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a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



EASTER SUNDAY

20th April 25

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ our hope is arisen! Christ died to rise again, so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we died with him we will rise with him and in our lives be witnesses to the power of the resurrection. of his resurrection. Jesus is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Today is Easter Sunday, the queen of Christian Days, the day we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Welcome to everyone who is at Mass today for the first time, or are back visiting family and friends. We hope you'll come and say hello over a glass of something fizzy. Take our Christian love back to your home parish.

Easter Lilies are a sign of the Resurrection. Those in Church today are all in memory of someone. Their names are in the altar.

Easter Offering can be made using the envelopes at the back. Many thanks.

Mass tomorrow, as it's a Bank Holiday will be at 10.00 Then Mass times are back to normal this Easter week apart from Friday.

Easter Friday is a Solemnity, and cannot be a day of abstinence ie Catholics are not bound to avoid eating meat that day, so, a cooked breakfast it is. *Surrexit Christus! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Easter Wednesday is part of Easter, so even patron saint day's days get moved. Jesus' Resurrection is more important. (St George will be celebrated next week).

Thank you to those who have worked so hard over the last few days, and especially all those who came and helped yesterday. And doesn't the Church look splendid!

Mary Murphy's funeral will be on 9th May at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith. Please keep her in your prayers. *Jesus Mercy; Mary Pray*

The Suicide Bill may be delayed in it's next stage, so still time to write to your MP. Fing yours here: righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

A plenary indulgence is granted to those who at the Easter Vigil renew their baptismal vows. You should also go to Confession (asap); receive Holy Communion; and pray for the Pope's intentions.

Pope Francis is grateful for your prayers at this time. *God bless the Pope!*





Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus is risen and dies no more. At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: “Let there be light”. The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus’ passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. “Let there be light”, says God, “and there was light”: Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God’s pure light. But this applies not only to him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after him into the new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God’s new day, new for all of us.

But how is this to come about? How does all this affect us so that instead of remaining word it becomes a reality that draws us in? Through the sacrament of baptism and the profession of faith, the Lord has built a bridge across to us, through which the new day reaches us. The Lord says to the newly-baptized: *Fiat lux*– let there be light. God’s new day – the day of indestructible life, comes also to us. Christ takes you by the hand. From now on you are held by him and walk with him into the light, into real life. For this reason the early Church called baptism *photismos* – illumination.

Why was this? The darkness that poses a real threat to mankind, after all, is the fact that he can see and investigate tangible material things, but cannot see where the world is go-

ing or whence it comes, where our own life is going, what is good and what is evil. The darkness enshrouding God and obscuring values is the real threat to our existence and to the world in general. If God and moral values, the difference between good and evil, remain in darkness, then all other “lights”, that put such incredible technical feats within our reach, are not only progress but also dangers that put us and the world at risk. Today we can illuminate our cities so brightly that the stars of the sky are no longer visible. Is this not an image of the problems caused by our version of enlightenment? With regard to material things, our knowledge and our technical accomplishments are legion, but what reaches beyond, the things of God and the question of good, we can no longer identify. Faith, then, which reveals God’s light to us, is the true enlightenment, enabling God’s light to break into our world, opening our eyes to the true light.

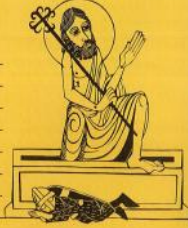
On Easter night, the night of the new creation, the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal candle. This is a light that lives from sacrifice. The candle shines inasmuch as it is burnt up. It gives light, inasmuch as it gives itself. Thus the Church presents most beautifully the paschal mystery of Christ, who gives himself and so bestows the great light. We should remember that the light of the candle is a fire. Fire is the power that shapes the world, the force of transformation. And fire gives warmth. Here too the mystery of Christ is made newly visible. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. “Whoever is close to me is close to the fire,” as Jesus is reported by Origen to have said. And this fire is both heat and light: not a cold light, but one through which God’s warmth and goodness reach down to us.

Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ’s radiant face may enter our world.

*Pope Benedict XVI
Easter 2012*

Easter Gift

optional message here



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Fill in other side

What's happened to the Angelus?

During Eastertide the Angelus changes to the Regina Cœli and continues until Pentecost. Angelus is Latin for the first words the *Angel declared* and Regina Cœli is Latin for *Queen of Heaven*. It's an ancient tradition to sing, or say an Anthem to our Lady at the end of each day *on going to bed*. This practice now happens at the end of Night Prayer. There is one of four anthems recited according to the season. The Angelus (or Regina Cœli) is said three times a day: morning, noon and evening. The Angelus bell rings three-threes-and-a-nine to remind us to pray it. Why not learn it by heart, so when the bell rings you can thank God for sending Jesus.



Write to your MP on Assisted Suicide

You can find who they are here righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

Resources are available here: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

Things to consider when writing

- ✘ Write a proper letter
- ✘ Use hand writing, or at least top & tail
- ✘ Give personal experience
- ✘ Raise concerns for due process
- ✘ Express your own fears
- ✘ Point out the lack of safeguards
- ✘ If they voted in favour last year, ask them to consider the new factors
- ✘ Thank them for their time and work
- ✘ If they voted against, still write, thank them and ask them to attend
- ✘ Even if you can't/don't vote, write!



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday EASTER SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	Sergiusz Dziemianowicz ✕ Parishioners
Mon 21st <i>EASTER MONDAY</i>	10.00	Elizabeth Almeida ✕
Tues 22nd <i>EASTER TUESDAY</i>	13.05	Teresa Ciszowska ✕
Wed 23rd <i>EASTER WEDNESDAY</i>	13.05	Pieadade Godinho ✕
Thur 24th <i>EASTER THURSDAY</i>	13.05	Virgin Godinho ✕
Fri 25th <i>EASTER FRIDAY</i>		
Sat 26th <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	10.30†	Maria Wagrodzka ✕
Next Sunday <i>Divine Mercy</i> 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 5:12-16 Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19 John 20: 19-31

Sacrament of Confession. Tue-Fri 12.30-12.55 Sat 10.00-10.25 *and at request*

† **Mass in the Ordinarate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £1,050.72 (*cash £170.72 card £160.00; standing orders £720*) **Thank you!**

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Holy Father's Intention for April 2025: *For the use of the new technologies*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip Gerlomes OP

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Hermon, Amaogechi, David, Pope Francis, Michael, Norman, Julietta

Recently Departed: Francis Leo Mooney *priest*, John O@Toole *priest*, Mary Murphy

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