

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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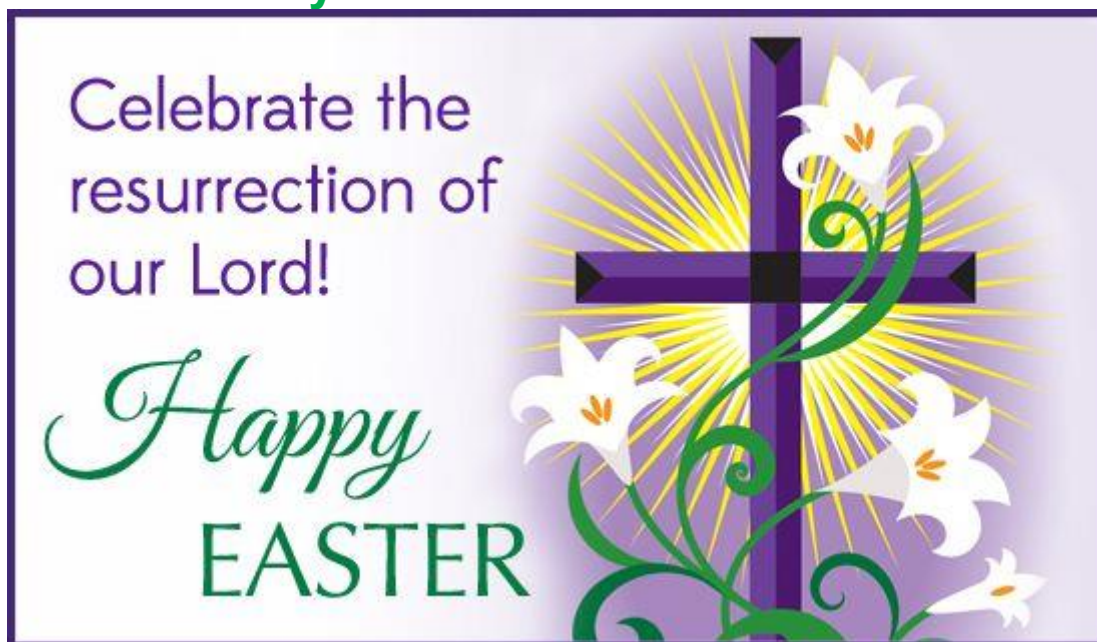
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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection Year C**



**GOSPEL** *John 20:1–9*

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 because it is the feast of The Resurrection of Christ which is the basis of our Christian Faith, and which 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).

Secondly, 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). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).

Today's Gospel explains the empty-tomb Resurrection experiences of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John. Mary Magdalene proclaims her personal experience: “I have seen the Lord” (Jn 20:18).

Life message: We are to be Resurrection people: Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tombs can hold us down any longer – not the tombs of despair, discouragement, doubt, or death itself. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Ps 118:24)

**Announcement:** The Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated Sunday after Easter—24th April. The same day we shall celebrate the feast of St George which is Traditionally on the 23rd of April. We shall celebrate it on Sunday with the Divine Mercy. The Mass starts by 3pm but the veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Confession starts by 2pm. All are expected to come to 3pm mass and after that we are going to have a party at the Bargate Hall - (St Alkmund) to celebrate Divine Mercy and St George our patron Saint. We shall have 9:30am for those who for some reasons may not attend 3pm mass.

Happy Easter beloved Parishioners. May the good Lord bestow on you the manifold blessings of the resurrection.

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

<b><u>Readers</u></b>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	See separate list for 8:00 pm VIGIL	Guy Churton	Tim O'Keeffe

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Fri 15 Apr	3:00 PM	<b>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</b>	
Sat 16 Apr	8:00PM	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Bethany & Andrew
Sun 17 Apr	9:30PM	<b>Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection</b>	Parishioners
	11:00PM		Parishioners
Mon 18 Apr	10:00 AM	<b>Monday in the Octave of Easter</b>	Stephen White
Tue 19 Apr	10:00 AM	<b>Tuesday in the Octave of Easter</b>	Molly and Pearl White
Wed 20 Apr	No Mass	<b>Wednesday in the Octave of Easter</b>	Private Intentions
Thu 21 Apr	10:00 AM	<b>Thursday in the Octave of Easter</b>	Nick Osmond
Fri 22 Apr	6:00 PM	<b>Friday in the Octave of Easter</b>	Mabel Perkins
		<b>Holy Hour</b>	
Sat 23 Apr	6:30 PM	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b>	Parishioners
Sun 24 Apr	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	3:00 PM		Parishioners

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	3 April	-	£230.03
	10 April	-	£194.40
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£109.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

**Foodbank** The Foodbank is continuing to help people who are suffering from food poverty and are experiencing crisis in their lives. We are also anticipating having to support people who will experience fuel poverty in the near future. We are grateful for you continued support and any help you can provide.

**COVID REMINDERS** When in church, it is now voluntary to wear a mask.

<b>Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.</b>
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