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## *The Resurrection of the Lord - Alleluia!*

### ***We Welcome...***

People of All Faiths and Cultures  
Divorced or Separated Persons  
Families with Children  
Those in Loving Relationships  
Those in Difficulty  
Married Couples  
Single Persons  
Those in Recovery  
Travellers from Far and Near  
Widows and Widowers  
Visitors

### ***We Seek...***

To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story  
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord  
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

### ***We Celebrate...***

Diversity  
A spirit of hospitality  
The unity that God wills  
Enlightening those who seek God  
Forming small faith communities  
Reaching out to alienated Catholics  
Reverencing the dignity of each person  
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate  
Empowering Christians to realise their call  
Providing a spiritual Oasis  
Honouring an understanding among all faiths  
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

Dear Friends, over these last days we have made a pilgrimage. We have been in the holy city of Jerusalem and we have witnessed brutality, betrayal and desolation. But today we gather with a renewed understanding of the reality and the significance of what we have seen. We accompanied our Lord to the Upper Room and ate a Last Supper with him. We watched in the garden and saw him arrested and taken away. We witnessed his defiant stance against

those who desired not the truth but to procure the execution of a good man who wanted to communicate the reality of God's love. A reality that put into perspective the laws and rules of a society which had forgotten that the primary function of the worship of God is to show compassion and love to those who feel excluded and marginalised.

Finally, in the mystery of the night we were made aware of the spark of new life that burst into the flame of resurrection. And so with the Church throughout the world we are alight with joy and we can sing out our Alleluia and know that Jesus is God made man. That he is risen from the dead and that he is present among us now through each other and through the sacramental signs that he gives to us.

I would like to thank every member of our parish who continues to walk in the light of the resurrection. Your witness and your faith inspire me and make me feel very humble. I would also like to welcome all those who were received into our community at the Easter Vigil, I hope that you will find true happiness in the faith of this community that you have embraced. And finally, can I thank everyone who worked so hard to bring the Holy Week liturgies to life. I wish you and all your families the peace and joy of Jesus who is risen and who invites us to new life with him. Happy Easter!



*Fr. Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

### *The Easter Vigil*

09.30 Morning Prayer

20.00 People of the Parish

### *Easter Sunday*

08.30 May McDonagh (Anniv)

10.00 Charlie Pollock RIP

11.30 Peter D'Mello (Anniv)

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

11.00 Leocadia D'Souza (Anniv)

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 Aires Silva RIP

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

19.00 Seamus Browne RIP

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 Ryan Litvinsky (Special Intention)

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 Sritharan Family (Int)

### **10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.**

**Recently Deceased**, Catherine Maguire, Brenda Campbell, Madalena Horta.

**Pray Also For**, May McDonagh, Peter D'Mello, Leocadia D'Souza, Marian Blazek, Michael Stiffle, Quentin Gill, Clifford Perera, Phebe Martins, Avito Saldanha, Keith Bowker, Cecil Cobb, Marian O'Dea, Darren Jones, Maureen Orogun, Aldo Trombetti, Roman Sidorowicz, Mary Reidy, Joe Walsh, Gerard Nicholas and Maria Teixeira whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Welcome** Michael, Noel, Chris, Tanya and Curtis who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**Annuntio Vobis Gaudium Magnum!** I am delighted to announce that the diocese has agreed to our loan and that we have instructed the architects to begin work on detailed drawings for the re-ordering of the church. We hope to go out to tender after that and thereafter to commence work on site. There will be another occasion to meet with our architect before the work begins.

**Planned Giving 2013/14** Planned Giving envelopes are available in the Church porch in **alphabetical order**. **Please collect your named box of envelopes as soon as possible but do not use them until Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** At Masses next Sunday there will be an appeal by members of the SVP (the St Vincent de Paul Society) for new members. We rely on our parish SVP 'Conference' (group) to deal with requests for help, whether from fellow parishioners or from outside the parish. This is a very good and satisfying work but we have not recruited for some years and we urgently need new members. Open to anyone who would like to help other people! For those interested there will be a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, 9th April 2013 at 7pm, probably in the small sacristy room. Give it a thought!

**"The Pylon" Summer edition - Creative Writing Page** Please would you send any of your original writing, whether a short story, poem or flash fiction to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or put it in my pigeon hole by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013. We would particularly welcome work written by young people 13 years and above.

However, all the work received will be considered for the page. There is no set theme, but since this is a summer edition, it would be good to read pieces relating to that theme where possible. Look forward to reading your submissions. *Barbara Towell*

**Children's Creative Writing Competition - "The Pylon" Summer edition** If you are 12 years old or under and enjoy writing, why not enter this competition? The winner will receive a £10 Smith's gift token, the runner up a consolation prize. Both will have their work published in the magazine. The theme this time is SUMMER. You can write either a story, poem, description or piece of flash fiction. **This must be your own original work.** Make sure your first and surname, plus **your age** and a contact number are at the bottom of the work. E-mail your entries to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place your work in my pigeon hole - Barbara Towell. All entries must be received by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2013**. Happy writing and good luck to you all.

**Parish Women's Group** Our next meeting will be a **Social and Snacks** evening. It will take place on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April** and be held in the small hall, starting at **8pm. Cost £1**. The PWG is a friendly group that welcomes all women of the parish and their female friends. New members particularly welcome. Please bring a bottle or small amount of finger food to share. Contact Barbara for more information at [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or 020 8866 6665.

**Social Club – Easter Opening Hours** Closed on Good Friday, open on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

**Stamps for St. Luke's Hospice** Please would you keep your used stamps, both from the UK and abroad, and be kind enough to place them in the pigeon holes of either Tess Constantine or Barbara Towell. Alternatively, in the plastic envelope in the small meeting room opposite the toilet. Last year around £10,000 was raised for the hospice, simply by people taking the time to tear off and donate stamps they would normally throw away. Recently, St. John Fisher gave a sizeable bag of stamps to St. Luke's, so let's be able to send another soon. Many thanks.

**Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the election of Pope Francis** On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome.

**Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith** Determined Admission Arrangements for September 2014 – Year 7 and Sixth Form are available to view on the school's website: [www.sacredhearthischoolhammersmith.org.uk](http://www.sacredhearthischoolhammersmith.org.uk).

**Marriage Help** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme in April 2013, please visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk).

**Banneux ND Pilgrimage** Join us on the Feast of Pentecost for a few days of peace and tranquillity among the pine trees, at the Virgin of the Poor shrine in Belgium, 17<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 (the 80th anniversary of the Apparitions). Cost £450 fully incl of travel, hotel (full board), and insurance. For details please ring Maria Hare 01895 420753.

**Pilgrims Progress** The April edition is available in the Church porch.