

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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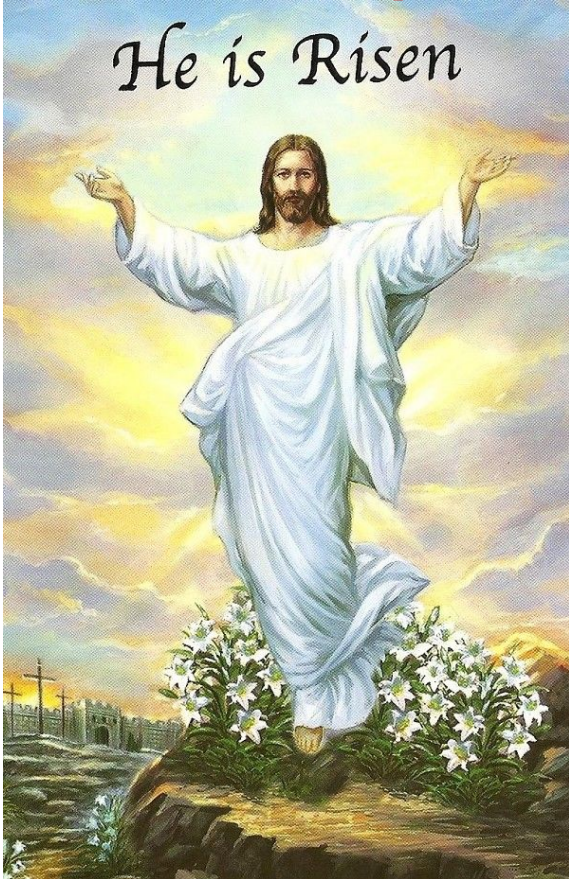
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March 31st 2024

GOSPEL : John 20: 1-9

Easter Sunday



Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn 11:25-26).

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

4) Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) Let us live the lives of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.

2) The conviction of the Real Presence of the Risen Lord with us and within us and all around us, enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. It will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behaviours, and actions.

3) This salutary awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord within us inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbours and in all those we encounter, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble, selfless service.

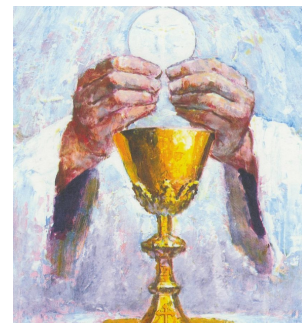
4) We need to become transparent Christians, radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless and sacrificial agape love, mercy, compassion, and a spirit of humble service.

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU MY BELOVED
PARISHIONERS**

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 30th March	6:30pm	Margret Evelyn Williams
Sunday 31st March	9:30 am	Robert William
	11:00pm	Family Parishioners
Monday 01 April	10:00am	Tony Jones
Tuesday 02 April	10:00am	Mary Kathleen Tinman
Wednesday 03 April	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 04 April	7:00pm	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 05 April	3:00pm	Vocations
Saturday 06 April	8:00pm	Parishoners
Sunday 07 April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9:30am 11am 3:00PM	Parishoners Parishioners

Sat 800pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am

Prayer to St Joseph

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires . O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Say your daily rosary for peace in the world



PILGRIMAGE

We are planning to go on pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 8 - 15 October 2024, flying from Manchester. The cost is £790 (single room supplement £150) which includes flight, transfers to and from Split to Medjugorje and half board accommodation. There is a lot of interest in this trip so if you would like to come you should call or text Mary Pettifor on 07581 496061

Holy Communion and Confirmation

All those preparing for confirmation and first Holy Communion should join in Bible sharing and teaching at the end of the second Mass.

Mass Offering for 24th March—£360:67

Standing orders—£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke