

*Please remember in your prayers*

**Those who are ill, including . . .**

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Father Paul Dynan, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

**Those who have died recently, including . . .**

**Terry Cason**, Kath's husband, who died on Maundy Thursday; we keep him and his family in our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time, including . . .**

**11-17 April:** Tony Hatt, James McNamara, Patricia Ellis, Philip Prior, Philip Gallacher, James Hazeltine, John Spence, Paddy Dunne and Rita Lewis.

**THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY** This week, the light burning in honour of Our Lady is for all the members of our parish community.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

Our thanks to those who have Standing Orders for their giving; last month these came to £1712.75.

**SPICMA**

We have received a letter from SPICMA (Special Projects in Christian Missionary Areas) thanking us for £1743.37 from our bucket collection over the past twelve months. We had hoped to boost this by our Lenten Alms collection, but this has been adversely affected by the coronavirus shutdown. Perhaps we could look to do something about this when things return to normal.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR, Michelle Mack**

For those in the Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme, your new envelopes for 2020/21 are available for you to pick up in the porch when the Church is once again open after the self-isolation period.

A number of Parishioners have asked how they may still continue to support Corpus Christi. You can, of course, do this through the Gift Aid scheme, but you may be interested to know that you can donate via your bank via on-line banking or using a Standing Order Mandate. Many Corpus Christ gift aiders do this already on a permanent basis but you could use this as a temporary measure and then continue to use your envelopes when the situation is normalised.

If you would like details of Corpus Christi bank account, please get in touch. If you do internet banking it is very simple to set up, otherwise we have standing order mandates which you, or someone on your behalf, can take to your bank.

The Gift Aid scheme is a very important source of extra revenue for your Church, at no extra cost to yourself. Last year we were refunded over **£11,000** from HMRC as the tax paid on donations.

On behalf of Father Philip, thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi.

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**COLLIER ROW FOODBANK**

The Foodbank is staffed on Fridays 12.30 – 2.30 pm at the Church of The Ascension. During these difficult times, the need is as great as ever but the donations have dropped considerably. As our church is now locked, we do not have a collection point here. Should you wish to drop off donations at The Ascension on Fridays – they would be warmly received.

Long life milk / Jars of pasta sauce / Tinned veg (including tomatoes)

Tinned meat - hotdogs, pies, tinned stew/casserole/chilli, ham

Tinned fruit / Tinned rice pudding/custard

Long life fruit juice (cartons) / Tomato ketchup / Jam / Nappies (sizes 4,5,6)

*With the ancient liturgical Easter Sequence, in these days we repeat: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" And in Him, we too have risen, passing from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love. Thus, let us allow ourselves to be touched by the consoling message of Easter and embraced by its glorious light, which dispels the darkness of fear and sorrow. The Risen Jesus walks beside us. He reveals himself to those who invoke him and love him. First in prayer, but also in the simple joys lived with faith and gratitude.*

**Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Address, Easter Monday 2019**

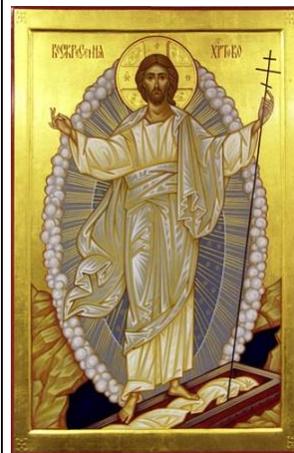
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## Prayers and Readings for Easter Sunday 12 April 2020



*In these strange and unusual circumstances ...  
wishing you a very happy Easter!  
May you be filled with joy and hope  
as we celebrate the resurrection.  
Christ has conquered death  
and is risen to newness of life!*

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all public acts of worship  
in Catholic churches throughout Britain are suspended  
and churches are locked until further notice.*

*The weekly newsletter will take the form of  
an aid to personal prayer and reflection  
it includes some of the readings from Sunday's Mass.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

At any time on request

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

**PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.corpuschristicollierrow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

(for use at home)

### Sign of the Cross

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

### Prayer

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Reading

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

## Psalm

Ps 117

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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.”

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

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

## Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

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.

## Easter 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! Amen, alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

## Reflection

The friends of Jesus saw him and heard him only a few times after that Easter morning,  
but their lives were completely changed.

What seemed to be the end proved to be the beginning;

what seemed to be a cause for fear proved to be a cause for courage;

what seemed to be defeat proved to be victory;

and what seemed to be the basis for despair proved to be the basis for hope.

Suddenly a wall becomes a gate,

and although we are not able to say with much clarity or precision what lies beyond the gate,  
the tone of all that we do and say on our way to the gate changes drastically.

**Henri Nouwen**, priest (died 1996), in *Seeds of Hope*

## Spiritual Communion

*written by St Alphonsus Ligouri*

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever.

Amen.

## Reflection

Resurrection is a mighty act of God.

Remember that in the New Testament the language used is not of Jesus *rising*,  
but of Jesus *being raised* by God.

Jesus did not ‘achieve’ resurrection:

rather did he make himself naught, and when all was dark,

when human possibilities were exhausted,

God raised him by a mighty act of his power.

**Michael Ramsey**, archbishop (died 1988), in *Through the Year with Michael Ramsey*

## Concluding Prayer

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour,

so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,

she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sign of the Cross

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