

Dates for your diary

Sunday 19 th April	 9.30 am Mass streamed from Christ The King	SECOND SUNDAY OF EAST- ER Mass Inten: Sr Vera Donovan RIP
Monday 20th	NO MASS	Pray for Fr Edward Pondel S.C.J Mass Int: Fernando Lal- lana RIP
Tuesday 21st	NO MASS	Pray for Fr Jaroslaw Ku- charczyk S.C Mass Int: Sr Ines intentions
Wednesday 22nd	NO MASS	Pray for Fr Ciaran McGuin- ness M.Afr Mass Int: Sr Ines intentions Cremation of Pat O'Donnell RIP
Thursday 23rd	NO MASS	FEAST OF ST GEORGE- PATRON SAINT OF ENG- LAND Pray for Fr Chacko Panathara C.M
Friday 24th	NO MASS	Mass Inten: Tom Warburton RIP Pray for Fr Babu Mattappillil C.M
Saturday 25th	NO MASS	FEAST OF ST MARK- EVANGELIST Pray for Fr Cadoc Leighton O. Praem
Sunday 26th	 9.30 am Mass Streamed from Christ The King	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER OFFERINGS

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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our Facebook page where our own
Parish's readers feature.

Parish of the Holy Family, Bournemouth NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
Mass Int: Sr Vera Donovan RIP

Dear Parishioner,

Today we are on Divine Mercy Sunday. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustine Kowalska in the 1930s, Our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today we know the feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul the II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30th 2000. It is already a Feast Day as the Octave day of Easter. At this moment of time we stand before God, together we turn to God as never before. Together we are in prayer acknowledging that we are not in ultimate control of our lives and of our world. The present crisis will not destroy the rhythm of that ultimate prayer we used to enjoy together, that of Holy Mass. The Holy Mass continues to be celebrated everyday in our parish and you all are present there, as I celebrate it. And your intentions are kept and prayed for. Let us long to be together prayerfully soon.

On 22nd Wednesday will be the cremation of Pat O'Donnell. May her soul rest in peace! Our condolences and prayers with the bereaved family. Stay at home!! Stay Safe. God bless you all.

Wishing you all the blessings of a joyful week.

God Bless You and keep you safe.

Fr Chacko

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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

#Peace

#Forgiveness

#Blessed

Extracts from Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





Get creative, stay connected

During this time of isolation we are using our Facebook page to help keep in touch with each other as a community.

Whatever your age (or youth) we want to see you. Send us your videos and pictures of any creative art such as music, dance, reading, painting, mime, gardening, crafts, in fact anything arty which tell us your feelings or interpretation of any of the readings or music relevant to the Easter season.

The only rules are: videos must be no longer than 5 minutes and we MUST see your face in your entry somewhere.

Sunday 12 April 2020
John 20:1-9
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

LOOK
My name is _____

JESUS IS ALIVE!
Jesus is risen!
Mary and the disciples do not know it yet, but Jesus has risen from the dead. Can you join the dots so that everyone can see that Jesus is alive?

When they heard Mary's story, Peter and his friends ran to see the empty tomb for themselves. Find the path they need to follow.

The stone is rolled away
When Mary arrived at the tomb, the stone that blocked the entrance was rolled away. Can you match the correct stone to the tomb?

Easter eggs and the resurrection
Easter eggs represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.
Decorate this Easter egg beautifully to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

A PRAYER TO SAY
Dear Jesus, when Mary arrived at the tomb and didn't see your body, she was afraid someone had stolen you away. Mary did not need to be afraid, as you were alive and well. Help me not to be afraid and to trust that you are always with me. Amen.

Children's Liturgy

We haven't forgotten you!

While we are unable to come to church, we will post the children's liturgy sheets on the Facebook page for the children to work on at home.

We would like to see and hear from you. Perhaps you would like to read a prayer, draw a picture, create an Easter garden or sing an Easter song.

Send us a video and we'll post it on the Parish Facebook page.



