

First reading Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm R: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R:

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R:

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

DIVINE MERCY

Starting on Good Friday, the Novena lasts until the feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention to bring different souls to his mercy.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (*Diary, 1209*).

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during these nine days He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796)

**HAPPY EASTER!**

The significance of Easter:

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope.

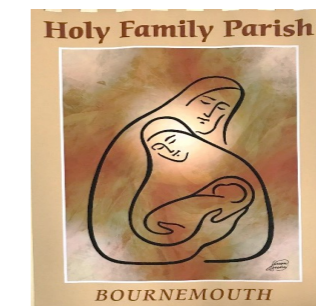
"Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers."

We celebrate it with pride and jubilation for three reasons:

- ◆ The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith,
- ◆ Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.
- ◆ Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears.

Vatican news

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ



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Dear Parishioners Today is Easter Sunday, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA !!!.

In our Liturgy we enter the Holy Week Triduum ends today and we enter the Pascal Season which proclaims a message that He is Risen, and we are called to be the witnesses of the Risen Lord, who is alive and will be with us until the end of the world.

31st March Sunday	Deuteronomy 33-34
1st April Monday	Joshua 1-3
2nd April Tuesday	Joshua 4-5
3rd April Wednesday	Joshua 6-7
4th April Thursday	Joshua 8-9
5th April Friday	Joshua 10-11
6th April Saturday	Joshua 12-14



Jubilee Year: Pope Francis has called the Church across the world to be preparing for the 2025 as an year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". We will be putting forth bits of reflections on the Lord's Prayer every week.

The Lord's Prayer. "Forgive us our trespasses". The beginning of Mark's gospel gives us a perspective of preparing the way of the Lord. Mark tells us that St. John the Baptist proclaimed a "Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". John's call for repentance was not an invitation to penance. He was inviting people to see everything in life from a new perspective. Our baptism opens this door to this new perspective, it opens the door to sacramental graces. We meet the Father there with His open arms to receive us in His loving mercy.

Reflection:
Peter and John ran to His tomb. Peter entered and found it empty. John also entered and he saw and believed" (Jn 20:8).

Patt Barness came upon an elderly woman selling flowers on a busy city street. The lady's face was old and wrinkled but radiant with an Easter smile. Taking a flower Patt paid her and said "How happy you look this morning". The flower lady replied, "Why not? Everything is beautiful". Patt was startled by her reply, because she was dressed so shabbily and seemed so frail. Patt said "You surely wear your troubles well".
 Again the flower lady's reply startled Patt: "When Jesus died on Good Friday, that was the worst of days. Then three days later - Easter! So when troubles comes my way, I simply wait for three days. Then everything gets right again"

*How could I better handle my troubles??
 We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song" (St Augustine)*

Wishing all Parishioners and very Happy Easter

Fr Chacko

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 30	CtK	7.30pm	The Easter Vigil HOLY SATURDAY
Sun31	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	EASTER SUNDAY 11am Mass Int: Fr Terry Dolan RIP <i>He is Risen!</i>
Mon 1			NO MASS
Tues 2			NO MASS
Wed 3			NO MASS
Thur4	CtK	9.30am	Mass
Fri 5	CtK StB	9.30am 7.15pm	Mass followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Sat 6	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter
Sun 7	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Second Sunday of Easter 11am Mass Int: Fr Donal Donovan RIP DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers have been made in the memory of



*John Gunstone, Peter & Maria Montgomery
 Stan West, Thelma Whittaker, Ethel Munday, all deceased PHJC's*



Deceased members of the following families:
Partridge, Streeter, Mahon, Murphy

EASTER OFFERING

The Easter offerings are our *thank you* to Fr Chacko and are for his personal use.

If you wish to give via BACS, please make sure it is referenced as 'Easter Offering'



St Bernadette's Celebration Year

90 April 14th
 Cream Tea after
 11am Mass

Please note that Fr Chacko will be having a well deserved break following the Easter services. There will be no masses Monday — Wednesday



Upcoming events:
 An Evening for Caritas Friends Dorchester at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre on Monday 8th April 2024

<https://forms.office.com/e/tSUNkeUM5Z>



EASTER EGG HUNT

after 11am Mass
 Easter Sunday
 At StB



QUIZ NIGHT

Well done to 'The Palmists' who won this time. £45 was raised. Next quiz night is the Diocesan Quiz (of which we are the champions) on Friday 10th May Put the date in diary and come join in

Gift Aid Envelopes 2024-25

are at the back of the churches. Please find the box with your name on it. If you would like a box or your box is not there, please contact the office

DON'T FORGET TO SET (LOCKS FORWARD!



GIFT AID The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions, it makes a huge difference. Please complete a form at the back of church and return it to the office.

If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church. You may wish to make an offering via the Parish QR code



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Noel Harris, Sheila Shelley Margaret Simpson, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Anna Browne, Frances Smith, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel, Margaret Place, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family

