



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Resurrection of our Saviour is the most solid foundation of our religion, since it proved beyond doubt that He was truly God, and that, consequently, His teaching, on which our religion is based, is divine. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Second Sunday of Easter

(8th April 2018)

Gospel – John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer for Vocations -

O God, you are the Lord of the harvest. We pray to you that men and women may hear the call of Christ your Son, to work in your vineyard. May they answer the call generously. May we, with them, serve you faithfully all our days so that your faithful people may grow in numbers and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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Week starting 31st March 2018

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1285.10

Offerings on the Easter Vigil and Sunday – will be for the Rosminian Clergy. If you are a tax payer, please take the White envelopes for the 'Institute of Charity' at the porch. Thank you

Monday Exposition – There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday (2nd) will resume on Monday 16th April. There will be **NO** Monday Evening Mass.

Children's Liturgy – There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 1st April. Resumes on Sunday 22nd April.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date £92,300

Church Spire Restoration – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Repairs are needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible.

St Cross Hospital Mass – Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (3rd) at 1:30 p.m.

Rosminian Ascribed Enquirers - Meeting this Wednesday (4th) at 7.00pm in Hibberts Hall. Contact :- Alan Parish aparish@sky.com or tele :-01788 575373
Silent Prayer Meeting - this Thursday (5th) at 2 p.m. in Gentili House.

Novena to the Divine Mercy - On Sunday 8th April at 2:45p.m Service of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said in the Church and conclude the celebration with Benediction. All are welcome.

Father Hudson Care - St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay.. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call 01675434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

Easter Hamper – Thank You to everyone who sold and bought tickets, a total of £374 was raised towards the Spire Restoration.

Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Friday 13th April – Choir in the Church

Saturday 28th April - Slovakian Evening at 7pm

Ministers, Adult and Youth Reader Rotas: The new rotas have been emailed, if you have not received a copy please let Kathy know, if you prefer a printed copy, these have been left in the Sacristy, please help yourself. kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com.

Life Ascending - We will be having a Day of Recollection at Grace Dieu Lodge with Father Denis on Saturday 14 April. If anyone would like to join us you will be most welcome. Please contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more details.

Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday

The Gift of Years – Volunteer Training:- The Gift of Years Rugby, Volunteers work in residential care homes for older people offering pastoral care, visiting & befriending, worship and some activities.

We will be running a training course for those interested on Tuesday evenings beginning on 1st May for 8 evenings until 19th June 7pm- 9pm. There is a **Celebration Supper-** on Tuesday 17th April in Hibbert's Hall for those who are interested. For more information please contact Lindsay Pelloquin on 07842993847 or giftofyearsrugby@outlook.com

Rugby LIFE Shop - A huge thank you to the parishioner who put up our new fitting cubicle. It is already invaluable. Now, we need to find someone interested in doing **Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)** to help the Life shop on an approx. fortnightly basis. Please call in for a chat about it, or telephone Rugby 567435. **Full training will be given** as required and the volunteer will be based in our shop at 24 Sheep Street, Rugby. As ever our thanks and gratitude to the volunteers who go the extra mile to support the LIFE charity and the local shop.

Gift Aid – Would all existing Gift Aid contributors please pick up their respective envelopes, if they have not done so, for use from the 6th April onwards from the porch. Anyone who might still be interested in joining the Gift Aid Scheme can contact the Parish Administrator, Michael Borg on 811732 or email at michaelwba18@gmail.com Please also ensure that you advise Mike throughout the year of any changes of address etc.

Please return gift aid forms- after the appeal.

Hibbert's Hall - As you know, we have an excellent facility at Hibberts Hall and this has been further enhanced through the recent renovation of the kitchen via a successful Grant Application in 2016. I have had an approach from 2 ladies who wish to conduct a stand-alone fully licensed catering business from the Hall for parishioners and non-parishioners. I think that this offers the Parish an exciting opportunity to maximise the income potential of Hibberts and I would like to think that, once the business is up and running, parishioners will use the venue as their primary choice for any group or family functions. One of the first introductions I would like to see from the new venture will be to provide Sunday Lunch once a month. Please speak with Father Tom, Tom Hargadon or Mike Borg if you require any further information about this venture.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 31st March - 7th April 2018

SATURDAY 31st March – Vigil for - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.
Easter Vigil at 8 p.m for Joseph Mascarenhas R.I.P.
(Starting outside the Church with Easter Fire)

SUNDAY 1st April – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
Dawn Mass at 8 a.m. for All Parishioners
10 a.m. Mass Solemn High Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord for Den Harries R.I.P.
NO 6 p.m. Mass
Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

MONDAY 2nd April - Easter Monday
Mass at 10 a.m. for Derek Ford R.I.P.
NO 7 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 3rd April - Easter Tuesday
Mass at 10 a.m. for Margaret Duffy R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 4th April - Easter Wednesday
Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Well-Being Eileen McKenroe

THURSDAY 5th April - Easter Thursday
Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Diana McCormick
Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

FRIDAY 6th April - Easter Friday
Mass at 10 a.m. for Paddy Blake R.I.P.
11:30 a.m. Funeral Service Antonia Kowhan R.I.P.

SATURDAY 7th April - Easter Saturday
Confessions 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.
Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners
Mass at 6 p.m. for Edward & Ina McKenna R.I.P.

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne, Alfredo Valderroma, Octaovio Granja, Mary Mills,

† RECENTLY DIED †

Jane Sharman

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Peter Wallace, Mary Quinn, Mary Reynolds, Annabelle White, Melvin Walker, Michael Hynes, Patrick Moyney, Teodor Solowij, Alma Prymaka, Cicely Friel, John Kempton.