We would love the children to [#StayConnected](#) with the Sunday Mass via the offertory. Who or what have you been grateful for this week? Send us a drawing, painting or photo by Friday, via Messenger and they will be virtually offered up at mass. Fr Chacko would love to have them on the altar!

Who needs our prayers?

We pray for the sick and suffering and those who suffer from a chronic illness and are unable to go to a Church. They are part of a large online community and are welcome in our Parish. Our prayers especially are for

The Martin Family

Emma Cox	Ben Marshall
Mary Trott	Barbara Rogers
John Costello	Mary Hogan
Mary Nieto	Elina O'Connor
Anna Browne	Paddy Williamson
Lucy Rose	Thomas Torok
Yonara Torok	Margaret Place
Sheila Browning	Diana Hull
Chelsea Waring	Kathleen Carter
Gena Sherwood	Fr Jude
Frances Herbert	Pauline Warburton
Patrick Doyle	Sheila Shelley
Katrina Brookes	Mary Carmody
Joan Burnison	Fran Stroud
Wendy Lee	Josephine Maguire
Linda Kaye	

We also pray for those who have died or have anniversaries recently, especially Pat O'Donnell.

Reflection

"Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting and believe" Jn:20:27

"Pigeon Feathers" is a story about a boy who begins to have doubts about Jesus. One night in bed the boy decides to have an experiment. He lifts his hand above his head and asks Jesus to touch it. Then he waits. After a while he puts his hand down again, not sure if Jesus touched him or not.

We all crave assurance of our faith. In the end however faith is saying to Jesus "trust you".

Why do I find it hard to trust Jesus ?

"Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up"
Anonymus



Why Suffering?

Sooner or later, the heart of everybody's spiritual problem is "What we do with our pain? Why is there evil? Why is there suffering?" Job begs God for an answer to this mystery, and he can't get one. He only begins to trust when he no longer feels ignored, when he knows that God is taking him seriously and that he is "part of the conversation" (see Job 42). When Jesus later *becomes* the answer in his own passion, death, and resurrection, he discovers what Job finally experienced: in the midst of suffering, God can be trusted. The world is still safe, coherent, and even blessed.

We are "saved" by being addressed and included in a cosmic conversation. We do not really need answers; we need only to be taken seriously as part of the dialogue. But we usually only know this in hindsight after the suffering and the struggle. It cannot be known beforehand, not theoretically or theologically. Our knowledge of God is participatory. God refuses to be intellectually "thought," and is only known in the passion and pain of it all, when the issues become soul-sized and worthy of us.

Jesus says, "There's only one sign I'm going to give you: the sign of the prophet Jonah" (see Luke 11:29, Matthew 12:39, 16:4). Sooner or later, life is going to lead us (as it did Jesus) into the belly of the beast, into a situation that we can't fix, can't control, and can't explain or understand. That's where transformation most easily happens. That's when we're uniquely in the hands of God. Right now, it seems the whole world is in the belly of the beast together. But we are also safely held in the loving hands of God, even if we do not yet fully realize it.

All of us experience the absurd, the tragic, the nonsensical, the unjust, but we do not all experience pain in the same way, so try not to judge others too harshly for their reactions. We don't know what has brought them to this point. However, if we could see all our wounds as *the way through to their transformative effect*, as Jesus did, then they would become "sacred wounds" and not something to deny, disguise, or export to others.

The genius of Jesus' teaching is that he reveals that God *uses* tragedy, suffering, pain, betrayal, and death itself, not to wound or punish us, but to bring us to a Larger Identity: "Unless the single grain of wheat loses its shell, it remains just a single grain" (see John 12:24). The shell must first crack for the expanded growth to happen. In such a divine economy, everything can be transmuted, everything can be used, and nothing is wasted.

References:

Adapted from Richard Rohr with John Feister, [Hope Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of Saint Francis in an Age of Anxiety](#) (Franciscan Media: 2001), 81-82; and

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