.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. April: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Acts 2:42-47, Ps. 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31.

Parish offertory. Alternative ways to contribute to the financial support of the parish. There are two ways:

Online Donation. The diocese has an online donation facility on the main Diocesan website <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. If you use this option we ask that you please indicate in the notes section which parish, including the parish name and area or which priest, including his full name that you would like your donation to be attributed to.

Standing Order via donor's own bank. You can set up a standing order for donations to your parish using your online bank account. Please see the bank details on the left. Any donations to the parishes are very gratefully received.

Government restrictions. Don't forget: **Stay at home.**

Only go outside for essential shopping, exercise, or work (but only if you cannot work from home), If you go out, stay at least 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times, Wash your hands as soon as you get home, Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Care and Call Scheme. Many of the most vulnerable members of our community will be confined to their homes for weeks if not months and are in danger of becoming really isolated, or even worse, becoming neglected. The scheme brings together volunteers with those needing some contact or practical help. During this difficult time for all our parishioners and those in the community, we are here to help in whatever we can. Please text or ring our phone if we can help in any way. Sacred Heart SVP: 07504 465707 or Our Lady & St Anselm SVP: 07568 313234.

Fr Jerry would like to wish all parishioners a blessed and holy Easter.

From Fr Jerry: Easter Sunday. Theme: *He saw and he believed.*

On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death. This is an unusual Easter when most people are lockdown with panic and fear about the effect of this pandemic of coronavirus. However, the psalmist reminds us to rejoice and be glad because this is the Day made by the Lord. We sing and even shout "Alleluia" to the one who suffered, died on the cross, was buried and rose triumphantly to bring new life to creation. Do we still believe this message of hope despite seeing the negative impact of this pandemic?

Although the empty tomb alone is not enough proof for us Christians to believe that the Lord has risen, it serves to gradually bring us to faith in the Words of Jesus Christ. (CCC#640) The Word of God says that he will suffer, die and rise again in 3days. One of the troubled persons of Easter is Mary of Magdalene. She is clearly baffled about the empty tomb and fails to believe in the resurrection.

Unlike Mary Magdalene who saw the physical body, Peter saw the linen cloths. She obviously concludes that the body might have been taken away, but the positioning of the linen cloth and the head cloth cannot substantiate an action by grave looters.

Our experience of the resurrection demonstrates our deep spiritual insight about the daily realities of life because we sometimes perceive different understanding of what we see. Therefore, those who see without attention do not get the point of the resurrection. Also, those who seek to understand scientifically can arrive further but are still not there. Ultimately, it is those who see with the eyes of FAITH who experiences the resurrection. The Christian faith is not about those who were the FIRST to see it or is it about those who are able to describe the events in detail, but it is the ability to open one's eyes with Faith. "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross" (CCC#638). To believe is to make a Journey.

It is important for us to note that in the midst of the confusion, it is the beloved disciple, the paradigm of faith for all believers who "sees and believes". He sees the positioning of the linen cloth and the head cloth and concludes that the Lord has risen. May the Lord open our eye of faith that we may see the HOPE of light in the darkness; may we feel the touch of LOVE from the invisible hand of God and cultivate the heart of FAITH to surrender our wills to him.

I wish you a Happy Easter! Stay home, keep safe and protect the NHS

Confession when a Priest is not available (with prayer guide). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the spiritual ways with which we prepare ourselves for the meaningful celebration of Easter. But this year of the COVID-19 crisis, the opportunity for confession is extremely difficult; hence, we follow what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us when there is the need for confession in a situation when no priest is available. Pope Francis, echoing the Catechism nos. 1451 and 1452, has made this clarification amid this problematic pastoral situation:

"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterwards I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand." (Homily, Casa Santa Marta Chapel, Pope Francis, March 20, 2020).

Three essential elements of confession without having a priest at hand:

1. Confession of sins to God
2. Act of Perfect Contrition
3. Resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as it is possible

A prayer ritual to guide us. Preparation: Find a quiet space; light a candle; quieten your mind, turning to our Lord Jesus.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reading: Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.

Take a quiet moment to reflect on these words.

Confession: Speak directly to God our Father – tell him your sins, then pray:

"Father, forgive me for these and all my sins as I ask your pardon with all my heart."

"I resolve to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as it is possible."

Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy on me. Amen.

In silence hear these words from Luke's Gospel:

Gospel: Luke 15:20-24

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe –the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!"

Now pray in the words Jesus taught us: Our Father...

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer to thank God for His love and mercy and end your prayer:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Vacancies at St Gregory's and St Mary's schools.

St Gregory's: Teacher (Maternity Cover) – Reception/Y1. Required from September (Maternity cover - FTC). M1 – M6 (dependent on experience).

St Mary's: Teacher – KS2. September 2020 M1 – M6 (dependent on experience) Part Time (0.6 WTE).

St Mary's: Teaching Assistant (SEN support). September 2020. £17,711 - £18,065 (FTE) - Grade C (actual salary will be pro rata the Full Time Equivalent salary- FTE). Fixed Term Contract. Part Time (32.5 hours per week)/Term Time only (Potential Job Share).

St Mary's and St Gregory's: Learning Mentor. September 2020. £18,065 - £18,426 (FTE) - Grade D(actual salary will be pro rata the Full Time Equivalent salary- FTE). Part Time (27.5 hours per week – 9.00am – 3.00pm). Term Time only.

If you would like a candidate pack and application form, contact Mrs Jo Brake-Oakes, Trust HR Lead either by telephoning 07725 067647 or email: TrustHR@olicatschools.org; or you can download the pack from the school websites. All completed applications should be sent to the Trust HR Lead by no later than 12 noon on Monday 20th April 2020 at TrustHR@olicatschools.org. For more detailed job descriptions and further information about the schools, please visit the school websites: www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk and www.stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

Divine Mercy Sunday. This day was introduced by Pope St John Paul II in 2000 when he canonised St Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and visionary who received apparitions of Our Lord in the 1930s. St Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Second Sunday of Easter, a day when the Gospels speak directly of the mercy of Jesus. Many churches today hold special services on Divine Mercy Sunday when, among a range of devotions, the image of Divine Mercy is venerated.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

The chaplet may be repeated over a period of nine days as part of a novena, beginning on Good Friday. This link:

<https://divinemercury.life/the-divine-mercy-novena/> takes you through the Novena and with intentions for each day.

Wintershall Livestreamed. The Passion of Jesus and One Good Friday story will be available online on Good Friday 10 April at 12noon and 3pm. Due to being unable to perform live in Trafalgar Square, Wintershall will livestream, through their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay>

Filmed without an audience, the recording will also include interviews with cast members and testimonies from One Good Friday organisers about their Passion 2020 journey. After the livestream, the recording will be available on YouTube and the link will be found under Media Gallery at the bottom of the page: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london>